

**Town of Chester  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
Municipal Complex  
Approved Minutes**

**I Preliminaries**

7:00 PM Call the Meeting to Order  
Roll Call  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman’s Additions or Deletions  
Public Comment (10 minutes)  
Approval of Minutes  
Chester Baseball/Softball League  
CIP – Planning Board  
Lt. Aaron Berube – Warrant Article  
Fire Chief Antoine – Derry Dispatch Contract  
Warrant Articles  
Roundtable  
Public Comment  
Non-Public Sessions  
Adjournment

*1.1 Call to Order*

Chairman Landau called this meeting of the Town of Chester Board of Selectmen to order at 7:05pm.

*1.2 Roll Call*

Selectmen present:

Joe Castricone  
Joseph Hagen  
Stephen Landau  
Richard LeBlanc

Selectmen absent:

Jack Cannon

Members of the Public present, at various times:

Richard Antoine, Fire Chief  
Aaron Berube, Police Lieutenant  
Bill Burke, Police Chief  
Joe Choquette, Chester BB/SB League  
Andrew Hadik, Planning Board  
Rhonda Lamphere, Budget Committee  
Michael Oleson, Road Agent  
Matt Rittenhouse, Tri-Town Times  
Jay Rowden, Chester BB/SB League  
Leroy Scott  
Jason Sharp, Chester BB/SB League  
Joanne Smith, Finance Director  
Beth Swanson, Recreation Commission

54 Wade Ungaro, Chester BB/SB League  
Michael Weider, Budget Committee/Planning Board  
56 And other persons unknown to the Recording Secretary

58 *1.3 Pledge of Allegiance*

60 Chairman Landau led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

62 *1.4 Moment of Silence*

64 A moment of silence was held in honor of Richard Voss, who passed away last week. The Board expressed its condolences to Mr. Voss’s family.

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*1.5 Additions and Deletions*

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A meeting with the Chester Baseball/Softball League was added. Two non-public sessions were added: one on Reputation, and one on Compensation.

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72 *1.6 Public Comment*

74 As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 7:08pm.

76 **II. Old Business**

78 *2.1 Approval of Minutes*

80 This subject was not addressed tonight.

82 **III. New Business**

84 *3.1 Chester Baseball/Softball League*

86 Ms. Swanson, Mr. Choquette, Mr. Rowden, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Ungaro appeared before the Board to discuss the Chester Baseball/Softball League’s use of the Multi-Purpose Room.

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Last week an issue was raised about the BB/SB League’s practices causing damage to walls in the MPR; they were asked to stop using bats during their practices, and Ms. Swanson relayed that information to the BB/SB League. Selectman Castricone received a number of calls and visits about this decision, so asked Ms. Swanson and the members of the League to come before the Board to discuss it.

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94 Selectman LeBlanc stated that Maintenance Supervisor Amato has had to spackle and paint over the damage to the sheetrock wall in previous years. Clocks have been broken, despite cages being put around them. Windows have been broken. He doesn’t believe that the taxpayers should be covering the cost of repairing this damage. Selectman Castricone believes that the directive made last week is fair; he objects to the use of a pitching machine, and wants no batting to take place in the MPR.

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100 Ms. Swanson reported that the BB/SB League has put much time and money into maintaining the fields they use, in order that taxpayers do not have to foot the bill as they do for other Recreation properties.  
102 The first time damage to the MPR was noted was this February, and it has since been repaired. The BB/SB League is of the opinion that the damage was caused due to ‘outdoor’ balls being mistakenly  
104 used during the practices, rather than ‘indoor’ balls, which are softer. This mistake has been corrected.  
The League also believes that it’s not batting, but throwing, that was causing the issue.

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108 Mr. Sharp stated that the League has switched from batting lengthwise to widthwise in the MPR, and as  
110 such no damage should occur to the wall in question. They are willing to forego pitching, and simply hit  
112 off of tees into the netting. However, all aspects of the game must be taught. Mr. Rowden stated that  
the League is willing to repair any damage to the property during the time they use the MPR. Mr. Sharp  
also suggested perhaps replacing the sheetrock with a tongue/groove wall, or adding additional netting.

