

**Town of Haverhill
Select Board
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 8, 2021**

**5:00 PM BUDGET WORK SESSION
6:00 PM BUDGET HEARING**

**R. E. Clifford Memorial Building
65 South Court St.
Woodsville, NH 03785**

The Work Session was opened at 5:00 PM by Darwin Clogston, Select Board Chair.

Town Employees Present: Brigitte Codling, Town Manager & Jennifer Boucher Asst. Town Manager

Select Board Members Present: Darwin Clogston, Chair; Matt Bjelobrk, Vice Chair; Fred Garofalo, Howard Hatch, & Steve Robbins.

Members of the Public Present (In-Person): Sherri Sargent, Director, Parks & Rec Department; Chief Phil Blanchard, North Haverhill Fire Department; Chief Richard Morris (Haverhill Corner Fire Department); Chief Jeff Robbins (Woodsville Fire Department); Ed Ballam; David Robinson; Steve Wheeler.

Members of the Public Present (via Zoom): Christopher Rhoads, Dawn Lavoie, Karen Noyes, Kevin VanNorden, Kaylee Heathe, Paul Hayes, Guy Mitchell, Regis Roy, Vickie Wyman, Angie Rossetto, Michael Bjelobrk, Sandy Fortier, Sara Long, and others anomalously.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

- Fred Garofalo noted that the Town Clerk had a large increase. Brigitte Codling responded that they recalculated the Town Clerk's salary based on 40 hours/week.
- The Tax Collector was offered a higher hourly wage to retain her services.
- Maintenance Department was discussed with one staff leaving and Jim McKinnon being hired at a higher rate of pay.
- Police Department salary budget decreased because the department was down two officers. Codling noted that newer officers make less than those longer on the job.
- The Highway Department staff salaries were increased to match the market salaries. Bjelobrk asked what the competitive wage was. Codling noted that the NHMA did a survey of wages across New Hampshire and municipal wage studies were used to match salaries.
- Codling noted that salaries were adjusted to account for actual hours worked and the market for like municipal positions.
- HARP program salaries are \$26,000.00 and Garofalo asked if there will be a program in the summer of 2021. Codling noted that the HARP program self-funds and any costs are covered by revenue.

- Howard Hatch asked to add money to the budget for patriotic services, parades and the cemetery. Hatch recommended that road capital improvements funding be increased.
- For staff salaries, Codling explained that COLA (1%) is automatic and performance raises are earned.

Clogston stated that the Budget Advisory Committee defunded the AP Pool. Clogston noted that it is used for the HARP program and introduced Sherri Sargent, Parks & Recreation Director, to speak on the issue.

- Sargent stated that she developed an option if the HARP program runs and the pool is closed. Sargent stated that she would have rent or purchase a transport van to transport the children on field trips to swimming locations. Costs: \$1,800.00/month to \$5,700.00 for June, July, and August. Sargent stated that for the HARP program to take children off campus using a transport van, the cost would be about \$279/day. Sargent noted that outside of the summer use, the transit van could be used for senior or family trips. \$44,676 is the annual cost to rent the pool. David Robinson, Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, stated from the audience that the Committee left \$1,000.00 (minimal maintenance) in the pool budget. Sargent stated her preference is for the transportation and not the pool.
- North Haverhill Fire Department, Article 33 (fund all Town fire departments) and 34 (reverse the vote of the merger of the fire departments). Chief Phil Blanchard stated that the petitions were not prepared by him, but recommend that the Town fund all the fire departments. The petition about rescinding the vote to merger, Blanchard stated that it would be like going backwards.
- Clogston recommended under the Police Department to add the purchase of a cruiser at \$52,500.00 to their budget.
- Clogston added a review of the employee health benefits for next year.
- Clogston noted that the Tri-Cap nonprofit submitted two warrant articles: Tri-City Community Action Energy and Tri-City Community Action Homeless Outreach.
- Steve Robbins recommended increase the ambulance funding to match the contract.

Clogston ended the Work Session at 5:55 PM.

BUDGET HEARING

MOTION #1: Clogston made a motion to **open the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM** and seconded by Bjelobrk.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

Clogston enumerated some rules for the Public Hearing:

- Each speaker needs to be recognized by the Chair.
- Be respectful and polite.
- Listen to others.
- Do not interrupt the speaker.
- Stay focused and on task.
- Challenge problems and not people.

