

**2015 TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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 14, 2015.

Moderator Pro Tempore Warren Allen called the Town Meeting/Town Elections to order on March 10, 2015 at 10:00 in the forenoon at the Town Hall and declared the polls open for voting by ballot for Town Officials and to amend Zoning Ordinances.

Polls were closed at 8:00 pm and counting of ballots commenced. Town Meeting resumed on Saturday March 14, 2015 at the Chesterfield School.

Moderator Michael Bentley called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Police Chief Duane Chickering led the meeting in the salute to the flag.

Jon McKeon spoke regarding the 2014 Town Report dedication to John Schlichting and to his long service to the town. He also recognized Elaine Levlocke for her time as Selectman.

ARTICLE 3: Budget Committee member Rich Kalich spoke for the committee. He pointed out that they meet 12 times per year for three to four hours each session and followed with a demonstration of how a dollar is broken down among the many taxes assessed on property owners.

ARTICLE 4: Dan Cotter made a motion, seconded by Bob Brockmann to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Seventy Four Thousand and Three Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$3,074,375) for the following purposes, or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Budget Committee) (\$3,083,875 Recommended by Selectmen)

1. Executive	141,195	141,195
2. Elections, Registrations, Vital Stats	54,775	54,775
3. Financial Administration	68,195	68,195
4. Legal Expense	25,000	25,000
5. Personnel Administration	449,650	449,650
6. Planning Board	12,550	14,550*
7. Board of Adjustment	5,450	5,450
8. General Government Buildings	35,600	35,600
9. Cemeteries	44,067	44,067
10. General Insurance	40,000	40,000
11. Regional Association (SWRPC)	4,000	4,000
12. Economic Development Committee	2,400	2,400
13. Police	478,620	478,620
14. Police Reimbursable Detail	25,000	25,000
15. Ambulance	77,100	77,100
16. Code Enforcement	32,200	32,200
17. Office of Emergency Management	38,280	38,280
18. Forest Fires	6,000	6,000
19. Highway/Town Road Maintenance	839,385	839,385
20. Street Lighting	16,500	16,500
21. Solid Waste	216,034	223,534*
22. Health Officer	1,625	1,625
23. Animal Control	1,650	1,650
24. Other Health (Hepatitis B Shots)	300	300
25. General Assistance	25,000	25,000
26. Parks and Recreation	110,000	110,000
27. Library	140,849	140,849
28. Patriotic Purposes	300	300

29. Conservation Commission	3,250	3,250
30. Debt Service	<u>179,400</u>	<u>179,400</u>
TOTAL	3,074,375	3,083,875

Elaine Levlocke made a motion, seconded by Jon McKeon, to increase the Planning Board line to \$14,550 and the Solid Waste line to \$223,534, as proposed by the Selectmen. In response to questions Jon McKeon pointed out the many large projects the Planning Board was currently working on and needs at the Transfer Station. Leon Dunbar responded that the Budget Committee numbers for the Transfer Station would work. The amendment failed on a hand-count vote.

Bart Bevis offered an amendment, seconded by Jim Larkin, to increase the Highway/Town Road maintenance line by \$12,000 (to \$851,385). He explained that this should cover extra sand, gravel and overtime pay. Dan Cotter said the Budget Committee has no opinion on this request. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Discussion ensued. Article 4 passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$247,756) 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)

In response to a question, Bart Bevis went through a list of all the roads to be worked on in the next year. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) 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)

Wayne Dingman asked if a Capital Reserve Fund actually saves money. Dan Cotter explained that it doesn't; what it does do is act as a savings account so that taxes don't need to rise all at once for a large purchase. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to purchase a new Backhoe for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, said amount to be offset by the amount received from the trade-in or sale of the existing backhoe, 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)

Bart Bevis made a motion to amend the request to \$101,000. Rich Kalich seconded the motion. Bart explained that he had negotiated a lower price. The amendment passed on a voice vote and the article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Bill Prentiss, 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 was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to replace a Chandler Road Culvert and authorize the withdrawal of up to Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) from the Roadways Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, 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 10: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Bob Brockmann 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 11: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Gary Winn, 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 Town Hall Annex Renovations Capital Reserve Fund or act in any way related thereto.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**NOT** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Peg Fegley asked why the Budget Committee did not recommend this article. Dan Cotter replied that they did not think there should be multiple capital reserve funds for town buildings. Jon McKeon explained the rationale was so the money could not be taken for use on other projects. Rich Kalich said that other Budget Committee members don't think its used enough to warrant the investment and we have new town offices. Much discussion ensued. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Gary Winn, seconded by Bill Prentiss, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for Town Hall Annex Architectural and Engineering Review and authorize the withdrawal of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the Town Hall Annex Renovations 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 13: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, 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 Town Office Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund or act in any way related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 14: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) to repair and paint the Town Hall Cupola, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**NOT** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Dan Cotter reiterated that the Budget Committee thinks there are too many small accounts. Margaret Halpert asked why we have raised the money twice. Jon McKeon responded that it was raised last year but not spent. Discussion ensued. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: Elaine Levlocke made a motion, seconded by Amy LaFontaine, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to make available the town's Assessing Data online, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**NOT** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Dan Cotter explained that the Budget Committee feels this is a benefit mostly to realtors. Kevin Bresland thought it would be helpful to residents when refinancing. The article failed on a hand-count vote.

