ADOPTED: 5/10/22

TOWN OF CONWAY MINUTES OF DELIBERATIVE PORTION OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 9, 2022

The Deliberative Portion of the Annual Town Meeting to discuss and amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 7 through 39 of the 2022 Warrant was called to order by the Moderator, Christopher Meier at 7:02 p.m. in the Lloynd Auditorium at Kennett High School, 409 Eagles Way, North Conway, New Hampshire. There were 61 voting residents present.

The Conway Police Department Color Guard posted colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Introductions of Town Officials and others were made as follows: Town Manager, Thomas Holmes; Selectmen C. David Weathers (Chair), Mary Carey Seavey (Vice Chair), Carl Thibodeau, John Colbath, and Steven Porter. Town Attorney, Jason Dennis, Esq., Executive Secretary, Krista Day; Budget Committee members, Jim LeFebvre (Chair), Peter Donohoe (Vice Chair), Dave Jensen, Bob Drinkhall, Frank Jost, William Marvel, Ellin Leonard, Erik Corbett, Stacy Sand, Terry McCarthy, Randy Davison (School Board Representative), John Edgerton (Center Conway Fire Precinct Representative).

Also in attendance were Town Clerk, Louise M. Inkell; School Moderator, Doug Burnell; School Clerk, Michael King; Public Works Director, Andrew Smith, Town Engineer Paul DegliAngeli; Police Commissioners Rodney King, Bruce Ela, and Andre Pepin; Police Chief, Chris Mattei; Lieutenant Suzanne Kelley-Scott; and Library Director, David Smolen.

The Moderator set forth the ground rules by which the meeting would be conducted; there were no objections raised.

Moderator Meier and the voters attending agreed to forgo the full reading of each article.

The Moderator next reviewed that Article 1 is for the election of officers and Articles 2 through 6 are zoning articles; all will be placed on the ballot to be voted on April 12, 2022.

Moderator Meier recognized Thomas Holmes as this would be his last Town Meeting as Town Manager. He also recognized future Town Manager John Eastman.

Moderator Meier reviewed articles 2-6 for discussion as written below.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendment No.1 to Chapter 190 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code of Conway to revise §190-17.F.(1) & (2) to change structure height from 55-feet to 40-feet; and to change building height from 45-feet to 30-feet in the Center Conway Village (CCVC) District. Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendment No. 2 to Chapter 190 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code of Conway to revise §190-18.E.(1) & (2) to change structure height from 55-feet to 40-feet; and to change building height from 45-feet to 30-feet in the Conway Village (CVC) District. Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

<u>Article 4</u>: To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendment No. 3 to Chapter 190 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code of Conway to revise §190-19.E.(1) & (2) to change structure height from 55-feet to 40-feet; and to change building height from 45-feet to 30-feet in the North Conway Village (NCVC) District. **Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendment No. 4 to Chapter 190 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code of Conway to revise §190-20.E.(1) & (2) to change structure height from 55-feet to 40-feet; and to change building height from 45-feet to 30-feet in the Highway Commercial District in the North Conway area north of North Conway Village only. Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

<u>Article 6</u>: To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendment No. 5 to Chapter 195 (Affordable Housing) of the Municipal Code of Conway to revise §195-7 to allow the Planning Board to grant a conditional use permit for compact cluster housing developments and to renumber the sections accordingly. **Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).**

Articles 2 through 6 were placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 7:</u> (Operating Budget). Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an **OPERATING BUDGET**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Twelve Million, Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$12,712,868). Should this article be defeated the **DEFAULT BUDGET** shall be Twelve Million, Three Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$12,393,560), which is the same as the last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Conway or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (11-3-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 7 aloud.

Library Trustee Julie Laracy moved, seconded by Stacy Sand, to amended the proposed Operating Budget by \$9,670 to account for a staffing change and the anticipated increase in fuel costs. The motion carried.

The amended proposed Operating Budget was then \$12,722,538.

Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Colbath, to amend the proposed operating budget by adding \$32,000 to account for the anticipated increase in fuel costs for the Town.

Resident Lisa Towle stated that Mr. Holmes had said in previous Budget Committee meetings that the Town locked in on fuel prices and did not understand why the Town would then need more funds for fuel

Mr. Holmes stated that he did not believe he said that.

He noted that the School locks in their fuel prices and historically, the Town is able to buy lower throughout the year.

Ms. Towle encouraged the public to go back and watch the Budget Committee videos to see that Mr. Holmes had said the Town locks in their pricing.

Mr. Holmes noted that if he had said that, which he did not believe he did, he may have misspoken.

Town Engineer Paul DegliAngeli explained that at one time, the Town and the School participated in joint purchasing.

