

**NORTH CONWAY WATER PRECINCT  
ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 PM  
North Conway Water Precinct Office  
North Conway, New Hampshire

**Superintendent**

Jason Gagnon

**Precinct Officers**

Robert F. Porter - Commissioner  
John J. Santuccio - Commissioner  
Suzanne Nelson - Commissioner

**Fire Department Chief**

Patrick L. Preece

**Treasurer**

Robert (Tim) Anderson

**Clerk**

Gary R. Chandler

**Moderator**

Donald Ekberg

**Auditor**

Roberts & Greene, CPA's

Moderator Donald Ekberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and introduced himself as the Moderator for the North Conway Water Precinct for the night.

Moderator Ekberg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Ekberg stated this was the mandatory reminder to turn off all devices. Moderator Ekberg stated there was a little situation here and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Jason Gagnon.

Superintendent Jason Gagnon stated that as many of those present may have heard there was going to be a pretty significant change coming at the Water Precinct this year. A lot of things in the Water Precinct have changed over the last 40+ years. The one thing that hasn't changed is Kris Cluff. She has been here through all of the Precinct's growth and this year, at the end of June, Kris will be retiring. He wanted to take this moment, and she (Kris Cluff) is going to kill me for doing this, so he will keep it brief, but he wanted to take this moment to express his thanks and gratitude for everything that Kris has done for him during his first year at the Water Precinct. He knew it would have been a very different year if she had not been here to train him. From everybody at the Water Precinct, they wanted to say "thank you" for her 40 years of service and you will be missed. (applause)

Superintendent Gagnon further stated that as a thank you for their longest tenured employee, the one thing that we can control here in the Valley is the water and that never goes away, but electricity is not so reliable, so in honor of her 40 years you have a pewter Hurricane Lamp, so that when the electricity goes out she will still be able to see where to turn the water on. (Applause and standing ovation by those present.)

Moderator Ekberg stated that Article 1 is Election of Officers for the upcoming year. Moderator Ekberg stated he assumed everyone had there booklets and that there were a few typos in Article 9 and Article 21, they are minor scrivener's typos and will be corrected when we get there.

Moderator Ekberg read **Article 2 - Long Term Debt:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$1,289,296.00) for the purpose of making debt payments for the ensuing year. This article will be offset by Grant Revenues estimated

to be Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$278,223.00) and Sewer Enterprise Fund in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00) and the remainder to be raised by general taxation. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 2** on the floor. **Commissioner Suzanne Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner John Santuccio, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 2.

**Tim Anderson moved, seconded by Gary Chandler, to amend Article 2 as follows:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,509,234.00) for the purpose of making debt payments for the ensuing year. This article will be offset by Grant Revenues estimated to be Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$278,223.00) and Sewer Enterprise Fund in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00) and the remainder to be raised by general taxation.

Moderator Ekberg asked if this figure was in lieu of the One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$1,289,296.00). Mr. Anderson stated that was correct. Moderator Ekberg asked if there was a second to the Amendment. Motion was seconded by Gary Chandler for discussion.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on the Amendment to Article 2.

Superintendent Gagnon stated that Mr. Anderson had brought this up at the Budget Hearing and since then the Superintendent had done a little bit of research into this and he thought that Mr. Anderson was right, the Precinct does need to raise that number to One Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$1,509,233.98). The reason for that is that it is the sum total of the Precinct's debt obligation. What else needs to be added to this is that the

additional Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$219,938.00) that was broken out of the capital contribution in the Sewer Operating Budget needs to be added into that so that the total to come from the Sewer Enterprise Fund should read Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$369,938.00). That was just an oversight on his part by not including that extra Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$219,938.00) as part of the funding coming from the Sewer Operating Budget.

Superintendent Gagnon stated he was not sure if he had to make an amendment to the amendment on the floor in order to add that in as well.

Moderator Ekberg stated he thought so and that he didn't know about the rest of those present, but he was totally confused. Moderator Ekberg stated that the first amendment was to change the One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$1,289,296.00) to One Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$1,509,234.00). That's the amendment.

Attorney Steve Judge stated the question now is whether or not the individual making that motion will agree to adopt the changes being proposed by Superintendent Gagnon. If not, then we need to vote on that motion. Tim Anderson stated that he was in favor of the changes and he was going to bring that up in the Sewer Budget. Attorney Judge stated that the person who seconded the motion will also have to agree. Gary Chandler stated that he agreed to the change. Attorney Judge stated however that he was not sure what the numbers were.