ARTICLE 16: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) to be added to the already established Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 17: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Bill Prentiss, 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 18: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Bill Prentiss, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000) for the purchase of a Police Department SUV (Sport Utility Vehicle) and set up costs, and authorize the withdrawal of up to Forty Two Thousand

Dollars (\$42,000) from the Police Cruiser 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)

In response to Mr. Dingman, Police Chief Chickering responded that there are situations where a 4X4 is needed, it acts as a mobile command unit, and the old vehicle has 115,000 miles on it. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Bill Prentiss, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the replacement of Duty Weapons and Holsters for the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) 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)

Dan Cotter explained how a Capital Reserve Fund works: that with this article and previous ones, money is not actually being raised but must be presented this way in order to withdraw funds accumulated in an existing CRF. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: Jim Larkin made a motion, 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) for computer upgrades at the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of up to Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) 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)

Kristin McKeon asked if the Budget Committee wants all Police Department Capital Reserve Funds to be consolidated into one. Tom Duston observed that there are too many CRFs for small items. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: Jon McKeon made a motion, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) for Alteration and Replacement of the Library Parking Lot, or act in any way related thereto. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:10 I (d).

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (**NOT** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Kim Cotter asked whether this was voted on last year. Jon McKeon explained that last year it was engineering for the parking lot—which was voted down. Bart Bevis did the plans instead. The current article will pay for the work on the parking lot. Library Board Chairman Ken Walton explained the problems with the parking lot and sidewalk. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: Ken Walton made a motion, seconded by Jim Stoff, to see if the town will vote to establish a Chesterfield Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance and upkeep of Chesterfield Library and to raise and appropriate Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$17,895) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unreserved fund balance; and further to name the Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend from the fund.

(**NOT** Recommended by the Selectmen) (**NOT** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Jon McKeon offered an amendment, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to take out the Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend from the fund and replace them with the Board of Selectmen. Dan Cotter explained that the Budget Committee was against this article because expenditures do not come before town meeting. Discussion ensued. The selectmen think an extra level of oversight is needed. The amendment passed on a voice vote, as did the article.

ARTICLE 23: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jim Larkin, seconded by Elaine Levlocke, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to the already established Chesterfield Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, or act in any way related thereto. This warrant article is contingent on the passage of Article 22.

(**NOT** Recommended by the Selectmen) (**NOT** Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 24: Jim Larkin made a motion, seconded by Bill Prentiss, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Library Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1981. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

Jon McKeon offered an amendment, seconded by Valerie Starburck, to correct the date the CRF was created to 2005. The amendment passed on a voice vote. Tom Woodman clarified that the figure in question is \$17,895. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Dan Cotter, 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 Parks and Rec Building 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 Elaine Levlock, seconded by Bob Brockmann, 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 27: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to the already established Parks and Rec 4x4 All-Terrain Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, or act in any way related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 28: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Dan Cotter, 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 29: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Bob Brockman, 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.

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

ARTICLE 30: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Elaine Levlocke, seconded by Bob Brockmann, 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 31: Jeff Newcomer made a motion, seconded by Dan Cotter, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine Dollars (\$23,999) 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	200
Home Health, Meals on Wheels and Age in Motion	8,949
Monadnock Family Services/Mental Health	4,505
Community Kitchen	5,000
Youth Services	140
Southwestern Community Services	1,605
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	500
Drop In Center	200
Monadnock Child Advocacy Center	1,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	400
The Gathering Place	1,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children	500

TOTAL 23,999

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

In response to a question, Rick Carrier explained that the figures reflect what was requested by each agency. The article passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 32: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Bob Brockmann, to see if the Town will vote to approve the following amendments to the Town Clerk Compensation Policy. Changes noted are italicized and underlined.

Under **Deputy Town Clerk** section, amend sentence to read: Should the Town Clerk not add an additional shift to his/her schedule, as per the additional shift salary, then the Deputy Town Clerk may work the regularly scheduled evening shift with the Town Clerk, with notification to the Selectboard.