114 Ms. Swanson noted that the League’s security deposit, which is believed to be \$150, should be covering  
116 the cost of these repairs. Selectman LeBlanc suggested that the security deposit be raised to \$500. It is  
118 too late this year to make that change, but the Recreation Department is in the midst of reviewing its  
policies and this can be addressed. Vice-Chairman Hagan asked the League if an increase in the  
security deposit amount would be an undue burden; they replied that it would not. He also asked Ms.  
Swanson if communication between the Recreation Department and the Board of Selectmen was  
working. She stated that it was working 95% of the time; this was simply a short-notice issue.

120 Chairman Landau moved that the Recreation Department be allowed to handle this issue as discussed  
122 tonight; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion.

124 Ms. Swanson noted that Recreation Director Sharon DeLuca is in charge of managing the property;  
Chairman Landau sees no need to micromanage. Selectman LeBlanc is willing to monitor the situation  
126 with Ms. Swanson, but added that if any more damage occurs, that the League should be barred from  
using the MPR.

128 Ms. Swanson agreed that the MPR needs to be brought up to 100% before Town Meeting.

130 The question was called. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

132 Chairman Landau asked the League to please remember that Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday,  
134 May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and to be sure not to schedule any activities that day until after 2pm.

136 Mr. Choquette, Mr. Rowden, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Ungaro departed the meeting at 7:37pm; Ms. Swanson  
returned to the audience.

138 *3.2 CIP – Planning Board*

140 Mr. Hadik, Ms. Lamphere and Mr. Weider appeared before the Board to discuss the CIP. Brian Sullivan,  
142 who was unable to attend, has provided a letter which is reproduced below:

144 Yes I support the CIP and for what it’s worth I offer the following thoughts.

146 The CIP is not for the Planning Board, the Budget committee, or even the BOS. The CIP is for the  
148 people of this town. It is a means to establish a frame work around future purchases. It provides the  
150 ability for department heads to look at future capital needs and put those needs on the radar. We  
currently support capital purchases through warrant articles which change every year and are often  
looked at as huge, unplanned purchases and can add debt.

152 The CIP provides the vehicle to collect impact fees. These fees can be substantial when you look at the  
154 size of some of the subdivision plans that will be coming forward in the near future. Without the CIP you  
can’t collect those fees.

156 I heard someone say that the CIP is nothing more than a savings bank for the town. The town votes to  
158 fund the CIP and the money just sits there. That might be true if you dismiss the money that is added to  
the CIP through impact fees. (Even if it was true, I have never known anyone who regretted building a  
160 savings account, only people who failed to save tend to have regrets!)

162 If the town elects to put money into the CIP and impact fees are added to it, someday when the plan  
meets maturity we will have a more balanced tax bill for everyone.

164 The CIP does not spend money or increase the town’s budget IF run properly. The people of this town  
166 are the ones who will vote to draw down for those items in the CIP and to pay for those planned items  
when they decide they are needed.

168 Mr. Hadik added that he strongly believes in the CIP, as it will save money in the long run. He noted  
170 that it’s not just the loss of impact fees that affects the Town – it’s also the interest payments that come  
along with items that must be bonded because of the amount of funds needed. The Town pays ~17%  
172 interest on bonds; adding to that the lack of impact fees, the Town ends up paying ~20-25% more than  
they would under a CIP. A joint meeting between the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and  
174 the Planning Board which the Department Heads would attend and present their reasonable requests  
would allow for a group consensus; Ms. Lamphere suggested that the Planning Board arrange these  
176 meetings.

178 Chairman Landau suggested that CIP discussions should begin earlier than budget discussions, perhaps  
September, in order to determine what Department Heads would like included in the CIP. Vice-Chairman  
180 Hagan suggested formulating a 10-year plan, and then putting 10% into the fund each year. The  
current CIP table is for 2014 – 2020, and an annual funding of \$350k was expected; since there was no  
182 funding last year, the Town is in effect \$350k behind schedule. Mr. Weider also suggested that once the  
current bond expires, the Town plan to put that payment amount into the CIP, as the taxpayers are  
184 already accustomed to paying it.

186 Funds are still not being collected for the Police Department, Fire Department, or School, but the  
methodology is in progress and a Public Hearing will be scheduled once that is completed. Mr. Weider  
188 added that impact fees encourage developers to build alternate forms of housing other than single  
family homes.

190 Vice-Chairman Hagan asked what amount of impact fees could be expected over the next ten years; Mr.  
Hadik responded that some towns collect \$10k per unit. He expects that Chester can expect to collect  
192 from \$7k-9k per unit, up from the ~\$2500 it is currently collecting on behalf of the Highway and  
Recreation Departments.