Commissioner Suzanne Nelson asked to go over those numbers again. Superintendent Gagnon stated that the first number which is currently One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$1,289,296.00) would be changed to One Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$1,509,233.98) and the One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) which is the last dollar amount in the Article will be changed to Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$369,938.00). Superintendent Gagnon stated that he was missing Ninety-Eight Cents (\$.98) and that we should figure out exactly where that Ninety-Eight Cents (\$.98) belongs.

Moderator Ekberg stated that as it stands right now, Article 2 has been amended from One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six and No Cents (\$1,289,296.00) to

One Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$1,509,233.98) and the One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00) goes to Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight and No Cents (\$369,938.00). Those are the two changes contained in the Amendment. Moderator Ekberg asked if everybody understood the Amendment and asked if there was any further discussion on the Amendment.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on this matter. Bill Hounsell stated on Page 28 of the Report on the Long Term Debt shows the One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$150,000.00) that was in the Article and is adding in the One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand and No Cents (\$148,000.00) principal and Seventy-One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$71,000.00) interest and the sub-total when you add those together is the Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$369,938.00). On Page 30 it shows the last Bond, it shows the amount that is being raised.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on the Amendment.

Superintendent Gagnon stated he wanted to make one last comment that it doesn't change anything with how much we are paying, it's just a matter of those amounts were left out of the totals. It doesn't change any of the amount that they are owing, any amount that's due, any amount that's coming from anywhere. It just wasn't written in the Article.

Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote on the Amendment. **Amendment passed.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if everybody was ready for the vote on Article 2 and asked if there was anybody wishing to speak further on Article 2 as amended. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 2 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read **Article 3 - Operating Budget - General Fund:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$103,783.00) as the General Fund (Commissioners) Budget, not including other appropriations voted separately for the ensuing year. This is a tax funded Article. **[Recommended by the Board**

of Commissioners 3-0-0].

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 3** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio** moved, seconded by **Commissioner Robert Porter**, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 3. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 3 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read **Article 4 - Operating Budget - Sewer Department:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents (\$1,687,806.00) for the operating budget of the Sewer Department for the ensuing year to be offset by sewer usage fees with no amount to be raised through general taxation. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 4** on the floor. **Superintendent Jason Gagnon** moved, seconded by **Commissioner Suzanne Nelson**, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 4. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 4 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read **Article 5 - Operating Budget - Water Department:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$1,159,951.00) for the Operating Budget of the Water Department for the ensuing year to be offset by water usage fees with no amount to be raised through general taxation. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 5** on the floor. **Superintendent Jason Gagnon** moved, seconded by **Commissioner Robert Porter**, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 5. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 5 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 6 - **Operating Budget - Fire Department:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$645,373.00) for the Operating Budget of the Fire Department for the ensuing year. This is a tax funded Article. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 6** on the floor. **Chief Patrick Preece moved, seconded by Commissioner John Santuccio, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 6. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 6 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 7 - **Appropriation to Fire Equipment Capital Reserve:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$190,000.00) to be added to the North Conway Water Precinct Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This is a tax funded Article. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 7** on the floor. **Commissioner Robert Porter moved, seconded by Commissioner John Santuccio, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 7. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 7 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 8 - **Purchase of NCFD Pick-up Truck:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) for the

purchase of a new three-quarter tone pickup truck and appurtenances for the use by the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0]**.

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 8** on the floor. **Chief Patrick Preece moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 8. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 8 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 9 - **Replacement of Rescue 2:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$282,000.00) for the purchase of a new E-One Ford F550 Rescue Truck and appurtenances as a replacement for Rescue 2 and to withdraw the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$282,000.00) from the North Conway Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0]**.

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 9** on the floor. **Commissioner Suzanne Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robert Porter, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 9. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 9 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 10 - **Appropriation to Water Vehicle Capital Reserve:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) to be added to the North Conway Water Precinct Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This Article to be funded from water fees and revenues. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0]**.



Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 10** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 10. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 10 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 11 - **Replacement Commercial Water Meter Program:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$110,000.00) for the purchase of new water meters for the commercial services. This is the first phase of a two year program to replace commercial meters. This Article is to be funded as follows: Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$55,000.00) shall come from water fees and revenues and Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$55,000.00) shall come from sewer fees and revenues. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 11** on the floor. **Commissioner Suzanne Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner John Santuccio, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 11. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 11 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 12 - **Appropriation to Water Infrastructure CRF:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$20,187.00) to be added to the North Conway Water Precinct Water Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This Article will be funded from the Water Enterprise Fund in the amount of the 2017 Infrastructure (Buy in) fees. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 12** on the floor. **Commissioner Suzanne Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robert Porter, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 12. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 12 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg stated that he had the results of the voting for the officers:

Commissioner Porter received 37 votes;  
Treasurer Anderson received 36 votes;  
Moderator Ekberg received 38 votes; and  
Clerk Chandler received 34 votes.

