

**Dunbarton Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2022**

A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunbarton Elementary School.

**Board members present:**

Dave Nault, Board Chair  
Mike Kaminski, Selectman  
Bob Martel, Selectman

**Town Officials present:**

Line Comeau, Town Administrator

**Members of the Public present:**

Bonnie & Jon Reckard  
Moe & Jennifer Cormier  
Nicole Sloane  
Elizabeth & Geoff Hubbard  
Zygmunt Krukowski  
Raymond Plante  
Lee Martel  
Don & Enid Larsen  
John Trottier  
Fred Mullen  
Jeff Trexler  
Nate Narus  
Jeff Crosby  
Ron Slocum  
Patrick "Woody" Bowne  
Christopher Remillard  
Thomas Cody Tomkins  
Brain Tyler  
Margaret Watkins  
Joe Milioto  
Jake Ottolini  
Sue Bracy via Zoom  
Eric Window, monitoring the Zoom recording

Dave Nault called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC BOND HEARING**

Dave Nault opened the Public Bond Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

The purpose of the bond hearing is to accept public testimony on a proposal to issue bonds or notes in an amount estimated to be \$1,300,000 for the design, permitting, construction, replacement, paving and installation of an estimated 13 miles or 68,640 linear feet of town-maintained roads.

**Dave Nault** explained that they typically raise an additional \$100,000 for the Road Agent through a warrant article each year in order to complete needed paving projects. The reason they are seeking this bond is that they have a significant number of roads that need to be paved. This bond would allow them to be able to complete these projects over the next couple of years and pay them off over the next 10 years at a rate that would be **approximately a \$132,000 for the first year with interest decreasing for subsequent years**. Obtaining this bond now also helps them to be able to secure current pricing, as costs are expected to increase.

The proposed road projects are:

Barnard Hill Road: \$99,000  
Gorham Pond Road: \$169,000  
Black Brook Road: \$204,000  
Robert Rogers Road: \$210,000  
Montalona Road: \$182,000  
Twist Hill Road: \$176,000  
Flint Lock Farm Road: \$142,000  
Long Pond Road: \$118,000  
**Total \$1,300,000**

The bond rating is 1.41% for a 10-year bond. They rounded up to 1.5% for budgetary purposes. If the bond doesn't pass, then the usual warrant article for \$100,000 will apply. If it does pass, that warrant article will be null-and-void, and they will use that amount out of their budget next year as revenue to pay the bond down.

**Jeff Trexler** of Barnard Hill Road asked about the bond payments. Looking at the sample schedule that was provided, the payments are more than what was mentioned. **Dave Nault** said that those sample payments were based on a bond of \$1.5 million, not \$1.3 million. **Jeff Trexler** said that they would still be significantly higher than 100,000 on a 10-year, \$1.3 million bond. **Dave Nault** said that the schedule they were shown indicated that their first bond payment would be **approximately \$132,000**.

**Jeff Trexler** asked Road Agent Jeff Crosby about any planned work on Putney Road. **Jeff Crosby** answered that Putney Road needs quite a bit of maintenance work in terms of drainage and reclaiming. They still have that work planned to come out of their regular maintenance budget. **Dave Nault** said that Morse Road is an example of another road that would be covered under the regular maintenance budget for that department.

**Ron Slocum** of Tenney Hill Road asked how they are planning to accomplish all of these projects within two years, noting the stress it would put on their small highway department. **Jeff Crosby** answered that all paving work is completed by subcontractors. **Jeff Crosby** also noted that these figures are estimates depending on the thickness of the asphalt on the road, so those numbers could change.

**Ron Slocum** asked about the dirt roads in town and the plans to pave those, expressing concerns about the ruts they are prone to as well as the dust that is created by traffic. If there is not any plan to pave them, then to do something regarding traffic control in those areas.

**Dave Nault** commented that he understands his concerns and agrees that they need to start looking at those areas. **Jeff Crosby** said that he would love to pave those roads, but they need a lot of work and gravel in order to make them suitable to pave. They do maintain the dirt roads, adding gravel and drainage work. Jeff acknowledged the concerns but noted that many people choose to live on those roads, knowing what comes with the territory.

**John Trottier** of 800 Stark Hwy N stated that because he is involved with road infrastructure on the state level, what Jeff Crosby is looking to do with this bond makes total sense and he is in complete support.