194 The recommended range for the Unreserved Fund Balance is between 8% and 17%, with the Town’s  
196 currently at 14% - 15%. Mr. Hadik suggested that perhaps some of those monies could be used to fund  
the CIP.

198 Ms. Lamphere noted that Hooksett, for example, collects \$8,400 from every new unit built, but as of yet,  
200 Chester has only collected impact fees from five (5) homes and hundreds more are currently being  
planned without the mechanism in place to collect fully from each of those. She also suggested that  
202 people visit the Town of Hooksett’s website to read a great explanation of the CIP process.

204 Mr. Hadik and Mr. Weider departed the meeting at 8:16pm; Ms. Lamphere returned to the audience.

206 *3.3 Lt. Aaron Berube – Warrant Article*

208 Police Chief Burke and Lt. Berube appeared before the Board to discuss their requested Warrant Article,  
among other things.

210 They brought a large stack of justification documentation for the Budget Committee.

212 The Police Department has drafted a Warrant Article identical to one from last year, requesting additional

214 funding for communications equipment. (These funds will come from the Police Detail Special Revenue  
216 Fund, not from taxation.) They requested and received \$10k last year, but this sum has yet to be  
218 disbursed due to Rockingham County not accepting new clients in order to install a new Computer Aided  
220 Dispatching program. Now that the new CAD is ready to be used, the Town can get into the program at  
222 a reduced rate, and last year’s appropriation plus this year’s will cover the costs. The software will cost  
~\$16k, the Server ~\$700, and user licenses will cost \$93 each. Rockingham County will also provide  
the support for this program; there will be a small amount of money going to Boston Systems due to the  
server. Vice-Chairman Hagan asked Ms. Lamphere if the Budget Committee was likely to support this  
Warrant Article; she replied that they were.

224 As this Warrant Article is late, the Board must vote whether or not to accept it.

226 Selectman Castricone moved to accept the Police Department Warrant Article requesting \$10k for  
228 Communications Equipment; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor  
with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

230 Police Chief Burke made reference to an article on page 2 of the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Tri-Town Times, written  
232 by Matt Rittenhouse; he wished to dispute some of the statements therein, and provided a letter which  
is reproduced below:

234 04-02-15

236 First I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support during the budget process. The lines  
238 of communication have always been open with the Board and I greatly appreciate it. I would also like to  
240 thank Selectman Castricone and Selectman Landau for keeping me apprised of what has been  
discussed in the Budget Committee meetings. I have also had the opportunity to see some of the  
meetings on local TV for myself.

242 I now feel I have to address the Board of Selectmen as the Chief of Police to defend my department and  
244 the officers who work selflessly every day to keep this community safe.

246 I would like to correct some of the gross inaccuracies that were mentioned during recent Budget  
Committee meetings which I was able to watch.

248 Wages for Chester police officers have historically been lower than most area departments of similar  
250 size. Because of that, it has been extremely hard to hire qualified candidates and retain them when  
252 other departments are paying up to \$10.00 more per hour. This has nothing to do with the management  
254 of the department, which was implied by a member of the Budget Committee. Officers leave this  
256 department because like everyone else they have homes and families to support. I understand that a  
fair amount of the Budget Committee does not understand what it is like to live paycheck to paycheck but  
that is not the case with the majority of our officers. Do officers have the opportunity to work overtime  
and details? Yes, but neither is guaranteed and should not be factored into the officers’ normal salary.  
Mr. D’Angelo stated that salary was not the reason that officers have left. This is not accurate.

258 Midnight shift: both Mr. D’Angelo and Mr. Buckley questioned the need for a midnight shift. Mr. D’Angelo  
260 opined that he believes the department was “too busy making traffic stops” and even implied that the  
262 department was simply looking for a reason to pull people over. There is no truth to that statement at all.  
264 Mr. Buckley stated that traffic stops were a poor indication of activity and he wasn’t sure there were that  
many calls for service. Does this really have anything to do with the budget? The legislative body  
agreed several years ago that the town should be running a 24-7 police department. That’s old news and  
not something that I believe is in the purview of the Budget Committee. To think that in this day and age  
that this town does not deserve 24 hour protection is absolutely foolish.