Moderator Ekberg read Article 13 - **Grove Street Water Main Replacement:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00) for the replacement of Thirteen Hundred (1,300) feet of cast iron water main with ductile iron water main and appurtenances on Grove Street. Funding for this Article will come from water department fund balance. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 13** on the floor. **Commissioner Robert Porter moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 13.

Tim Anderson asked Superintendent Gagnon how far up Grove Street are we going. Superintendent Gagnon stated going from the North-South Road to about where it takes a left onto the old Grove Road Extension. Mr. Anderson asked if there would be new fire hydrants too. Superintendent Gagnon stated yes; this is ahead of the Town's anticipated reconstruction of Grove Street, so working together with the Town to try and save the Precinct some money to get some of our last remaining old cast iron main and galvanized services out of there without having to pay for it to be repaved afterwards which saves the Precinct some money.

(comment from someone in the audience that was inaudible)

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on Article 13. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 13 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 14 - **Water Asset Management Program:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) for the purpose of Asset Management for the Water Distribution System to be offset by Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services and Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to come from water fees. To authorize the Superintendent Jason Gagnon to sign paperwork associated with such grant on behalf of the Precinct. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 14** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Robert Porter, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 14.

Tim Anderson asked if this was going to do the whole Precinct or is this just part of it. Superintendent Gagnon stated Asset Management is a very broad thing. We've started this in the past; we've got some of our assets located and categorized and labeled. What this is going to do is this portion specifically will get us the GIS Software to be able to update our own stuff without having to hire consultants to do it, it will allow us to generate our own maps for developers and things like that without having to pay consultants to do it and it will really form sort of the backbone of our information system for all of our water assets moving forward so that we can really continue on with the Asset Management Program and develop maintenance programs and that sort of thing. It is also going to include the development of a flushing program and, depending on how pricing comes in, hopefully a hydraulic model update also.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on Article 14.

Tim Anderson stated so when you get done with this program, if you have a problem the boys can just go on a computer and find valves. Is that what he is getting.

Superintendent Gagnon stated even better than that they'll have tablets in the field where they will go out and will not have to be taking paper maps from files out back any more, they'll be able to have it right there and they will be able to see where the valves are that need to be shut off and isolate the leak and all of that stuff.

Tim Anderson asked if the valve part of it was all done. Superintendent Gagnon stated they were not putting anything in the ground. Mr. Anderson stated that he understood that. Superintendent Gagnon stated by locating all of this stuff and putting into the system, they'll be able to have it on the computer or on the Tablets or even on their Smart Phones right in front of them in the field so that they know where everything is.

Tim Anderson asked if they knew where everything is right now. Superintendent Gagnon stated they have a basic inventory and part of what they will do once they have this system they will be able to update their inventory instead of having a consultant do it. They will go out and relocate some of this stuff. Seavey Street for example, that obviously is not up to date, so they will be able to all that stuff themselves now instead of having to hire CDM out of Manchester come and do it.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was anybody else that wished to speak on Article 14. There being none, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote.  
**Article 14 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 15 - **Appropriation to Sewer Vehicle CRF:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) to be added to the North Conway Water Precinct Sewer Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This Article to be funded by sewer fees and revenues.  
**[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 15** on the floor. **Commissioner Robert Porter moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 15. There being no one, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 15 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 16 - **Appropriation to Energy CRF:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$6,964.00) to be added to the North Conway Water Precinct Energy Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This Article will be funded from the Sewer Enterprise Fund in the amount of the NH Electric Cooperative checks received for Renewable Energy Credits. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 16** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Robert Porter, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 16. There being none, Moderator asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 16 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 17 - **Appropriation to Sewer Infrastructure Fees:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$80,052.00) to be added to the North Conway Water Precinct Sewer Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This Article will be funded from the Sewer Enterprise Fund in the amount of the 2017 Infrastructure (Buy In) fees. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 17** on the floor. **Commissioner Suzanne Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robert Porter, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 17. There being none, Moderator asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 17 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 18 - **Appropriation to Uncompensated Absences CRF:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) to be added to the North Conway Water Precinct Uncompensated Absences and Retired Employees Health Care Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This Article will be funded Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from water fees and revenues, Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from sewer fees and revenues and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from general taxation. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 18** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 18. There being none, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 18 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 19 - **Purchase of Water/Sewer Pickup:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) for a new pickup truck and appurtenances for use by the water and sewer departments and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) from the Water Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) from the Sewer Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 19** on the floor. **Commissioner Suzanne Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Robert Porter, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion or questions on Article 19. There being none, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 19 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 20 - **New Fire Station Design:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) for engineering design on the proposed new North Conway Fire Department Fire Station with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This Article shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2024 whichever is sooner. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 20** on the floor. **Commissioner Robert Porter moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