Dave Nault closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

**Warrant Article 3**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,300,000** (gross budget) for the design, permitting, construction, replacement, paving and installation of an estimated 13 miles of Town maintained roads (the “Project”); to authorize **\$1,300,000** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to raise and appropriate the additional sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to make any debt service payments due in the 2022-2023 fiscal year with said amount to be funded from unassigned fund balance; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any federal, state, or private funds that may become available in respect of the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .00*

**Motion:** by Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault to accept Warrant Article 3 as written.

**Discussion:** nothing further.

**Vote: Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET AND WARRANT ARTICLES**

Dave Nault opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

**Warrant Article 1**

*To choose all necessary town officers:*

- a. *One Town Official for the ensuing three years, namely: Selectmen, Assessor, Town Clerk, Cemetery Trustee, Trustee of the Trust Funds,*
- b. *Two Town Officials for three years, namely: Library Trustees, Ethics Committee*

*(By Official Ballot)*

**Warrant Article 2**

*To choose the Hog Reeves.*

*(Nominated from the floor)*

**Warrant Article 3**

*As discussed/voted upon earlier in the meeting.*

**Warrant Article 4**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-One Dollars (\$2,783,151) for general municipal operations with Three Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$306,000) to come from unassigned fund balance surplus. This amount excludes all appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.*

*Executive: \$143,687*

*Selectmen: \$8,683*

*Elections, Registrations Vital Stats: \$30,846*

*Town Clerk: \$75,479*

*Financial Administration: \$122,097*

*Tax Collector: \$19,240*

*Treasurer: \$8,240*

*Board of Assessors: \$1,925*

*Assessing: \$28,066*

*Legal: \$39,600*

*Personnel Administration: \$297,979*

*Planning & Zoning: \$16,606*

*General Govt. Buildings: \$210,925*

*Cemetery Trustees: \$24,400*

*Insurance: \$35,203*

*Police Department: \$487,091*

*Fire Department: \$119,473*

*Building Department: \$82,558*

*Emergency Management: \$1,000*

*Highway Department: \$578,764*

*Road Agent: \$22,565*

*Solid Waste Disposal: \$299,024*

*Welfare: \$15,267*

*Parks and Recreation: \$300*

*Old Home Day/Memorial Day: \$6,001*

*Library \$108,132*

***Total \$2,783,151***

*Revenues: \$1,118,559*

*Surplus: \$306,000*

*Net to be raised from taxes: \$1,358,592*

*Tax rate impact: \$3.40*

**Dave Nault** explained that they are applying the surplus of \$306,000 to keep the budget flat.

**Expenditures:**

**Dave Nault** reviewed the budget expenditures and changes:

**General Government:** increase includes a salary increase of \$500 for each Selectman as well as a 3% salary increase for all employees. Also increased hours for one town office employee (increase of \$13,000).

**Elections/Registrations:** 3% payroll increase. One more election this year than last (increase of \$6,812).

**Financial Administration:** 3% payroll increase. Slight increase for computer support.

**Assessing:** 3% payroll increase. Overall, \$87 decrease.

**Legal:** flat, but adjusted amounts for departments based on need.

**Personnel Administration:** increase in NH Retirement contributions, decrease in mileage and a 6% decrease in health insurance. \$10,441 overall increase.

**Planning & Zoning:** contractual increase of \$215.

**General Government Buildings:** they decreased their building maintenance line by \$50,000 to \$150,000. Total decrease of \$39,000.

**Cemetery Trustees:** the trustees have requested an increase to help them complete several projects.

**Property Insurance:** increase of \$2,824.

**Police Department:** increase of \$4,802.

**Fire Department:** decrease of \$264.

**Building Department:** 3% payroll increase.

**Emergency Management:** no change

**Highway Department:** 3% payroll increase. \$22.50 per ton increase for road salt. Overall increase of \$25,323.

**Transfer Station:** 3% payroll increase. Also increased hours for employees \$14,013 overall increase.

**Welfare:** 3% increase.

**Parks and Recreation** nominal amount to serve as placeholder.

**Old Home Day/Memorial Day:** flat budget

**Library:** decrease of \$1,186.

**Total: \$51,000 increase**

**\$1.87 increase over 2021.**

**Ron Slocum** asked why if the departments got a 3% raise, but the Board of Selectmen got a 22% increase. **Bob Martel** said that he proposed this increase because he is not running for reelection to the Select Board, and they have not raised the rates for this position in about 18 or 19 years.