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268 Aside from the almost 800 motor vehicle stops which resulted in 14 DWI arrests, 12 arrests for  
possession of drugs, 5 calls involving people carrying loaded firearms without a permit, 4 assaults, and

270 44 suspicious persons and vehicle calls to name a few, we also responded to 17 rescue calls, 30 alarm  
272 calls, and 13 animal control calls. Should someone in need of medical help have to wait precious  
274 minutes for a rescue unit to respond when a cruiser is already on the road and can provide basic  
276 medical assistance with first aid or the use of a defibrillator? Should we wait to have State Police  
278 respond to drug and gun calls or domestics when they can be miles away? Time is of the essence and  
some of these calls are of life or death proportions. The days of relying on other departments to cover for  
us are over. It is our responsibility to protect and serve our own citizens. The State Police provide us a  
service as a favor and can pull the plug on us at any time. Is there really any reason to go backwards  
and jeopardize the public safety in the town of Chester? I think not.

280 Mr. D’Angelo, you questioned how many of the departments arrests were successfully prosecuted in the  
282 Derry District Court, adding, and I quote, “not many”. Again, there is no truth to that statement. The vast  
majority of our criminal cases are successfully prosecuted by our prosecutor. Our officers take pride in  
their investigations and follow through with them till they are adjudicated.

284 Mr. D’Angelo, you stated, and I quote again, “Are we fighting crime? Or are we doing community police  
286 work in a low crime town?” The answer to that is that we are doing both. And we are doing a great job,  
288 but if the Budget Committee continues to cut our budget with no actual justification then we will have to  
go backwards and cut services to our community. The town of Chester is not immune to the same  
issues that the larger cities and towns deal with. Crime does not stop at our borders!

290 It’s time to start using common sense and put away the personal agendas. The taxpayers deserve more.

292 Police Chief Burke and Lieutenant Berube departed the meeting at 8:33pm.

294 *3.4 Fire Chief Antoine – Derry Dispatch Contract*

296 Fire Chief Antoine appeared before the Board to provide an update to the Derry Dispatch Contract.

298 This is the final year of this contract, and negotiations are underway. Derry would like the contract to  
300 be changed from a 3-year term to a 5-year term; they are also requesting an increase of 10% each year,  
302 which Fire Chief Antoine is negotiating down to 5%. Other than the addition of some training, the  
contract wording is the same as the previous one. Derry would like the Town’s response within a month  
or so.

304 Some pay raise forms for members of the Fire Department have been in the Board’s Signature Folder for  
306 some time, and only have one Selectman’s signature on them; Fire Chief Antoine would like them  
addressed as soon as possible.

308 Fire Chief Antoine departed the meeting at 8:36pm.

310 *3.5 Warrant Articles*

312 The Board needs to determine their level of support for each Warrant Article. Selectman Cannon is  
314 absent, so his vote cannot be recorded; he may update Finance Director Smith on Monday should he  
wish to weigh in.

316 Budget Article

318 Chairman Landau moved to approve the sum of \$4,119,051 for the Operating Budget; Selectman  
Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

320 CIP

322 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/x no*

Fire Truck

324 Selectman LeBlanc moved to remove this article from the Warrant; Selectman Castricone seconded the  
326 motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved. The equipment  
requested in this article, and its associated funding, will be moved to the CIP.

328 Fire Fighter

Selectman LeBlanc is not in favor of supporting this article, opining that Fire Chief Antoine should use  
330 per diem people.

332 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 1 yes/2 no/1 abstention*

334 Revaluation

Selectman LeBlanc would prefer to fund a smaller amount in this article if possible, but according to  
336 Finance Director Smith, the full amount is needed to perform the revaluation on time. Chairman Landau  
objected to the State requiring that revaluations be done on a calendar basis rather than as needed.

338 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 3 yes/0 no/1 abstention*  
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Winter Maintenance

342 Vice-Chairman Hagan noted that Rockingham County has been declared a disaster area, due to the  
extreme winter; funds may be available. The Emergency Management department is handling this  
344 situation.

346 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no*

348 MPR Floor

An estimate has been received for this work, and it is \$110k – twice as much as the amount originally  
350 requested in the Warrant Article.

352 Selectman Castricone moved to change the sum requested in this Warrant Article from \$55k to \$110k;  
Chairman Landau seconded the motion.

