

2016 Town Meeting Minutes
Town of Sanbornton
State of New Hampshire
March 9, 2016

Town Moderator Tim Lang opened the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and recognized County Commissioner, Dave Devoy to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor McMicken of the First Baptist Church was recognized to give the invocation.

Selectman Ober stated each year, for the past few years, the board has dedicated the Town Report to someone who is still living in Sanbornton and this year the board chose Mille Sanborn Shaw. Selectman Nickerson and I visited Millie in a nursing home last week and she told us that, she had never missed a Town Meeting in sixty (60) years. We thank Millie for her dedication and the values she has taught her family. John Sanborn, Andy Sanborn & Wayne Sanborn, who are following in her footsteps.

Selectman Ober stated the Town Treasurer, Susan Shannon has retired after thirty-seven (37) years of service to be closer to family & friends, the board had recently appointed a Deputy Treasurer, Karen Cobb who was elected yesterday. The board wishes Karen many years with the Town.

Selectman Ober stated David Nickerson has served the Town for twelve (12) years and put his soul in to all that he has done for the Town. Selectman Ober listed all of the projects that Selectman Nickerson was a part of during his service. Selectman Van Tassel read a proclamation to David Nickerson and presented it to him. Selectman Ober stated for every person on the board, there is someone behind us that gives us support & guidance at home. Selectman Ober recognized Sharon Dugan, Dave Nickerson's wife and presented her with flowers.

Selectman Nickerson thanked the Town for giving him the opportunity to serve them by making some tough decisions. Selectman Nickerson stated working with Karen Ober and Johnny Van Tassel has been the best, I love you and thank you very much.

Moderator Lang announced that the last time registered voters can change their party affiliation back to undeclared status will be May 31st. Please see the Town Clerk, Marla Davis. Moderator Lang explained that yelling out some one's party during voting is a State Law and if anyone would like to see that changed, see your local Legislators.

Moderator Lang announced the results of the Town & School District ballot voting from yesterday.

TC/TC Davis introduced Dick LeClerc, Steve Ober, Craig Davis and Barbara Bormes as ballot clerks then thanked them for all they do.

TC/TC Davis introduced Sheila Dodge, Mary Ahlgren and Sandra Leighton as the Supervisors of the Checklist, Assistant Moderators - Dick Gardner, Doug Surette & Bob Holt and thanked everyone that helped with set up.

Moderator Lang read Article #1 as follows:

Article 01: Operating Budget – Town

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and ~~Twenty Nine~~ *Thirty One* dollars (\$3,811,431) for general municipal operations as recommended by the Budget Committee. The Selectmen recommend \$3,820,453. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

DRA Acct. #s	DRA Account Name	Budget Committee Recommendation	Selectmen's Recommendation
4130-4199	General Government	1,213,559	1,221,862
4210	Police	450,840	451,138
4220-4299	Fire & Emergency Mgt.	367,931	368,931
4311-4319	Highways & Streets	924,730	924,151
4321-4329	Sanitation	200,362	200,362
4411-4449	Health & Welfare	106,061	106,061
4520	Recreation	114,689	114,689
4550	Library	128,127	128,127
4583	Other Culture and Patriotic Purposes	3,251	3,251
4611-4659	Conservation	1,847	1,847
4711-4799 442,349	Debt Service	300,034	300,034
Total ----->		3,811,431	3,820,453

Moderator Lang recognized John Olmstead for the purpose of a motion. Second by Craig Davis.

Discussion: Moderator Lang identified a Scribner’s error in the second sentence of this article that should read “Thirty One”. Chair of the Budget Committee, John Olmstead explained the committee worked hard this year and the budget is \$170,000 dollars less than last year, to keep the Town’s costs & taxes down.