Clogston noted that for the Saturday, March 13 vote, there will be two ballots for the Town and two ballots for the school; one [the official ballot] each for the officers and one [the alternative

ballot] for the budget [& warrant articles]. Clogston discussed Article 2 (Approve optional meeting procedures). Clogston stated that if the majority of voters' vote "No" on that Article, that means the budget is defeated as well as ALL other warrant articles.

Warrant Articles

Codling stated that the Board has to finalize and approve the warrant list, then the list goes to the DRA for final review. The DRA has taken a preliminary look, but the Board must approve the warrant.

Clogston opened the floor for questions about the budget.

Chief Jeff Robbins (Woodsville Fire Department) asked about the Article 2 under discussion. Clogston noted that if that Article is defeated the budget will revert to last year's budget and no warrant articles will pass. Codling noted that the Board can consider a Special Meeting that would address the budget only.

Wayne Fortier asked about Article 22 from 2019 in which the voters were asked to join the Town Fire Department. Fortier read last year's warrant and stated that the Article was passed not by the voters of Haverhill Corner and he asked how the fire department can go forward with a Town department if two of the three fire departments chose not to join, especially with the option to not fund the precinct fire departments. Clogston stated that the Board will decide after the conclusion of this Public Hearing. Discussion continued.

Bjelobrck noted that the Town voted to add a new entity, the Town's Fire Department. Discussion continued. In 2012, there was a vote to fully fund the precinct fire departments. Codling stated that she requested that the Town's lawyers provide an opinion on the 2012 agreement, and the opinion was that fully funding a precinct municipal entity is unlawful. It is unlawful for one municipality to fully fund a department, service, operation, or facility of another municipality. Discussion continued.

Ed Ballam asked that the Board leave the funding of the Haverhill Corner Fire Department as a separate line item in the budget because the precinct of Haverhill Corner has not had a chance to vote on that.

Codling noted that if the three petitioned fire funding warrant articles presented by Ed Ballam; one for each fire station; are approved by voters the Town will need to raise and appropriate the money for fire service twice, which would raise taxes for all tax payers in Haverhill by \$1.31 per \$1,000 of property value. Ed Ballam followed by suggesting that his three articles should be removed from the warrant. It was explained that once petitioned no one can take them off the warrant; but the value and wording of them can be modified at the Second Informational Town Meeting. Discussion continued.

Chief Richard Morris and Chief Jeff Robbins discussed their precinct fire departments' funding.

Karen Noyes, Financial Administrator, reiterated that having the petitioned warrant articles for the fire departments results in funding totals \$456,989.51 with the tax impact of \$1.31 per \$1,000. Discussion continued.

Chief Phil Blanchard requested that the Select Board not put the North Haverhill Fire Department article on the ballot, because the North Haverhill Fire Department and the North Haverhill Precinct didn't ask for it, did not need it, and do not want it.

MOTION #2: Bjelobrk made a motion to **close the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM** and seconded by Clogston.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET MEETING

The **Budget Meeting was opened at 7:06 PM** by Darwin Clogston, Select Board Chair.

MOTION #3: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget in the executive session of **\$69,419.00** and Garofalo seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #4: Clogston made a motion to accept the 2021 Select Board proposed budget for **Town Administration of \$193,655.00** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #5: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$319.00 for Town Meeting** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #6: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$327.00 for Trustees and Trust Funds** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #7: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$79,834.00 for the Town Clerk** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #8: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$1,699.00 for elections** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #9: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$106,934.00 for accounting and auditing services** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- The expectation of Covid expenditures in 2021 was asked by Garofalo. Codling noted that the expenditures were covered by grants in 2020 and there is no indication of grants for 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #10: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$0.00 for property records** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #11: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$44,849.00 for tax collection of property** and Hatch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #12: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$2,974.00 for the Treasurer** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #13: Clogston made a motion to accept **\$103,798.78 for the Select Board proposed budget** and Garofalo seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #14: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$81,760.00 for the re-evaluation of properties** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #15: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$60,000.00 for Legal Expense** and Garofalo seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #16: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$327,238.00 for benefits not otherwise allocated** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Clogston asked the Town Manager to careful look at health expenses.
- Hatch noted there is no employee portion to the costs. Bjelobrk noted cost sharing.
- Codling stated that she and Jennifer plan to work with the insurer to offer tiered plans with varied premiums that does not negatively impact our employees.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #17: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$31,550.00 for the Planning Board** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Bjelobrk asked what was meant by professional services and Codling noted that it included engineers for the gravel pit inspections and services for the development of the Master Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #18: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$526.00 for the Zoning Board** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #19: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$87,863.00 for the Maintenance Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #20: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$46,082.00 for the R.E. Clifford Memorial Building** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #21: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$97,107.00 for the J.R. Morrill Building** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- The members discussed the heating, air conditioning, and utilities.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #22: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$19,500.00 for the Bath-Haverhill Covered Bridge** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Bjelobrk asked if there was any correspondence with the Town of Bath on the bridge repairs. Codling noted that the Town of Haverhill carries all the insurance and historically has maintained the bridge.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #23: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$85,050.00 for the Center Haverhill Armory** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #24: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$0.00 for the AP Pool** and Garofalo seconded the motion.