Now, the Town bids based upon the Portland rack price.

Over a ten year period, the Town has paid less for fuel than the School District.

The amendment carried, making the new amended proposed Operating Budget \$12,754,538.

The Moderator instructed that Article 7 be placed on the ballot as amended.

Article 8: (Non-Monetary). To see if the Town will vote to approve the NON-PRECINCT FIRE AND RESCUE PROTECTION AGREEMENT between the Town of Conway and the Conway Village Fire District. The Agreement shall be for a term of Five (5) years beginning on January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2028. The annual cost of this contract will be included in the Operating Budget beginning in 2023 and shall be funded by non-precinct taxpayers only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 8 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 8 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 9: (Non-Monetary). To see if the Town will vote to approve the NON-PRECINCT FIRE AND RESCUE PROTECTION AGREEMENT between the Town of Conway and the North Conway Water Precinct. The Agreement shall be for a term of Five (5) years beginning on January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2028. The annual cost of this contract will be included in the Operating Budget beginning in 2023 and shall be funded by non-precinct taxpayers only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 9 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 9 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 10</u>: (Individual - not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to approve a Five (5) year and Eight (8) month Memorandum of Agreement for contributions to an

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE between the Town of Conway and Conway Village Fire District beginning May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027.

Year 1: \$120,000

Year 2: \$185,000

Year 3: \$190,000

Year 4: \$200,000

Year 5: \$220,000

Further, to raise and appropriate One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to be disbursed to the Conway Village Fire District in accordance with the provisions of the Emergency Ambulance Service Memorandum of Agreement. This amount is in addition to the Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$42,888) contained in Warrant Article 7, which is the cost of the ambulance agreement with Conway Village Fire Department from January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 10 aloud.

Resident Joe Mosca noted that there seems to be a big jump in cost from year 1 to year 5.

Mr. Holmes explained that the first year is not a full year and that attributes for the lower figure.

Randy Davison noted that he finds this article troublesome as he is a Conway Village Fire District Resident and is concerned that his small precinct is providing a service for the complete Town. He noted that he hopes there will be a day where the service is provided by the community as a whole.

The Moderator instructed that Article 10 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 11:</u> (Individual - Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to approve a Five (5) year and Eight (8) month Memorandum of Agreement for contributions to an **EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE** between the **Town of Conway and Action Ambulance Service Inc.** beginning May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027.

Year 1: \$103,340

Year 2: \$159,660

Year 3: \$164,450

Year 4: \$169,383

Year 5: \$174,465

Further, to raise and appropriate One Hundred Three Thousand Forty Dollars (\$103,040) to be disbursed to the Action Ambulance Service Inc. in accordance with the provisions of the Emergency Ambulance Service Memorandum of Agreement beginning May 1, 2022. This amount is in addition to the Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$42,888) contained in Warrant Article 7, which is the cost of the ambulance agreement with CarePlus Inc. (now Brewster Ambulance) from January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 11 aloud.

Bill Marvel stated that it was worth noting that there is no requirement for a Town to provide an ambulance service.

The Moderator instructed that Article 11 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 12:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to be placed in the **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR INFRASTRUCTURE RECONSTRUCTION** to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 12 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 13:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to be placed in the **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT** to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 13 aloud.

Resident Sheryl Kovalik inquired as to how the Town comes up with the figure for each of these Capital Reserve Funds.

It was explained that purchases are planned for years ahead of time and these figures are based upon those purchases or planned projects.

The Moderator instructed that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 14:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand (\$225,000) to be placed in the **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT** to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-1-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 14 aloud.

Resident Rebecca Gardner asked if the Town had considered asking voters to vote down some of the Capital Reserve Funds like they had at the beginning of the pandemic to save the taxpayers money.

Mr. Holmes explained that they actually had the oppositive train of thought and that because of inflation, now would be the best time to complete projects and purchases before prices ultimately increase.

The Moderator instructed that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 15:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR LANDFILL EXPANSION** to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-1-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 15 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 16:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to be placed in the **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES** to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 16 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 17:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be placed in the **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES LEASED BY THE TOWN** to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (10-4-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 17 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 17 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 18:</u> (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 18 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 18 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 19:</u> (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to contribute to the **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR POLICE VEHICLES** to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 19 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 19 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 20:</u> (Special - Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$112,000) from the annual cable television franchise fees received to add to the **PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL / GOVERNMENT CABLE TELEVISION (PEG) EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**, to support the operations and equipment needs of Public Education and Government broadcasting services. No funds shall be raised by local property taxes to support this warrant article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (14-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 20 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 20 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 21:</u> (Individual - Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the support of EASTERN SLOPE REGIONAL AIRPORT. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-7-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 9 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 21 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 22:</u> (Individual - Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of building PUBLIC BATHROOMS IN NORTH CONWAY VILLAGE. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0). Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-11-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 22 aloud.

