

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

TOWN MEETING 2012

Proceedings of the Annual Town Meeting of the voters of the Town of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, called at the Chesterfield School in said town on Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Moderator Pro Tempore Warren Allen called the Town Meeting to order at 10:00 in the forenoon at the Town Hall and declared the polls open for voting by ballot for Town Officials and amendments to the Zoning Ordinances.

Polls were closed at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall and voting resumed at 6:30 pm at the Chesterfield School. Moderator Michael Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm and announced that the polls would remain open until 8 pm.

Police Chief Lester Fairbanks led the meeting in the salute to the flag.

ARTICLE 3: Bayard Tracy gave an overview of the Budget and the process used to reach it, including a breakdown of school, county and municipal taxes. Mr. Tracy thanked Bill Bucknell and Gary Winn for their years of service to the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made by Jon McKeon and seconded by Bob Brockman to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred Forty Three Thousand and Three Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars (\$2,843,357) for the following purposes, or act in any way related thereto.
(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

1. Executive	143,787
2. Elections, Registrations, Vital Stats	54,854
3. Financial Administration	62,448
4. Legal Expense	25,000
5. Personnel Administration	400,950
6. Planning Board	14,800
7. Board of Adjustment	5,650
8. General Government Buildings	48,015
9. Cemeteries	49,595
10. General Insurance	58,500
11. Regional Association (SWRPC)	4,000
12. Police	386,970
13. Police Reimbursable Detail	25,000
14. Ambulance	72,750
15. Code Enforcement	30,600
16. Office of Emergency Management	22,365
17. Forest Fires	6,000
18. Highway/Town Road Maintenance	756,573
19. Street Lighting	20,000
20. Solid Waste	210,626
21. Health Officer	1,800
22. Animal Control	1,650
23. Other Health (Hepatitis B Shots)	300
24. General Assistance	25,000
25. Parks and Recreation	83,800
26. Library	129,374
27. Patriotic Purposes	500
28. Conservation Commission	3,750
29. Debt Service	<u>198,700</u>
TOTAL	2,843,357

Steve Laskowski offered an amendment to return \$33,000 to the budget and therefore reinstate a 2nd full time position at the transfer station, that position having been reduced to part time by the Selectboard and the Budget Committee. Mr. Laskowski apologized to the Selectboard for inferring in a letter to the editor that they were aware of the illness of the spouse of the effected employee. Moderator Bentley advised that a vote in the affirmative could not require the Selectboard to spend in specific line items. Discussion ensued. Mr. Emery presented the Moderator with a petition for a paper ballot on Mr Laskowski's amendment. Persons signing the petition were: Clifford Emery, Betsey Emery, Pam Walton, Ken Walton and Jon McKeon.

The vote on the amendment to increase the Solid Waste line item by \$33,000 to \$243,626.00 passed, 84 in favor, 59 opposed.

Article 4 was adopted by voice vote as amended, with a total of \$2,876,357. .

ARTICLE 5: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion by Jon McKeon, seconded by Richard Aldrich, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars (\$266,109) for the purpose of resurfacing Town roads, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 6: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Susan Newcomer, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Nine Thousand Dollars (\$79,000) to be added to the already established Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 7: A voice vote in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Bart Bevis, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new 19,000 GVW Truck with Body and Plows for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, said amount to be offset by the amount received from the trade-in or sale of the existing 2001 F550 Highway Truck, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 8: A voice vote in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Bart Bevis, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the already established Roadways Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 9: A voice vote in the affirmative on a motion made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Carol Ross, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the already established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 10: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Gary Winn, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for a complete revaluation and to purchase assessing software upgrade and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the revaluation is completed or by December 31, 2014, whichever is sooner, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) for the purpose of the

deconstruction of the town-owned building located at 400 Route 9A, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d). Neil Jenness spoke to the historical value of the building, saying it was the last mill building extant in the town. Bart Bevis noted that Mr. Fournier wished to buy the land and building. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons the town wished to keep the building, including for parking for the town owned property across the road. The article was defeated on a voice vote.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Up to \$13,000 Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 12: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Hall Annex Renovations and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Bayard Tracy spoke against the amendment, Dan Cotter in favor. Ruth Van Houten offered an amendment to add "kitchen" to the purpose of the fund, saying that the kitchen in the Town Hall badly needs renovations. Much discussion. Mrs. Van Houten withdrew her amendment. The article passed on a voice vote.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 13: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Bart Bevis, to see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Office Building maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 14: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Lester Fairbanks, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the already established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 15: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Gordon Rudolph, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200) for the purchase of a Digital Cruiser Mounted Radio for the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 16: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Lester Fairbanks, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for computer upgrades at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 17: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Elaine Rowley, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the already established Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 18: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Bart Bevis, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to the already established Parks and Rec Building Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 19: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Bart Bevis, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the already established Parks and Rec Pickup Truck Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 20: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see

if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to be added to the already established Wares Grove Trees Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 21: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Cliff Emery, seconded by Bart Bevis, to see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Parks & Recreation Activities Enhancements Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of starting new or enhancing existing programs and activities mid-year at the Parks and Recreation Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Forty Six Dollars (\$2,046) to be placed in this fund. And further, to see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 22: Cliff Emery made a motion, seconded by Lester Fairbanks, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the already established Outdoor Court Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto. Neil Jenness asked where this court was going to be located: behind the school, was the reply. The motion passed on a voice vote.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 23: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Merrill Yeaw, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to the already established Wildland Fire Suppression Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Lester Fairbanks, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Truck Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto. In response to a question about how much was already in the expendable trust, Neil Jenness indicated it was now over \$12,000.00. The article passed on a voice vote.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 25: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Gordon Rudolph, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the already established Cemetery Mower Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 26: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Susan Newcomer, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$23,809) to support the following, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