354 Selectman LeBlanc suggested moving it to the CIP, but this is not feasible as the CIP is for long-term  
356 planning and this project needs to be done as soon as possible. It was also noted that the Architect  
believes that the bleachers are unsafe and should be removed. Chairman Landau would like to take  
358 \$35k from the Unexpended Fund Balance, leaving the amount needed to be raised by taxation as \$55k,  
with the math as follows:

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	\$110k	raised and appropriated
362	- \$ 20k	withdrawn from Municipal Complex Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund
	\$ 90k	
364	- \$ 35k	withdrawn from Unexpended Fund Balance
	<b>\$ 55k</b>	<b>to be raised by taxation</b>

366 The question was called. The vote was three in favor with Selectman LeBlanc opposed and Selectman  
368 Cannon absent; so moved.

370 Selectman Castricone objected to the usage of Municipal Complex Maintenance and Improvement  
372 Capital Reserve Funds for this project, stating that it was already earmarked for parking lot and oil line  
work. He also stated that he was unable to support this high of an expenditure this year, and that the  
374 floor was still useable. Vice-Chairman Hagan countered that the MPR is used by everyone, every day,  
and that it needs to be replaced at some point.

376 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 2 yes/2 no*

378 Police Vehicle

380 Selectman LeBlanc stated that the Board had agreed to fund a new vehicle for the Police Department every year. He added that the Chief’s current vehicle and the Building Inspector’s current vehicle (a retired police vehicle) could both use replacing.

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384 Chairman Landau stated that the Department currently has a shortage of officers, and that the two new hires expected in May will not be needing vehicles for at least eight (8) months, due to 4 months in the Academy and 4 months of ride-along training. That would only leave 4 months until the next Fiscal Year, and one could be requested then. He added that he would prefer to acquire vehicles as needed rather than calendar basis. He is interested in leasing vehicles rather than purchasing them outright; the leasing period would be for three (3) years, and cost the same \$42k that a purchased vehicle costs.

390 Selectman Castricone countered that all shifts were being covered and all vehicles in use every day, even with a shortage of manpower.

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*Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 1 yes/3 no*

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Equipment Capital Reserve

396 Selectman Castricone moved to remove this article from the Warrant; Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved. The funding requested in this article will be moved to the CIP.

400 Building Improvement Capital Reserve

402 It has been discovered that the tank outside is fiberglass rather than steel, and does not need to be dug up. However, the lines still need to be removed/redirected and doubly encased in PVC.

404 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no*

406 Unanticipated Capital Reserve

The monies requested in this Article will return the fund to the original \$10k.

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*Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no*

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300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

412 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no*

414 PACT

416 This article is basically the same as the one that was rejected last year due to concerns raised by the Budget Committee that sufficient research had not been done before the list of requested equipment was created. A second opinion was sought, and the requested equipment confirmed as necessary and appropriate; however, what would have cost \$45k last year will cost \$65k this year. It is thought that the Budget Committee is still against purchasing this equipment. An expert will be on hand at Town Meeting to speak in support of this Article.

422 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 3 yes/0 no/1 abstention*

424 Wason Pond Fence

426 Selectman LeBlanc spoke against this Article, stating that the Recreation Department should hold a fundraiser if they would like a fence installed on the Wason Pond property. Ms. Swanson, who was still in attendance, noted that the purpose of the fence was not to keep cars/people off of the fields; it was to keep children/balls inside of the field and off of the road, thus safe from accidents and/or injury.

430 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 2 yes/1 no/1 abstention*

432 Conservation Survey

Chairman Landau is of the opinion that the \$20k requested is insufficient to survey all 400 acres of the  
434 Town’s conservation land, and suggested that the words “a portion of” be added. All were in  
agreement, so the Article now reads, in part:

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“... (\$20,000.00) to survey *a portion of* approximately 400 acres of conservation land...”

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Selectman LeBlanc suggested that \$10k, or half the amount requested, could be taken from the  
440 Unexpended Fund Balance rather than from taxation.

442 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 3 yes/1 no*

444 Bathhouse

Finance Director Smith noted that the words “up to” were inappropriate for a funding request in a  
446 Warrant Article. Chairman Landau moved that they be removed; Selectman Castricone seconded the  
motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved. The Article now reads,  
448 in part:

450 “...raise and appropriate the sum of ~~up to~~ Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to repair...”

452 Selectmen Castricone and LeBlanc are both opposed to turning the Bathhouse back into a bathroom.

454 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 1 yes/3 no*

456 Dump Road

Selectman Castricone moved to remove this article from the Warrant; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded  
458 the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved. The work requested  
in this article, and its associated funding, will be moved to the CIP.