Dick Gardner made a motion amend line #4191-00 part-time Town Planner to the Selectmen’s recommended figure of \$33,717 dollars. Second by Nina Gardner. Discussion: Dick Gardner explained there was a difference between the Budget Committee’s and the Selectmen’s amount. Dick Gardner stated he is on the Planning Board and the extra hours would allow the Town Planner to move forward with things like the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Those in attendance reviewed page #97 of the Town Report. Dick Gardner stated this is a pay me now or pay me later scenario, towns all around us have economic development to bring in businesses to lower the tax rate and help improve the community. Chair of the Planning Board, Evelyn Auger stated for four years Sanbornton wanted no commercial whatsoever but the Planning Board (PB) and the Selectmen have recognized that the Town needs it. Evelyn Auger explained that the Town Planner was sent to a training for economic development then a committee was formed and if the Town was to add up all of the volunteer hours of the PB, it would cost approximately \$10K. Evelyn Auger stated the Planner’s hours were cut back to 20 hours a week and the Selectmen have put the hours back, thank you but the Budget Committee did not. Don Bormes stated most of us are volunteers and we need people who are qualified professionals, the position was

voted in at 32 hours and we are asking to allow what our fore fathers decided. Moderator Lang called for a card count, 142 voted yes and 134 voted no. The amendment passed in the affirmative. \$7,506 dollars was added to the budget for a new total of \$3,818,937 dollars.

Roger Grey made a motion to delete from the FY 2017 operating budget, the 2% salary (COLA) increase for all Town employees and to make the Fire Chief's salary the same as last year and to fund the Library at the same amount as last year, up to \$40,000 dollars. Second by John Robinson. Discussion: Roger Grey stated the Sanbornton tax base is the same and the Town is not growing, we have the 2nd highest tax rate in the county with four homes in foreclosure. Roger Grey noted the employees work hard but received a 1.5% COLA last year, the TC/TC received a 12% increase last year, the Fire Chief received a 7% increase last year and the Public Works Department tripled their operating budget. Craig Davis stated Roger is speaking as an individual and not as a Budget Committee member. Craig Davis stated retirement received an 8.6% increase, the State received a 15.2% increase and the Town received a 1.5% increase last year, the 2% increase this year would be seven cents on your property assessment. Nancy Morrison stated she feels the amendments to this article should be three separate articles not one. A secret ballot request was cast. 163 - yes votes and 143 no votes, the amendment passed in the affirmative. Moderator Lang announced that the new operating budget total is \$3,778,937 dollars.

Motion made by Earl Leighton to restrict reconsideration of Article #1 and #5, second by John Olmstead.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #1, passed with amendments.

The Moderator read Article #2 as follows:

Article 02: Other

EMS Billing and Paramedic Intercept Fees

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) to pay fees for EMS billing and Paramedic Intercepts; further these fees to be paid for out of the Emergency Medical Service, Fire and Rescue Apparatus & Equipment Special Revenue Fund and no amount to come from taxation.

Appropriations under this Warrant article are not included in the Operating Budget total previously voted upon under Article 1.

(Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Steve Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Ober.

Discussion: Chief Dexter spoke to this article.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #2, passed.

Nina Gardner made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #2, second by Lynn Chong. The vote was in the affirmative/negative.

Nina Gardner made a motion to take up the Article 4, then 5 and then 3, so the meeting could be conducted in a timely fashion. Second by Tc/TC Davis. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #3 as follows:

Article 03: Other

To Hire two Full Time Firefighter/EMT's

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$135,200) for salaries and benefits to hire two Full Time Firefighter/EMT's to enhance the coverage of the Fire Department from its current use of part time per diem Firefighter/EMT's to Full Time and Part Time Per Diem and add hours of coverage from 8 hours daily to 12 hours daily with One Full Time Firefighter/EMT and One Per Diem Firefighter/EMT.

Appropriations under this Warrant article are not included in the Operating Budget total previously voted upon under Article 1.

(Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Van Tassel.