**Ron Slocum** said that because the amount paid to the Selectmen is basically a token, why was it increased by 22%?

**Dave Nault** said that these elected positions do require a lot of time outside of the regular meetings, added that when they have had the extra funds from covid grants, they've never taken part in any of that or in any other sort of compensation increase.

**Ron Slocum** doesn't agree that the time spent on the duties of the Select Board have necessarily increased because the Board now only meets every other week **all year long. Dave Nault stated that this is only done summer.**

**Jake Ottolini** asked about the Parks and Rec budget line. **Mike Kaminski** spoke to the history of the Parks and Recreation committee, explaining that there is currently no committee due to lack of interest. **Jeff Trexler** noted that there is a grant that the School Board has gotten to create a half court for the kids.

**Line Comeau** said that there are revenues currently sitting in an account that were accumulated by a prior parks and rec committee. That money could be used to help start an athletic team in Dunbarton should a committee form and decide to do something like that.

#### **Estimated Revenues**

**Dave Nault** reviewed anticipated revenues:

**Land use/current use tax:** increased by \$30,000 to 45,000.

**Yield tax:** decreased by \$5,000 to \$5,000

**Other taxes:** flat

**Interest on taxes:** reduced by \$5,000 to \$10,000.

**Registration and Licenses:** kept flat at \$675,000

**Building Codes and Permits:** flat at \$20,000.

**Licenses and other:** flat at \$705

**Government and Other Groups** increased by \$160 (milfoil grant).

**Income from other departments:** flat at \$50,000

**Sales of town property:** flat.

**Interest on Investments:** flat.

**Proposed Revenue for 2021: \$1,097,432**

**Actual Revenue for 2021: \$1,331,629**

**Proposed Revenue for 2022: \$1,118,559**

**(Conservative increase of \$21,127)**

**Mike Kaminski** said that they tried to estimate their revenues conservatively so that if there is excess they can return the funds to the taxpayers. **Ron Slocum** asked why they wouldn't increase their estimate for building permits if they tripled their amount for land use/current use. **Line Comeau** explained that there are a lot of moving pieces pertaining to estimating current use as opposed to building permits. An increase in Land Use change taxes doesn't necessarily translate to an increase in building permits. They also don't have control over what they charge per square foot at the permit level. **Dave Nault** added that those use change penalties are not collected by the town until a parcel is sold.

Surplus

**Dave Nault** spoke about the demolition project/insurance claim at 41 Kimball Pond Road. The revenue balance from the insurance claim was \$79,152.31.

The DRA requests that they keep a 5% minimum fund balance, which is \$540,488. They will apply their unassigned fund balance which is currently at \$638,415. They will be using the remaining \$97,000 for surplus.

**Surplus budget: \$1,077,079**

**Surplus: \$253,921**

**Excess revenue surplus: 144,977**

**Total estimated revenue sources \$575,977.31**

**Dave Nault** added that they have received an ARPA Grant. So far they have received \$150,700 and they expect to receive the other half in June. Total ARPA grant is \$304,000. \$7,000 to go toward a new septic system at the fire/police dept. ARPA grant remaining: \$294,401.48.

**Dave Nault** asked for any additional questions or comments. There were none.

**Motion:** by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski to accept Warrant Article #4 as written.

**Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

**Dave Nault** noted that \$306,000 was applied to taxes to keep them as flat as possible. The estimated tax rate impact is \$3.40.

Warrant Article 5

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** for additional costs associated with paving. This sum to come from taxation in 2022. This warrant will be null-and-void if warrant article 3 passes.*

**Jeff Trexler** noted that article 3 is a ballot vote and wondered if they should move this article further down the agenda to give time to process that vote.

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept Warrant Article #5 as amended.

**Discussion:** Bob Martel asked if they can simply skip over #5 and come back to it instead of moving it. Fred Mullen stated that they are allowed to do that.