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Animal Control Officer

462 Chairman Landau spoke in favor of this position. The Town expended funds taking residents who did  
not purchase their dog licenses to court, and yet the fines levied against those residents did not go fully  
464 to the Town; the Court keeps most of it.

466 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no*

468 Trustees of Trust Funds

Chairman Landau and Selectman Castricone are not in favor of this suggested change, with Chairman  
470 Landau describing it as a ‘hidden cost’ and Selectman Castricone noting that it is easier for fees to rise  
when one is not paying attention. Vice-Chairman Hagan countered that the Trustees of the Trust Funds  
472 are responsible for keeping their eyes on these costs.

474 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 1 yes/3 no*

476 Recreation Director

Ms. Swanson spoke in favor of a full-time, salaried Recreation Director, as the role has expanded over  
478 the past few years.

480 Benefits are included in this number.

482 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 3 yes/0 no/1 abstention*

484 Utility Tractor

486 The current vehicle is ten years old. The proposed new vehicle has a larger mowing deck with attachments such as a snow-blower and brush hog.

488 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no*

490 Edwards Mill Dam

492 The Board is waiting to hear from Shawn Patenaude as to whether there are additional permits required from the State. Vice-Chairman Hagan stated that since the State is mandating this work, it should be funded.

494 *Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 2 yes/2 no*

496 CIP Capital Reserve Fund

498 The funding for previous Warrant Articles that were moved to this Article are as follows:

500	Dump Road	\$225k
	Police Vehicle	\$ 20k
502	Fire Truck	\$ 50k
		<b>\$295k</b>

504 It was suggested that an additional \$205k be moved from the Unexpended Fund Balance into the CIP:

506	UFB	<u>\$205k</u>
508		<b>\$500k</b>

510 It was then noted that the Block Grant, which is expected to be \$120k, could also be put into the CIP:

512	Block Grant	<u>\$120k</u>
		<b>\$620k</b>

514 Selectman LeBlanc is not in favor of funding such a large amount. He could be in favor of putting \$500k into the CIP, however; if this was broken down as:

518	UFB	\$200k
	Block Grant	\$120k
520	Taxation	<u>\$180k</u>
		<b>\$500k</b>

522 the result would be a tax impact of \$1.

524 Chairman Landau suggested that the Board attend Monday night’s Budget Committee meeting to discuss this issue, as well as to attempt to present a unified operating budget to the Town at Town Meeting.

528 Selectman Castricone moved to put \$500k into the CIP; Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

530 Finance Director Smith will rewrite the Warrant Article with Town Counsel Diane Gorrow.

532 Chairman Landau moved to place \$500k into the CIP, broken down as follows: UFB \$200k, Block Grant \$120k, and Taxation \$180k; Vice-Chairman Hagan seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor

with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

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*The sum of \$500k was agreed upon for this article.*

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Police Communication Equipment

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This Article had been discussed earlier with Police Chief Burke and Lieutenant Berube.

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*Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 4 yes/0 no*

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The Warrant Article will be arranged and numbered at a subsequent meeting; it is believed that the Town Report will go to the printer on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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Finance Director Smith departed the meeting at 10:14pm.

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**IV. Selectmen’s Business**

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*4.1 Roundtable*

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*Selectman Castricone:*

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- Nothing to report.

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*Selectman LeBlanc:*

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- Nothing to report.

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*Vice-Chairman Hagan*

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- Nothing to report.

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*Chairman Landau:*

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- Tomorrow (Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015) is the last day to file for elected office.

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*4.2 Public Comment*

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As no Members of the Public wished to be heard, Public Comment was closed at 10:14pm.

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*4.3 Non-Public Session*

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Chairman Landau moved to go into non-public session for one item under RSA 91A:3 II (c) Reputation

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and one item under RSA 91A:3 II (a) Compensation; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

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The meeting room was closed at 10:15pm.

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The meeting room was re-opened at 10:44pm.

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Chairman Landau moved that the Board come out of non-public session; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

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Selectman LeBlanc moved that the Board seal the first non-public session, on Reputation, for an indefinite period; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

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Selectman LeBlanc moved that the Board seal the second non-public session, on Compensation, for an indefinite period; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with

588 Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

590 **V. Adjournment**

592 The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm in the Meeting Room.

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Chairman Landau moved to adjourn the meeting; Selectman Castricone seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Selectman Cannon absent; so moved.

598 The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

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602 Respectfully Submitted,

604 Debra H. Doda