Resident Joe Mosca moved, seconded by Mr. Marvel, to amend the article from \$400,000 to \$0.

Resident Steven Steiner noted that it was appalling that the Town did not have a place for visitors to go to the bathroom.

Chairman Weathers explained that in order to get this Article on the Warrant, the Selectmen needed a majority vote in the affirmative.

Chairman Weathers also noted that the Board of Selectmen wants to know if the voters are in favor of spending tax payer dollars to build bathrooms.

Stacy Sand noted that she voted against this Article not because she does not believe in building bathrooms, but because there is no specific plan in place and the \$400,000 was not an actual cost. She would rather they present a detailed proposal.

Ellin Leonard noted that Mr. Mosca had written a newspaper article suggesting installing parking meters in North Conway to generate revenue to pay for the construction of bathrooms.

Mr. Marvel stated that when he has visitors to his home, he allows them to use his restroom.

He believes that the Chamber of Commerce and the businesses should allow visitors to use their bathrooms.

Ray Shakir asked who was planning to pay to maintain the bathrooms after they are built.

The consensus was that there was not a concrete plan at this time.

It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce had at one time indicated that they would contribute financially to a bathroom project.

Mr. Holmes gave the history on how the pandemic and influx in visitors negatively impacted the seasonal porta potties in Schouler Park.

Because of the vandalism, the Board of Selectmen had voted to not place the porta potties back in the Village.

Mr. Mosca stated that he was not against the bathrooms, but did not believe that the taxpayers should pay for it.

He suggested the implementation of a local rooms and meals tax to help pay.

Resident Ryan Wallace stated that he supports having a bathroom in Town, but does not support the means by which this was happening.

He suggested a voluntary charge for each hotel room and camp site such as the one Meredith has.

It was stated that if the \$400,000 passes, the Town would then have to find a property to be able to build the bathrooms first.

Sheryl Kovalik stated that she would like to see bathrooms in the Village, but did not want to support a project that has not been clearly defined.

She questioned what would happen if \$400,000 was not enough.

Mr. Holmes stated that if the cost was over \$400,000, the Town would return the money back to the general funds and it could be used to off set the tax rate or they would need to find the additional funds elsewhere.

Ms. Seavey stated that she would like the voters to get to voice their opinion.

The motion failed.

Resident Joe Mosca moved, seconded by Mr. Marvel, to amend the article from \$400,000 to \$10.

Ben Colbath questioned why the Board of Selectmen hadn't proposed the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

Mr. Thibodeau explained that Capital Reserve Funds are tricky because you can not use the funds for anything else except for the purpose for which it was appropriated.

However, in this case, the \$400,000 could be returned to the general fund and used to reduce the tax rate the following year.

Mr. Colbath explained that he proposed this Warrant Article.

He explained that since he was a child, everyone has wanted bathrooms in North Conway but no one wants to pay for them.

He wanted to see if the voters are willing to pay for bathrooms.

There was a motion to end debate.

The motion failed.

Krista Day moved, seconded by Thomas Holmes, to amend the article to raise and appropriate \$399,000 for public bathrooms in North Conway Village.

Ms. Sand asked why the Board of Selectmen wanted to amend the Article to revote on their recommendations.

Ms. Day explained that because of State Statute, the only way for the Board to place an article on the Warrant was by an affirmative majority vote. However, by amending the Article, the Board would have a chance to re-vote on their recommendations even if that meant a negative majority because the Article was already placed on the Warrant.

The amendment carried.

Wayne Beyer noted that the Town should be asking the voters for a specific amount.

He questioned that if they have no place to put the bathrooms, is that really what they want to tell the voters.

Doug Burnell stated that he is familiar with the property that the Town is currently trying to ascertain through a land swap.

Mr. Burnell noted that there is a restriction against structures, but does not see that as insurmountable.

Mr. Thibodeau and Mr. Colbath noted that trying to remove that restriction could be a daunting and expensive task with no guaranteed outcome.

The Moderator instructed that Article 22 be placed on the ballot as amended.

<u>Article 23:</u> (Individual - Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$14,735) for the support of STARTING POINT. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 23 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 23 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 24: (Non-Monetary). Shall the Town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, EXEMPTION FOR THE DISABLED from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$75,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$22,000 if single or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$28,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 24 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 24 be placed on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 25:</u> (Non-Monetary). Shall the Town MODIFY the existing provisions of RSA 72:62, **EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**, the value of a solar energy system, as defined in RSA 72:61, is exempt from the assessed value of the solar energy system. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0)**.