**Vote: Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

Warrant Article 6

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **Six Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-Five DOLLARS (\$697,485.00)***

*for the purpose of constructing an addition, and renovations to the Dunbarton Town Hall Library to allow for 2nd floor community use in compliance with ADA & Code compliant access to the second floor. The addition provides a compliant stair, elevator, & ADA toilet rooms and other related Owner's expenses, and contingencies; and furthermore to fund this article by using the ARPA Grant received in 2021 and 2022 in the amount of **Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred and One DOLLARS (\$294,401.00)**, and to authorize the acceptance of a contribution not less than **Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Forty-One DOLLARS (\$74,141.00)** from the Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Committee, and to furthermore authorize to withdraw **Two-Hundred Sixty-Nine Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven DOLLARS (\$269,977.00)** from the Town of Dunbarton unassigned fund balance with the balance of **Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six DOLLARS (\$58,966)** to be raised by taxation. Further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.*

**Dave Nault** explained that the bid they received was \$697,485. They asked 8 different companies to bid, but only one came in for the mandatory walk-through. He explained that their project meets the requirements to use the funds for the ARPA grant and they felt that this was a good use of those funds as it provides a more adequate meeting place for town activities. This project was initially estimated years ago to be a \$1 million project, and the committee has managed to work the project down to a more reasonable number as well as contribute \$74,141. The tax rate impact is \$0.15.

**John Trottier** cautioned that the ARPA funds come with a lot of strings attached and asked if he is certain that this project fits within the terms. **Dave Nault** said that he spent 5 and a half hours familiarizing himself with the rules and requirements for the funds to make sure that this project would fit. He has also checked with the state treasurer's office to ensure they are handling this the correct way.

**Fred Mullen** asked about the wording of the warrant article and wonders if the DRA would ask them to reword it in terms of the grant. **Dave Nault** said that it has been reviewed by the town attorney as well as the DRA.

Discussion regarding contingencies occurred. **Dave Nault** explained the process that he worked through with the architect.

**Ray Plante** asked who the bidder was. **Dave Nault** answered that Chicoine Construction was the lone bidder.

**Jake Ottolini** asked what the room would be used for and asked why they wouldn't use these funds toward generating more revenue? **Dave Nault** said that it could be used as an additional meeting room that could be used for oversized meetings of town committees. The library would also be able to use the room. It is a space they have not been able to use for the past 20 years. **Dave Nault** said that everything they developed in terms of the policy for use of this space was to ensure that it would benefit the town residents.

**Jake Ottolini** replied if we increase the budget and invest this much in a room like this, there shouldn't be any need for future requests to upgrade the town hall offices. **Dave Nault** said that they are addressing the needs of the town hall building as well. **Bob Martel** added that it is their hope as the town grows, they will be able to recoup some of that money.

**Dave Nault** read through the usage policy for the proposed space. **Jake Ottolini** asked about the policy that the room cannot be used while the library is open and how many hours out of the week that is. **John Trotter** asked about possible revenue generation from this space. **Mike Kaminski** said that they have considered charging a usage or cleanup fee. They would want it to be revenue neutral at most. It would not be open for personal events or receptions.

**Fred Mullen** added that as the town grows, they will need more space for elections as well.

**Lee Martel** said there are a lot of committees in town that need meeting space.

**Jake Ottolini** said that he is not opposed to the project, but he wants to know exactly what is the value that this is going to bring? They're going to keep growing, and where are they going to be 5 years from now?

**Mike Kaminski** said they have a great opportunity to use a space that has just been vacant for 10+ years. He said the committee has worked very hard to create a usable space for community members in a space they've always had but couldn't use and they are bringing it in under the original budget.

**Dave Nault** said that he will abstain from the following vote because of his involvement with the project as well as his job working in building materials.

**Motion:** by Bob Martel, seconded by Mike Kaminski, to accept Warrant Article #6 as written.

**Discussion:** nothing further.

**Vote: Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes. Nault abstained**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0-1)

#### **Warrant Article 7**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000)** to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2003 for this purpose, and as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan. This sum to come from taxation in 2022.*

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to accept Warrant Article #7 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

#### **Warrant Article 8**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the Transfer Station Vehicle or Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014 for this purpose, and as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan. This sum to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .03 ✓*

**Dave Nault** explained that this is a fund they contribute to for future needs. **Ron Slocum** asked if they have a schedule on when they may need to be replacing the vehicles at the Transfer Station. Dave Nault said that he doesn't foresee them having to replace one of those vehicles in the near future.

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to accept Warrant Article #8 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

#### **Warrant Article 9**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **Seventeen Thousand Forty-Five Dollars (\$17,045)** for the purpose of purchase and installation of a can crusher. This sum to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .04*

**Mike Kaminski** added that this machine has a magnet that acts as a separator to remove the steel cans, which will reduce labor.

**Jake Ottolini** questioned the revenue potential of such a machine.

Transfer Station Manager **Woody Bowne** explained that he would be able to reduce the amount of trips that he will need to make to haul the cans. It will also assist in efficiency especially where they've been short-handed. He also received a grant in the amount of \$2,918 that he could possibly put toward this cost.