**Superintendent Gagnon moved, seconded by Tim Anderson, to amend Article 20 by adding the word "conceptual" between engineering and design.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on the amendment. Gary Chandler asked is it engineering and conceptual design or engineering conceptual design. There are no surveys, no borings, nothing that is going to be taking place of that nature that would be considered engineering and not design work and going to try to hook it all together. Superintendent Gagnon stated they are in the conceptual design phase. They will do some of that preliminary work. They will do the soil borings and do stuff like that and they will come up with a Fire Station design, but it will not be a set of plans that you can build from. That design is much more involved and would probably cost much more than \$75,000.00. Gary Chandler asked a second question that was inaudible with Superintendent Gagnon responding "yes".

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on the Amendment. There being none Moderator Ekberg stated that the Amendment would change Article 20 to read "... Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) for engineering conceptual design ...".

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on the Amendment to Article 20. **Amendment passed.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on Article 20 as amended. There being none, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 20 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 21 - **Appropriation to North Conway Library:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the programs of the North Conway Library. This is a tax funded Article. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0].**

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 21** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Robert Porter, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 21.

Scott Gleason stated he was at the meeting on behalf of the North Conway Public Library. Once again he wanted to thank everybody for appropriating this money. They do like to give credit where credit is due and, as many of those present may know, they are doing a capital campaign for expansion of the Library in the next year. Under the highlights of the new Library expansion and their case study, one of the things that he asked for was that they give credit where credit is due. It says North Conway Public Library is a privately funded non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Library receives no funds from the Town of Conway, the State of New Hampshire or the Federal Government. However, the North Conway Water Precinct voters at their Annual Budget Meeting voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the purpose of supporting programs at the North Conway Public Library. He just wanted everyone to know that they did give credit in their case study going for their capital campaign and everything and they do appreciate this money to help their operation.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any further discussion on Article 21. Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 21 passed.**



Moderator Ekberg read Article 22 - **Appropriation to Schouler Park:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$6,750.00) for the purpose of supporting the programs of the Schouler Park Skating Rink. This is a tax funded Article. **[Recommended by the Board of Commissioners 3-0-0]**.

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 22** on the floor. **Commissioner Robert Porter moved, seconded by Commissioner John Santuccio, to bring the Article to the floor.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 22. There being none, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 22 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 23 - **Ratify Auditor:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will ratify the appointment of Roberts & Greene as the Precinct auditor for the calendar year of 2019.

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 23** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 23. There being none, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 23 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 24 - **Borrowing Against Credit of Precinct:**

To see if the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct will allow the Commissioners to borrow against the credit of the Precinct, such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes, bond sales, water and sewer bills.

Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to put **Article 24** on the floor. **Commissioner John Santuccio moved, seconded by Commissioner Suzanne Nelson, to bring the Article to the floor for discussion.**

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 24. There being none, Moderator Ekberg asked if those present were ready for the vote. **Article 24 passed.**

Moderator Ekberg read Article 25 - **Act Upon any other Business:**

To act upon any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Ekberg asked if there was any discussion on Article 25.

Tim Anderson stated there were a couple of comments that he wanted to make. On page 8 we did pretty well tonight. Our tax rate down at the bottom at \$2.12 but you take \$.06 off that because Article 8 up top is not \$.06 it is zero because we did not have to raise the \$40,000.00 on that. Kris Cluff stated coming from the CRF.

Tim Anderson further stated that the other comment he wanted to make since this was his first year as Treasurer he got to look at these numbers, in case anybody's interested on page 11, the Precinct actually came out this year a net of \$813,864.25. That's what we gained in money this year alone. Thank you.

Jim Umberger stated that he had the pleasure of working with Kris Cluff for 10 to 12 years. It was a great run. Thank you so much Kris for all you've done for the Precinct and you helped him get through 10 to 12 years. He further stated that there should be applause for Kris. (applause)

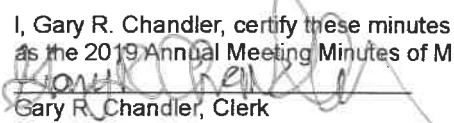
Moderator Ekberg asked for a motion to adjourn. **Gary Chandler moved, seconded by Craig France, to adjourn the meeting.**

Moderator Ekberg adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Iris A. Bowden, Recording Secretary

I, Gary R. Chandler, certify these minutes  
as the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2019  
  
Gary R. Chandler, Clerk  
North Conway Water Precinct