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 25 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 25 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 26: (Non-Monetary). Shall the Town MODIFY the existing provisions of RSA 72:70, EXEMPTION FOR WOOD-HEATING ENERGY SYSTEMS, an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a wood-heating energy system, as defined in RSA 72:69, is exempt from the assessed value of the wood-heating energy system. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 26 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 26 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 27: (Non-Monetary). Shall the Town MODIFY the existing provisions of RSA 72:66, EXEMPTION FOR WIND POWERED ENERGY SYSTEMS, an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a wind powered energy system, as defined in RSA 72:65, is exempt from the assessed value of the wind powered energy system. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 27 aloud.

There was no discussion.

The Moderator instructed that Article 27 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 28: (Non-Monetary). To see if the Town will vote TO ACCEPT SOUTHVIEW LOOP AS A TOWN ROAD. Submitted by petition. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-5-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 28 aloud.

Resident Paul Saunders requested background on this Article.

Town Engineer Paul DegliAngeli explained that last year they had received this same petition and town staff did not recommend it because there is a provision in the Town's Ordinance for road acceptance.

Mr. DegliAngeli noted that the petitioner did not reach out to the Town again this year, however, they submitted another petition.

He stated that staff is not in favor of this Article.

It was clarified that this road is off of East Conway Road.

The Moderator instructed that Article 28 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 29: (Non-Monetary). To see if the Town of Conway will vote to allow the operation of **KENO** within the Town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284-41 through 51. Submitted by petition. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-3-0).

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 29 aloud.

Erik Corbett explained that when the State of New Hampshire legalized Keno, a percentage of the revenue was to be applied to education.

He noted that the School District is receiving some of those funds so it would be only fair to allow it in Town.

The Moderator instructed that Article 29 be placed on the ballot as written.

Article 30: (Non-Monetary). To see if the Town of Conway will vote to allow the operation of **SPORTS BETTING** within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 287-1 through 17. Submitted by petition. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1-0).**

The Moderator read the pertinent details of Article 30 aloud.

Mr. Mosca inquired as to why the Board of Selectmen recommended sports betting but not Keno.

Selectman Colbath explained that the Board had placed Keno on the Warrant three times at the request of the New Hampshire Lottery Commission.

He noted that he had said after the last time, he would not vote in favor to do it again.

However, this Article was submitted by petition, therefore it was placed on the Warrant.

He noted that they had never put sports betting before the voters so he recommended it so the voters would have a chance to weigh in.

Selectman Porter noted that he voted against both of the Articles and Selectman Thibodeau stated that he voted in favor of both.

The Moderator instructed that Article 30 be placed on the ballot as written.

Mr. Marvel moved, seconded by Mr. Drinkhall, to place articles 31 through 38 on the ballot as written unless those in attendance wished to place a hold on any particular article for discussion. The motion carried.

There was no request to discuss any individual article.

Moderator Meier placed articles 31 through 38 on the ballot as written.

<u>Article 31:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) said sum to be allocated to the **NORTH CONWAY COMMUNITY CENTER** for programs of the North Conway Community Center. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-1-1). Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-4-1).

<u>Article 32:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Seventy Five Dollars (\$23,075) for the operation of **TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.** service programs in Conway: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Tamworth Dental Center. Submitted by petition. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1). Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-6-0).**

<u>Article 33:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$36,500) to support Conway home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the GIBSON CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES, INC. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-1-0).

<u>Article 34:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7).) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the Family Resource Center at CHILDREN UNLIMITED, INC. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-1-0).

<u>Article 35:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) for **VAUGHAN COMMUNITY SERVICE**, **INC**. Submitted by petition. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1).**Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-0-1).

<u>Article 36:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for VAUGHAN LEARNING CENTER. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-0-1).

Article 37: (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the CONWAY AREA HUMANE SOCIETY for the purpose of supporting continuing services for stray, abandoned and neglected animals brought to the shelter by Animal Control or private citizens no longer able to care for them. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (11-2-1).

<u>Article 38:</u> (Special – Not included in Budget Appropriation Article # 7). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$35,600) for the support of **WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER** to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Conway. Submitted by petition. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-1-0).**

<u>Article 39:</u> To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Given under our hands and seal in Conway, New Hampshire, this 24th day of February, 2022.

The Moderator read Article 39 aloud.

There was no other business discussed.

At 8:33 pm, the Moderator called to recess until April 12, 2022, the Town's Election Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Auste M. Inkell

Town Clerk