- Bjelobrk mentioned the option of adding \$1,000.00 to maintain the pool.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Nay), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Nay). The motion passed with three “Ayes” and two “Nays.”

MOTION #25: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$10,206.00 for Railroad Park to include the Caboose** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #26: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$2,750.00 for Hazen Park** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #27: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$44,168.00 for the Cemeteries** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Abstain), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed with four “Ayes” and one abstention.

MOTION #28: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$2,000.00 for the insurance not otherwise allocated** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #29: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$8,970.00 for the Regional Associations** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #30: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$500.00 for the Business Park** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #31-A: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$889,934.00 for the Police Department**.

Clogston withdrew the motion.

MOTION #31-B: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$889,934.00 for the Police Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Clogston added \$52,500.00 for a new cruiser. Jennifer Boucher noted that the cost of a cruiser goes under a capital purchase budget.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #32-A: Robbins made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$134,803.00 for the Ambulance service** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Abstain), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The vote passed with one abstention.

- Bjelobrk asked to if they could restate the Motion #33 without Robbins making the motion because he was abstaining from the vote.

MOTION #32-B: Bjelobrk made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$134,803.00 for the Ambulance service** and Hatch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Abstain), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The vote passed with one abstention.

MOTION #33: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$245,737.00 for the Fire Services** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Codling presented the precinct numbers: Woodville (\$122,025.00) & Haverhill Corner (\$123,712.00).
- Clogston noted that another budget line funds all fire services as part of the Town Fire Dept.
- Discussion ensued.
- The Board discussed the legal opinion related to fire funding.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Abstain), Howard Hatch (Nay), Darwin Clogston (Nay), Fred Garofalo (Nay), Matt Bjelobrk (Nay), The vote did not pass with four “Nays” and one abstention.

MOTION #34: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$423,990.00 for the Town Fire Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Abstain), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The vote passed with one abstention.

MOTION #35: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$28,927.00 for Emergency Management** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #36: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$81,137.00 for the Dean Memorial Airport** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #37: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$758,734.00 for the Highway Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #38: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$141,602.00 for Highway (Woodsville)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #39: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$200,000.00 for Highway Vehicles Capital Improvement** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #40: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$3,001.00 for Sanitation** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #41: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$69,445.00 for Sewer Pump Station and Sewer Line** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Garofalo asked about sewer hook-up and the feasibility study for a treatment plant in North Haverhill.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #42: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$6,197.00 for Health Officers** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #43: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$13,045.00 for Animal Control** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #44: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$76,853.00 for Total General Assistance** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #45: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$128,277.00 for Recreation Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #46: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$50,045.00 for Libraries** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #47: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$2,500.00 for Patriotic Services** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Hatch recommended \$2,500.00 for patriotic services.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #48: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$0.00 for Heritage Commission** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #49: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$100.00 for Conservation Commission** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #50: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$1,150.00 for Economic Development** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #51: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$1,500.00 for Debt Services** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #52-A: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$52,500.00 for Capital Outlay (police cruiser)** and seconded by Bjelobrk.

- Bjelobrk noted that a take-home vehicle increases the service life of the fleet and shortens tour-time.
- Clogston withdrew the Motion and Bjelobrk withdrew his second.

MOTION #52-B: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$73,000.00 for Capital Outlay (police cruiser)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Discussion by the Board, Town Manager, and audience continued.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Nay), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed with four “Ayes” and one “Nay.”

MOTION #53: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$84,275.00 for Petitioned Non-Profits** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Discussion that they should address each non-profit separately.

Motion and second were rescinded.

MOTION #54-A: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$40,000.00 for Capital Outlay (Recreation Department transport vehicle)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Clogston withdrew the motion and Bjelobrk withdrew the second.