Chesterfield Senior Meals program	300
Home Health, Meals on Wheels and Age in Motion	8,258
Monadnock Family Services/Mental Health	4,711
Community Kitchen	7,000
Youth Services	140
Southwestern Community Services	1,700
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	500
Drop In Center	200
Monadnock Child Advocacy Center	1,000

TOTAL 23,809

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 27: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Gary Winn, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

ARTICLE 28: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Lester Fairbanks, to see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets by sealed bid, or by other means as deemed appropriate, or act in any way related thereto. Bart Bevis asked about the Wheeler property—whether this was a good time to sell with the market being soft. Selectmen responded that they have a firm price and will wait for a buyer willing to pay it. There were also questions regarding what will happen with the money. It will go into general fund, was the response. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 29: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Susan Newcomer took the floor to remember Jim Milani who passed away this last year. He had been active in town government in the 1980's, including Planning Board, Selectmen, and School Board. A round of applause followed. Ms. Newcomer also requested that in future the town website be used to explain and give context to Zoning Amendments voters will be considering at the polls, as well as warrant articles to be brought before Town Meeting.

Moderator Bentley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The ballots cast under articles 1 and 2 were counted.

Number of names on checklist: 2373
 Number of ballots cast: 403
 17% of voters took part in elections.
6% of voters spent \$2,876,357.00 at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1:

SELECTMAN—1 YEAR (1)	
JAMES LARKIN	288*
CLIFF EMERY	5
SELECTMAN—3 YEAR (1)	
ELAINE LEVLOCKE	244*
ROBERT HODGKINS III	121

TAX COLLECTOR (1)	
LIZ BENJAMIN	372*
TOWN CLERK (1)	
BARBARA GIRS	231*
BECKY AUGER	160
BUDGET CMTE—2 YEAR (1)	
SUSAN NEWCOMER	216*
DEWEY AUGER	164
BUDGET CMTE—3 YEAR (3)	
BAYARD TRACY	288*
JOHN KOOPMANN	276*
JEFFREY MORSE	287*
TREASURER (1)	
ED CHEEVER	360*
MODERATOR (1)	
MICHAEL BENTLEY	89*
GARY WINN	12
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)	
JAMES STOFF	322*
KENNETH WALTON	47*
CEMETERY COMMISSION (2)	
DAVE SMITH	30*
RICK JOHNSTON	13*
STEVE CHICKERING, SR	5
NEAL JENNESS	5
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST (1)	
JOHN HUDACHEK	336*
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (1)	
KAREN LARUE	54*

* Declared elected.

ARTICLE 2

1.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Tax Maps as follows:

To amend the official zoning map of the Town of Chesterfield for 1474 Route 9 (Big Deal Convenience Store) Map 11A, Lot B001 from Residential to Commercial/Industrial.

[Inserted by Petition] [Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 308* NO 72

2.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend the definition of **Dwelling, Two Family** to read:

A dwelling designed for or occupied by two families exclusively, living independently and separately of each other each in their own dwelling unit therein.

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 310* NO 72

3.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend the definition of **Dwelling Unit** to read:

One or more rooms arranged for the use of one or more persons living together as a single housekeeping unit, and having its own separate and independent cooking, living, sanitary and sleeping facilities.

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 305* NO 74

4.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend the definition of **Family** to read:

A family is: (1) an individual; (2) group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption; or (3) not more than six (6) other persons not so related; provided that in each of the foregoing, all persons constituting any such group are normally living together and sharing the same dwelling unit.

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 289* NO 89

5.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend Section **403.3 Building Spacing** to read:

All buildings shall be spaced at least seventy-five (75) feet apart.

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 236* NO 136

6.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend the definition of **Dwelling, Multiple Family** to read:

A dwelling designed for or occupied by three (3) or more families living independently and separately of each other, each in their own dwelling unit therein. A building comprised of attached single family dwelling units is a multi-family dwelling under this ordinance. More than one two-family dwelling on a lot is a multiple-family dwelling under this ordinance.

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 279* NO 88

7.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend Section **601.3 Special Exceptions** part C. to read:

C. Any special conditions required by Article II, Article III, Article IV or Article V will be complied with.
[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 242* NO 102

8.) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend Section **403.5 Buffer** to read:

All lots on which new multiple family dwellings are built shall have a buffer one hundred (100) feet wide on all sides. The composition of the buffer shall be approved by the Planning Board in accordance with its Site Plan Review Regulations

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 262* NO 117

9) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend Section **403.1 Minimum Lot Area and Frontage** to read:

No multiple family dwelling or group of multiple family dwellings shall be converted or constructed on a lot of less than five (5) acres and less than 300 feet of frontage.

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 257* NO 131

10) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the zoning Ordinances as follows:

To amend Section **207.1 One Residential Building per lot** to read:

There shall be only one single-family detached dwelling on a lot. Single-family detached dwellings in combination with other dwelling options are NOT permitted on a lot. (See specific use district for permitted/excepted dwelling options.)

[Recommended by Planning Board]

YES 223* NO 159

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Girs
Town Clerk