Discussion: Fire Chief Dexter stated he brought this article to the body last year and it was only defeated by four votes but feels, it lost because I didn't explain it good enough why it is needed. Chief Dexter explained that his biggest issue is coverage because his per-diem staff has been leaving to take full-time employment elsewhere, which creates a huge gap in coverage. Throughout the year there were 136 vacancies that he couldn't fill shifts for because they are scheduled on availability but would like to have 24/7 coverage, due to the aging community. Mitch Lewis asked how many building fires the Town had this year? Chief Dexter replied one full blown building fire. Mitch Lewis asked about mutual aid. Chief Dexter replied yes, the Town has a mutual aid agreement and it is reciprocated but if there is one than one call then services are stretched thin. Mitch Lewis asked if he would be able to get to his house on Shute Hill Road with two people on staff? Chief Dexter replied no.

Greg Sanderson stated he moved here in 1991 and he volunteered to work at the Sanbornton Fire Department because the Town couldn't afford me, we still can not afford me. I am opposed to the \$135K increase, my taxes have gone from \$2,500 dollars to \$7,000 dollars and asked that the article be voted down.

Craig Simpson asked how long are you willing to wait when you call 9-1-1 at night? This is not a threat but a reality. What level of service is the Town willing to pay for?

Selectman Nickerson stated he spoke to the Tilton/Northfield Fire Commissioner that discussed holding a meeting to propose regionalization and their doors are open. We have the best firefighters and EMT's but I am also retired and may not be able to live here much longer either.

Earl Leighton stated once once the Town hires full-time then we will have a full-time department and a need for sleeping quarters, etc., if we vote on the changes there will be new dynamics. The Town use to pay the Winnisquam Fire Department \$20K a year, which took some of the burden off of us and agrees with the idea of regionalization.

Chief Dexter stated regionalization... absolutely but it would be based on service, would the Town save money....sure, but it could take 10-15 years before it happens.

County Commissioner Devoy noted regionalization would happen as fast as the Selectman can make the decision.

A secret ballot request was cast. 95 - yes votes and 191 no votes.

The vote was in the negative - Article #3, failed.

The Moderator read Article #4 as follows:

Article 04: Other

Emergency Medical Equipment and Supplies

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of purchasing Emergency Medical related equipment and supplies and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the Emergency Medical Service, Fire and Rescue Apparatus & Equipment Special Revenue Fund. No amount to come from taxation."

Appropriations under this Warrant article are not included in the Operating Budget total previously voted upon under Article 1.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Van Tassel for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Ober.

Discussion: None.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #4, passed.

The Moderator read Article #5 as follows:

Article 05: Other

New Parks and Recreation Building

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000) for the purpose of building a new Parks and Recreation Building at the Sanbornton Town Park to replace the two buildings condemned by Primex and subsequently demolished, as requested by Recreation Commission, with \$12,000 to come from the Recreation Revolving Fund and \$86,000 to be raised by taxation.

Appropriations under this Warrant article are not included in the Operating Budget total previously voted upon under Article 1.

(Majority vote required)

Not Recommended by the Selectmen – Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Van Tassel.

Discussion: Recreation Commission member, Tracy Wood and Coordinator, Juliana Lonergan set up a slide show for those in attendance. Tracy Wood explained the new building would be a one time purchase, costing 22 cents per thousand and for a \$250K home, this would be \$55 dollars this year only. Tracy Wood stated recreation is the only department that pays back 50% of their budget annually to the Town. Tracy Wood noted recreation use to have a home until it was labeled unsafe by the Health Officer & Primex and then was demolished. We now have a temporary home at the DPW with our supplies/ equipment scattered throughout other Town buildings, while most recreation buildings are near or adjacent to their fields. Recreation has 12 programs, holds 6 activities with 400 children and 50 adults that participate. The new building would in accordance with the 2009 Master Plan that was accepted by the Selectmen in 2011 and was also a priority for the Building Space Needs Committee. There are plans for one consolidated building that would work for us and our needs.