MOTION #54-B: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$55,000.00 for Capital Outlay (Recreation Department transport vehicle)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- Hatch noted that hiring busing would be an option.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

NONPROFIT PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

MOTION #55: Clogston made a motion to accept the Select Board proposed budget of **\$1,000.00 for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

- The motion stalled.

MOTION #56: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$7,500.00 for Court Street Arts** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #57: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$2,000.00 for Bridge House** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #58: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$6,012.00 for White Mountain Mental Health** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (No), Howard Hatch (No), Darwin Clogston (No), Fred Garofalo (No), Matt Bjelobrk (No). The motion was defeated unanimously.

MOTION #59: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$15,000.00 for North Country Home Health** and Hatch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #60: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$6,000.00 for Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT and NH** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #61: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$6,500.00 for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #62: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$24,000.00 for Horse Meadow Senior Center** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #63: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$500.00 for Fourth of July Committee (Woodsville)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #64: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$4,695.00 for Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #65: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$2,000.00 for Second Chance Animal Rescue** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

MOTION #66: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$148,312.00 for the Haverhill Corner Fire Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Nay), Darwin Clogston (Nay), Fred Garofalo (Nay), Matt Bjelobrk (Nay). The motion was defeated with four “Nays” and one “Aye.”

MOTION #67: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$127,025.00 for the Woodsville Fire Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Abstain), Howard Hatch (Nay), Darwin Clogston (Nay), Fred Garofalo (Nay), Matt Bjelobrk (Nay). The motion was defeated with four “Nays” and one abstention.

MOTION #68: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$181,652.51 for the North Haverhill Fire Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Nay), Howard Hatch (Nay), Darwin Clogston (Nay), Fred Garofalo (Nay), Matt Bjelobrk (Nay). The motion was defeated unanimously.

MOTION #69: Clogston made a motion to recommend a Board vote on the Article: **Rescinding the 2020 Town Vote on Articles 22 and 23** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Nay), Howard Hatch (Nay), Darwin Clogston (Nay), Fred Garofalo (Nay), Matt Bjelobrk (Nay). The motion was defeated unanimously.

MOTION #70: Clogston made a motion to recommend a Board vote on the Article:

Confirming the Organizational Structure of the Town Fire Department and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (No), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion was passed with four “Ayes” and one “No.”

MOTION #71: Clogston made a motion to recommend a Board vote on the Article: **Town Manager Question (Advisory only)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (No), Howard Hatch (No), Darwin Clogston (No), Fred Garofalo (No), Matt Bjelobrk (No). The motion was defeated unanimously.

MOTION #72: Clogston made a motion to recommend a Board vote on the Article: **Woodsville Rescue Ambulance (Advisory only)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Abstain), Howard Hatch (No), Darwin Clogston (No), Fred Garofalo (No), Matt Bjelobrk (No). The motion was defeated unanimously with one abstention.

MOTION #73: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$4,507,970.00 for the Operating Budget 2021** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #74: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$20,000.00 for the Buildings Capital Reserve Funds** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #75: Clogston made a motion to recommend the proposed **\$50,000.00 to be added to the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #76: Clogston made a motion to recommend **\$50,000.00 for the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Nay), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed with one “Nay.”

MOTION #77: Clogston made a motion to recommend **\$50,000.00 for the Parks and Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #78: Clogston made a motion to recommend **\$47,032.00 for the Lease of the Highway Grader** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #79: Clogston made a motion to recommend **\$75,000.00 for the Lease of the Highway Dump Truck** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #80: Clogston made a motion to recommend **\$58,269.00 for the Lease of a new Police Cruiser** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION #81: Clogston made a motion to recommend **\$230,000.00 for the Safety Scoping Study and Aviation Safety Easement (no tax money)** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Abstain), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed with four “Ayes” and one abstention.

HIGHWAY BUDGET, cont.

MOTION #82: Clogston made a motion to recommend the Select Board proposed budget of **\$50,000.00 for preventative paving Highway Department** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

OPERATING BUDGET, cont.

MOTION #83: Clogston made a motion to approve the Select Board adjusted budget of **\$4,557,970.00 for the Operating Budget 2021** and Bjelobrk seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

MOTION #84: Bjelobrk made a motion adjourn the meeting and Robbins seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Steve Robbins (Aye), Howard Hatch (Aye), Darwin Clogston (Aye), Fred Garofalo (Aye), Matt Bjelobrk (Aye). The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 10:10 PM.

Transcribed by Joanna Bligh