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Mike Kaminski to accept Warrant Article #9 as amended.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

#### **Warrant Article 10**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000)** to be added to the Fire Department Emergency Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 2014 for this purpose, and as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan. This sum to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .15 ✓*

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept Warrant Article #10 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

#### **Warrant Article 11**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$56,000)** to purchase a new police cruiser with equipment and installation of equipment, and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from Police Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2020 with the remaining Forty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000) to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .12 ✓*

**Dave Nault** explained that they unexpectedly lost a police cruiser to mechanical issues which is why they need another one. Police Chief **Christopher Remillard** gave an overview of their remaining vehicles and explained the need to purchase another cruiser.

**Ron Slocum** said that he would like to see the funds from the vehicles they sell at auction to be put into those reserve funds so they can be put toward future vehicles.

**Ron Slocum** asked how many of their vehicles are used for details. **Chief Remillard** said that while there is wear and tear on those vehicles, they are compensated for the use of their vehicles when they are used for details. They currently are not working as many details.

**Ron Slocum** asked why they are pulling \$10,000 to put toward this vehicle but putting it back in with the next warrant article. **Dave Nault** explained that they did it this way so that they weren't depleting that fund completely.

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept Warrant Article #11 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

#### **Warrant Article 12**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the Police Vehicle & Equipment Capital Reserve*

*Fund established in 2020 for this purpose, and as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan. This sum to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .03 ✓*

**Motion:** by Dave Nault, seconded by Bob Martel to accept Warrant Article #12 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

### **Warrant Article 13**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)** to be added to the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for this purpose, and as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan. This sum to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .04 ✓*

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept Warrant Article #13 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

### **Warrant Article 14**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **Ten Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five dollars (\$10,575)** for the purpose of improving the Cremains in Pages Corner Cemetery and to authorize the withdrawal of **Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three (\$8,843)** from the Cemetery Trust Fund Maintenance Care established in 1988. And furthermore, to withdraw **One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two dollars (\$1,732)** from the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund established in 2016. No amount to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .00*

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept Warrant Article #14 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote:** Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

### **Warrant Article 15**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$2,020)** for the milfoil control at Gorham Pond and to authorize the withdrawal of **One Thousand Ten Dollars (\$1,010)** from the Invasive Plant Species Capital Reserve Fund established in 2018, and to authorize the selectmen*

*to accept a grant from the State of New Hampshire DES in the amount of **One Thousand Ten Dollars (\$1,010)** known as the Variable Milfoil Control Grant. No amount to come from taxation in 2022.*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .00*

**Motion:** by Mike Kaminski, seconded by Bob Martel to accept Warrant Article #15 as written.

**Discussion:** none.

**Vote: Nault-yes. Martel-yes. Kaminski-yes.**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0)

### **Warrant Article 16**

*Pursuant to RSA 39:3, we the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Dunbarton, New Hampshire, request that the following article be inserted into the warrant which shall be considered at the 2022 Town Meeting.*

#### ***“NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION TO STOP THE PUPPY MILL PIPELINE***

*By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of DUNBATON, to see if the town will go on record opposing the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet stores in the town. This resolution is necessary because the majority of dogs and cats sold in pet stores are sourced from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities commonly called “puppy mills”. The record of this vote shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the town’s state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire”. (By Petition)*

*Estimated 2022 tax rate impact: \$ .00*

**Vote: (0-1-2) Kaminski and Martel abstained.**

(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-1-2)

Discussion continued on the proper way to proceed with the warrant articles after the vote on the bond is completed.

Dave Nault closed the public hearing at 9:19 p.m.

### **Award Recognition**

**Dave Nault** recognized resident Don Larsen as a recipient of the Small-Town America Civic Volunteer Award. Don’s name was selected from nearly 700 nominations from 49 states. Don was recognized as a Top 100 National Award Winner for Outstanding Public Service Volunteerism.

**Mike Kaminski** presented Don Larsen with the award.

**Dave Nault** announced that there will be another vaccine clinic on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 at the library. Ages 5 and up.

**Dave Nault** said that there is an announcement for the PTO Meet the Candidates Virtual Night via Zoom on Tuesday February 22 at 6 p.m. A link has been posted on the home page of the town's website.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** by Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote: (3-0).**

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

Signed:

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Dave Nault, Chair

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Michael Kaminski, Selectman

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Robert Martel, Selectman