Nancy Durgin asked if there would be maintenance in the years to come and why the repairs & maintenance line has increased by \$1K. Coordinator Lonergan replied there were some additional costs to repair damage to the fields from people driving cars on it. Nancy Durgin noted there will be additional costs to maintain the property, so it will not be a one time expense.

Earl Leighton explained this proposal was presented to the Budget Committee but they did not see any plans or estimated costs.

Nina Gardner stated she chaired the Space Needs Committee and we were asked to look at Recreation & Welfare, as we looked it became very clear we needed to move forward. There was a discussion of donations and using volunteer labor but Primex said volunteers could only be used under certain conditions. I do yard sales of my old stuff to others in the community. The article is written not to exceed \$86K and it could be less but the OverSeer of the Public Welfare is in the kitchen of the Town Office, which can not last forever.

County Commissioner Devoy stated originally he was opposed to this but if the school fell down, we would rebuild and if the Town Hall fell down we would rebuild. There are inmates in the jail that did not grow up with these types of opportunities or mentors, which is important.

Heather Max stated she is a coach & volunteer and these programs are very important to her children because they have made lots of friends. I urge you to vote in favor of this.

Dave Whitham explained the condemned buildings were temporary classrooms given to the Town by Gilford.

Selectman Van Tassel stated no one is against recreation and most of have had kids in the program, which will probably be our grandchildren someday. The Selectmen did not get the information from the plans that we wanted, like what kind of roofing or electrical, etc. The Police Department id working in unsafe conditions and the Town has hired an engineer to see what what we have and where to go from here. I feel it would be premature to approve this, we need to slow down and go through the process the right way.

A card vote was taken, 135 yes votes and 147 no votes.

The vote was in the negative - Article #5, failed.

The Moderator read Article #6 as follows:

Article 06: Other

Police Cruiser

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) for the purchase and set up of a Police Cruiser. This cost includes: updating any equipment needed, installation of existing equipment, decommissioning a cruiser in order to send it to auction or for trade with the funds received to be used to offset the costs of the vehicle.

Appropriations under this Warrant article are not included in the Operating Budget total previously voted upon under Article 1.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Van Tassel for the purpose of a motion. Seconded by Selectman Ober.

Discussion: Mitch Lewis asked what the mileage is on the cruisers? Chief Hankard replied 93K and 84K, both cruisers are 2013 but by July they will both be at 100K for mileage. Mitch Lewis stated the State runs their cruisers to 200K, why don't we? Chief Hankard replied it is because they operate on highways and not Sanbornton roads.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #6, passed.

The Moderator read Article #7 as follows:

Article 07: Other

Retrofitting of Police Station

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for retrofitting the Police Station for safety and security improvements. The current Sanbornton Police Department facility is not up to standards required by a law enforcement agency. The arrest processing and detention areas are not safe for the employees and public. There is not sufficient storage space for

evidence and other equipment. The Sanbornton Police has grown greatly in size and activity over the years, and the facility has not grown with it. We are making do with what space we have for now, but a new facility is a requirement.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Nickerson for the purpose of a motion. Seconded by Selectman Van Tassel.

Discussion: Chief Hankard stated it has been 20 years since the first proposal, we have never truly has a Police Station and in January of last year we had Primex do a facility check of things that were lacking, which were security and safety. The Selectman did due diligence with the building study and the appropriation will address some of the more glaring issues like prisoner & civilian security. Currently, the department's secretary would be in the line of fire and the proposal would create a booking area through the back parking lot, which would be separate from the administrative rooms. This will not get rid of all the problems but will hold us until a more permanent solution can be made.

Mary Quinn stated she feels this should be painted in the same light as the recreation building due to the building study and I would not like to have the same conversation next year but have real details.

Selectman Van Tassel stated this is an attempt to keep the employees safe, which has different levels. The recreation building is about storage but this has the possibilities of someone getting hurt or worse.

Evelyn Auger stated this has been a discussion since 2000' and we have waited 16 years, whats another year.

Paul Litchfield stated in light of what is going in the world, the minimum amount should be spent and this needs to be supported.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #7, passed.