Under **Allowable Absences** section, amend to read: The Board of Selectmen allow for the following time off, one week of vacation time per calendar year for the first 3 years, 2 weeks for 4 to 6 years, and three weeks thereafter. (see Definition of Calendar Year). A week is determined by the number of shifts in the Town Clerk's normal scheduled workweek. In addition, the Board of Selectmen allows for up to ~~3-(three)~~ 6 (six) sick days ~~shifts~~ in a calendar year. Sick days time shall be used in shift increments.

Under **Allowable Absences** section, amend to read: In the event the Town Clerk exceeds the allowable absences in any calendar year, a prorated deduction of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ percent per day of absence shall be subtracted from the State Motor Vehicle Registration Salary portion for the workweek in which the absence occurred with a maximum of 100% deduction in any workweek. In addition, if the Town Clerk qualifies for the Additional Shift Salary, a prorated deduction of 25% per day of absence shall be subtracted from the Additional Shift Salary portion for the workweek in which the absence occurred with a maximum of 100% deduction in any workweek. These deductions may be waived by the Board of Selectmen in extenuating circumstances.

Under the **Definitions** section, amend to read: **Evening Shift** – Office open to the public between the hours of ~~5:00 p.m. and 8:00~~ 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in a continuous 3 hour block of time.

At this time Gary Winn took over from Michael Bentley as Moderator for the following article:

ARTICLE 33: Richard Diesl made a motion, seconded by Michael Bentley, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue Bennett Road, so-called, as a highway in the Town of Chesterfield, New Hampshire

[Inserted by Petition]

Joe Warhall spoke regarding his reasons for not wanting Bennett Road to become a private road and detailed his personal issues with Mr. Diesl. Mr. Diesl explained the problems with water run-off on the road which washed soil onto nearby properties and Rt 63, and what he had done to correct the problem since the town had done nothing to correct it. Dan Cotter questioned whether there would be a loss of value to home owners and stated his opinion that town meeting should vote against the article. Michael Bentley said that with a private road right of way does not change. Jon McKeon expressed concern on the issue of

diminished value if the road designation is changed and said that the Board of Selectmen want to see any plan for changes to the road before they are undertaken. Bart Bevis said Bennett Road has been recognized as a private road for as long as he can remember. Discussion ensued. The article failed on a voice vote.

Dan Cotter made a motion, seconded by Traci Fairbanks, to restrict reconsideration. The motion passed on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 34: A voice vote was in the affirmative on a motion made by Jon McKeon, seconded by Dan Cotter, 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.

ARTICLE 35: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Bentley declared the meeting adjourned at 1:52

The result of ballots cast under Article 1 are as follows:

SELECTMAN (1)

BRAD ROSCOE	192
ELAINE LEVLOCKE	87

TREASURER (1)

EDWARD CHEEVER	273
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TAX COLLECTOR(1)

ELIZABETH BENJAMIN	279
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TOWN CLERK (1)

BARBARA GIRS	255
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MODERATOR (1)

REBECCA TODD	233
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BUDGET CMTE (3)

BAYARD TRACY	244
JOHN KOOPMANN	229
GARY WINN*	4

LIB. TRUSTEE (2)

KEN WALTON	260
JIM STOFF*	24

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (1)

KAREN LARUE	269
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CEMETERY COMMISSION (1)

DAVE SMITH*	35
RICH JOHNSTON*	10

* indicates write-in vote

The result of ballots cast under Article 2 are as follows:

1) Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinances, as follows:

401.2 C –current language:

C. Signs intended to be seen from two directions (e.g., back- to-back signs erected perpendicular to a lane of traffic) may have thirty-two (32) square feet of surface area visible to each lane of traffic.

Proposed change as follows with new wording in bold:

401.2 C

C. Signs intended to be seen from two directions (e.g., back-to back signs erected perpendicular to a lane of traffic) may have thirty-two (32) square feet of surface area visible to each **direction** of traffic
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 252 NO 36

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

To add a new section, 401.2 E and F, as follows:

E. Buildings that contain multiple businesses shall have one directory sign for the building business with a square footage no more than 32 Sq. ft. each side. This calculation will be used in the total cumulative signage allowance for each business. Each business would use the 32 ft of directory signage and then combine that with the attached signage for a sum not to exceed sum stated in D. ADA signs are exempt from calculation.