Tim Grant made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #7, #6 and #3 second by Don Bormes. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #8 as follows:

Article 08: Other

Police SUV Lease

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Four Dollars (\$5,944) for the purpose of the Police Departments SUV lease payment three of five.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Karen Cobb.

Discussion: None.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #8, passed.

Roger Grey made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #8, second by Christine Flanders. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #9 as follows:

Article 09: Other

DPW Dump Truck Lease

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$28,524) for the purpose of the DPW Dump Truck lease payment number four of five.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Van Tassel for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Nickerson.

Discussion: None.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #9, passed.

TC/TC Davis made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #9, second by Karen Cobb. The vote was in the affirmative.

Linda Suroweic made a motion to request reconsideration of the vote on Article #1. The Fire Chief was hired 5 years ago at a lower rate than surrounding towns and the increase would go a long way in giving us some continuity in our Fire Department. Second by David Whitham.

Discussion: Attorney Boldt stated in accordance with RSA 40:10 II, if the body passes a motion to restrict that vote then it can only be taken up at least seven (7) days after by Special Town Meeting. You can not change the warrant article or raise money without being warned.

Chief Dexter stated he appreciates the gesture of the department but he can not support a \$5K Special Town Meeting for a \$4K raise.

Linda Suroweic made a motion to rescind her previous request. Second by David Whitham. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #10 as follows:

Article 10: Other

Improvements other than Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the Capital Outlay purpose of Improvements other than Buildings.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen – Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Van Tassel.

Discussion: Director Bordeau provided those in attendance with a description of this year’s March Road paving project, at a cost of \$529,205.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #10, passed.

TC/TC Davis made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #10, second by Treasurer Cobb. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #11 as follows:

Article 11: Other

Transfers to Capitol Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000)-for the payment to the Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

<u>DRA Account Name</u>		<u>Budget Committee’s Recommendation</u>	<u>Selectmen’s Recommendat</u>
To Capital Reserve Funds	Fire Truck	70,000	70,000
	Fire Truck Repair and Refurbish	10,000	10,000
	Roads and Bridges	100,000	100,000
	Milfoil/Phosphorus	5,000	5,000
	Town Building Improvement	10,000	10,000
	Town Facilities Maintenance	20,000	20,000
	Town Hall <i>Repair</i> & Restoration	10,000	10,000
Total Operating Transfer		225,000	225,000

(Majority vote required)

This Warrant Article is designated as a Special Warrant Article

Recommended by the Selectmen - Recommended by the Budget Committee

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Van Tassel.

Discussion: Moderator Lang stated there is a Scribner's error, the word "repair" is missing from the "Town Hall Repair and Restoration" CRF, which was voted in last year. Selectman Ober provided a brief description of the purpose of each CRF.

Paul Litchfield asked if other communities were saving funds for milfoil/phosphorus? Selectman Ober replied she is not sure but they would not be contributing monies to our account.

Sharon Danforth asked if there funds for the water filtration system at the Town Hall? Selectman Ober replied not at this time but there was a request for all three buildings (Town Hall, Library & Church) and the board decided it was not feasible for one sink and one toilet.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #11, passed.

TC/TC Davis made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #11, second by Treasurer Cobb. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #12 as follows:

Article 12: Other

Transfer Station Fee for Metal Pile

To see if the Town will vote to establish a fee on items removed from the Town's metal pile located at the Transfer Station. Fees on metals being removed shall be reimbursed to the Town prior to removal from the Transfer Station. Fees are to be established by weight and current scrap metal market value as established from time to time by the Board of Selectmen and deposited in the Town's General Fund. Such fees are established to insure equity among all town residents.

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Van Tassel for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Ober.

Discussion: Selectman Van Tassel stated the board received this petition warrant article after the Special Town Meeting from Ralph Rathjen. The Town gets revenue from the disposal of waste and scrap metal and after the access to the metal pile was closed late in 2015, there was a significant increase in that revenue. No value is placed on the metal and there is no way for the police to enforce people taking metal from the Transfer Station.

Chief Hankard explained there was a case where a resident had backed their truck up to the metal pile and filled it up but because no value has been placed on the metal, they can not be charged with theft under State Law.

DPW Director Bordeau stated the Town did see an increase in tonnage but it is not an exact science, plus the price of metal has decreased since 2014.

Andy Sanborn made a motion to table this article indefinitely, Second by Lynn Chong. Moderator Lang read RSA 40:11. Andy Sanborn withdrew his previous motion and Lynn Chong withdrew her second.

Andy Sanborn stated the Solid Waste Committee was recently appointed and this issue will be duly considered but a decision will be premature.

Lynn Chong explained that there really has not been a metal pile, we have a dumpster and the purchase of the scale is not included in the costs. This violates the vote of the Special Town Meeting and if the Town starts giving receipts for the sale of the metal, then there will be a trail of liability.

Peter Drouin stated a fence needs to be put up to secure all of the items. The price of iron is going down, so if someone wanted a used lawnmower it would about 35 cents plus man hours. I feel we are spending money to save pennies. Our Transfer Station used to win awards. There was a brief discussion on the variation of metal pricing.

Andrea Burns asked what the actual costs would be? Selectman Ober replied someone would need to be certified to use the scale, which was under \$1K to purchase.

The vote was in the negative - Article #12, failed.

Tom Salatiello made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #12, second by Lynn Chong. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #13 as follows:

Article 13: Other

Sale of Town Owned Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell certain town owned property identified as Tax Map 3, Lot 23, on Moose Run Drive, said parcel being .34 acres and having an assessed value of \$50,800. This lot is non-buildable and is to be sold "as is" through sealed bid with bids to be open July 1st or thereafter.

Tax Map	Lot Number	Acreage	Address	Assessment
03	23	0.34	Moose Run Dr.	\$50,800

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Selectmen

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Van Tassel.

Discussion: Steve Suroweic requested the board look into other ways beside the sealed bid process because he feels it is archaic.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #13, passed.

The Moderator read Article #14 as follows:

Article 14: Other

Disorderly Action Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance relative to Disorderly Action. The annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sanbornton ordains that is in the public interest and hereby establishes that it is public policy to regulate unnecessary noise in the public highways, sidewalks, commons and other public places of the Town in accordance with the provisions of NH RSA 31:39 and RSA 41:11.

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Van Tassel for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Nickerson.

Discussion: Chief Hankard stated this is the 3rd time this ordinance has been proposed, which was basically geared towards logging operations and heavy machinery that were operating in the early morning hours or late at night. This is the same ordinance other Towns use. Chief Hankard read section III(d), which was new this year. If the Town writes a summons then the money comes back to the Town but this is by no means a money maker.

Evelyn Auger stated it is light out by 5 a.m., people can not work in the dark and you can't put city hours on the country.

Lori Graham stated she was originally in favor of this until she heard the main thrust was for logging operations, which are temporary then beautiful. People are dealing with everyday nuisances, so she is not in favor of this.

Chief Hankard noted things like loud parties are covered under State Law.

The vote was in the negative - Article #14, failed.

Mitch Lewis made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article #14, second by Treasurer Cobb. The vote was in the affirmative.

The Moderator read Article #15 as follows:

Article 15: Other

Other Business

To transact such other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Ober for the purpose of a motion. Second by Selectman Van Tassel.

Discussion: Moderator Lang announced that the School District's Meeting will be held on March 19th, which carries a \$26 million dollar budget.

Tyler Swain was recognized for all of the work he did to refurbish the Town Pound for his Eagle Scout project.

The vote was in the affirmative - Article #15, passed.

Moderator Lang recognized Selectman Van Tassel for the purpose of adjourning the meeting, seconded by Earl Leighton, the vote was in the affirmative at 12:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

April Rollins, Administrative Specialist
(for TC/TC Marla Davis)