F. No business shall have more than one free standing sign, which is to be included in the total allowable sign coverage under sections A. and D. ADA signs are exempt from calculation.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 224 NO 63

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

To add a new section, 401.2 G, as follows:

G. As part of a site plan review of gas stations, the Planning Board may allow the inclusion of a parent or vendor corporate trademark or logo on one side of the canopy, where it would benefit the public and be expected for the business as determined by the Planning Board. This sign shall not count as part of the total square footage allowed.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 246 NO 41

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

To change the numbering of current regulations, as follows:

401.8 Temporary On- Premise Sign

This change will move the current 401.8 (all signs must be kept in good repair) to 401.10.

401.8 Temporary On-Premise Signs will act as a place holder for future regulations.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 242 NO 38

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

To add a new section 401.8, as follows:

401.8

A. Construction signs: One temporary sign denoting the architect, engineer and/or general contractor placed on the premises where construction, repair, or renovation is proposed or is in progress may be permitted pursuant to the building permit procedures of this division subject to the following:

(1) Such signs shall be unlighted and non- illuminated.

(2) Such signs shall be a maximum of 16 square feet

(3) Only one construction sign shall be permitted per site.

(4) Construction sign permits shall expire one year from the date of issuance or on the date that the first certificate of occupancy is issued for the project for which the permit was acquired, whichever occurs first.

B. Temporary promotional signs: Temporary promotional signs on site in connection with the opening of a business, major remodeling under an active building permit, new owner of a business, closure of a business, or sale or special events at a business may be permitted with approval of code enforcement subject to the following:

(1) Such signs shall be limited to four (4) events and an aggregate maximum of 42-days per calendar year.

(2) Such signs shall be designed as banners or promotional posters.

(3) Such signs shall have a maximum total sign area of 24 square feet.

(4) No flags or balloons shall be displayed.

(5) If a temporary promotional sign is placed in a window or storefront, the temporary promotional sign, together with all other window signs in said window or storefront, shall not cover more than 25 percent of the window area within which they are placed. In calculating the maximum allowable coverage, exempt signs placed on the window and permanent window signs shall count against the 25 percent cap.

(6) The use of fluorescent, day-glo, and neon colors is prohibited unless such colors are part of a registered trademark.

(7) Employment opportunity signs may be displayed and are exempt from calculation and be a maximum of 24 square feet.

(8) It shall be the sole responsibility of the building or shopping center owner to a) allow the use of such signs; and b) regulate and monitor said use in conformance with these standards

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 230

NO 56

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

To add a new section, **401.9 Real Estate Signs**, as follows:

401.9 Real Estate Signs

A. Real Estate signs for properties for sale, rent or lease, provided they are removed five (5) days after the property is sold, rented or leased. Directional Real Estate Signs are allowed off premises, one per length of same road, provided they are removed five (5) days after the property is sold, rented or leased. Signs are to be limited

to six (6) square feet for two sided perpendicular or parallel with the road. These signs are permitted by notification to the building inspector in writing

B Real Estate signs are allowed within the front setback.
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 241 NO 42

7) Are you in favor of adoption of amendment #7, submitted by petition, for the Town Zoning Ordinances, as follows:

Amendment to the zoning ordinance amending the present zoning status of property described as map 10A, Lot A005 001 located at 1757 Route 9 in the village of Spofford, Town of Chesterfield.
The amendment would change the present zone status from Office, Retail and Services District to only Commercial/Industrial District.

(NOT recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 152 NO 133

Are you in favor of adoption of the following definitions, proposed by the Planning Board, to be incorporated into the Town Zoning Ordinance “Definitions”:

8) Permanently Attached Sign - A sign that is attached to the primary building as approved by the Planning board in the site plan review.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 345 NO 36

9) Permanent Free Standing Sign - A sign established on a freestanding frame, mast or pole and not attached to any building. Also known as detached sign, freestanding sign, pole sign, ground sign or pylon sign.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 346 NO 33

10) Real Estate Sign - A temporary non-electrical ground or wall sign that either:

i. Advertises the on-site sale, rental or lease of the premises or a portion thereof;

or

ii. The off-site advertising (including balloons and directional signs) of an open house.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 245 NO 35

11) Temporary Sign - “temporary sign” is any sign, handbill, or poster which is placed to advertise or announce a specific event, or which pertains to a particular event or occurrence, or vendor product display/endorsement, or which is not designed or intended to be placed permanently. This section excludes political campaign signs which are regulated by state RSA. Examples of temporary signs include, but are not limited to, signs, handbills or

posters relating to garage sales, concerts, swap meets, summer sale, clearance sales, new pricing of product, product endorsement, etc.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 248

NO 35

294 voters cast ballots for Articles 2 and 3. There are 2643 registered voters in the Town of Chesterfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Girs
Town clerk