

2008 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

Moderator Cedric Dustin called the 2008 Town Meeting to order at 10:06am on Saturday, March 15, 2008 in the Pittsfield Elementary School Gymnasium.

Police Chief Robert Wharem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Dustin explained the ground rules for the meeting. There will be no debate until a Motion has been made and seconded. The debate is limited to the motion in question. Anyone wishing to speak will use the microphone and identify him/herself. All remarks and questions shall be addressed to the Moderator and not to members of the body present. Any amendment to a Motion must be made in writing and given to the Moderator. Only one amendment will be considered at a time. All votes will be by cards unless it is a secret ballot. The use of the secret ballot on any one Article is permitted if and whenever five voters make a written request to the Moderator prior to the card vote on that Article.

Moderator Dustin read the introduction to the posted 2008 Town Meeting Warrant ~
To the inhabitants of the Town of Pittsfield, Merrimack County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 85 Main Street in said Town on the second Tuesday in March next, March 11, 2008, to act upon the subjects herein mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and at said place the polls will be opened at 8:00 AM and will remain open until 7:00 PM for the reception of your ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System. You are hereby warned that on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at 10:00 AM at the Pittsfield Elementary School Gymnasium, the matter of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

Moderator Dustin read the results of the ballot votes of the 2008 Annual Town Election held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 ~

Article 1: To choose by ballot the following officers: one Selectmen for a three (3) year term; a Town Moderator for a two (2) year term; a Town Treasurer for a three (3) year term; a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a one (1) year term; a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three (3) year term; a Library Trustee for a three (3) year term; a Supervisor of the Checklist for a six (6) year term; two Ethics Committee Members for a one (1) year term; two Ethics Committee Members for a three (3) year term; two Planning Board Members for a one (1) year term; two Planning Board Members for a two (2) year term and two Planning Board Members for a three (3) year term.

Annual Town Election Results ~

Selectman (three year term) – Denise L. Morin elected – 361 votes, Richard F. Hunsberger – 114 votes, Maurice Wells (write-in) – 100 votes

Town Moderator (two year term) – Cedric H. Dustin elected – 561 votes

Town Treasurer (three year term) – Cindy M. Houle elected – 568 votes

Trustee of the Trust Funds (one year term) – William J. Provencal elected – 544 votes

Trustee of the Trust Funds (three year term) – Elsie Morse elected – 557 votes

Library Trustee (three year term) – Mary T. Schelble elected – 561 votes

Supervisor of the Checklist (six year term) - Frances A. Marston elected – 582 votes

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Ethics Committee Members (one year term) - two to elect – Stephen J. Catalano elected – 373 votes, **Glenn Amnott** elected – 281 votes, David Rushford – 202 votes

Ethics Committee Members (three year term) - two to elect – Stacey Polizotti elected – 402 votes, **Robert Elliott** elected – 290 votes

Planning Board Members (one year term) - two to elect – Marilyn Roberts elected – 338 votes, **Robert Elliott** elected – 200 votes, Robert Maxwell – 180 votes, Christopher Conlon – 157 votes, Jonny Laughlin – 84 votes

Planning Board Members (two year term) - two to elect – Frederick T. Hast elected – 382 votes, **Gerard L. Leduc** elected – 335 votes, William Miskoe – 225 votes

Planning Board Members (three year term) - two to elect – Daniel J. Greene elected – 320 votes, **Richard F. Hunsberger** elected – 298 votes, Daniel J. Schroth – 260 votes

Selectwoman Small presented Chairman Morse with a gift of appreciation for serving as a Selectboard member for the years 2005 to 2008.

Moderator Dustin then moved on to the warrant articles that were to be taken up at the 2008 Town Meeting, March 15, 2008 ~

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of creating a Forest Management Plan, said sum to come from the Town's unreserved fund balance. (There is no impact on the tax rate)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 2 as written, Selectman Vien seconded.

A short discussion regarding the plan management and the existing conservation commission funds took place and an explanation was made that this article was to be funded from a timber cut was completed last year, this is a portion of the revenue that was received.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 2 as read passed.

Article 3: Shall the Town increase its optional veterans' tax credit adopted pursuant to RSA 72:28 from One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300)? (Assuming 192 residents are eligible the estimated gross tax impact is \$0.12)

Selectman Konopka moved to accept Article 3 as read, Chairman Morse seconded.

Theodore Mitchell stated that as having served 21 years in the Navy, the existing \$100 credit was an insult to those who have served the country.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 3 as read passed.

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to require that the numeric tally of votes by the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen relative to budget items or warrant articles be printed on the warrant? RSA 32:5, V-a.

Selectman Vien moved to accept Article 4 as read, Selectwoman Small seconded.

Selectman Vien clarified that this would be just a numeric count, would not list the names.

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There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 4 as read passed.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$82,650.11 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.16)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 5 as written, Selectman Vien seconded.

A discussion took place regarding the status of the Space Needs Study that was conducted in the previous year and the relationship of this fund in comparison to the fund in Article 7, this Article is funding a capital reserve for the town buildings, Article 7 is for repairs and maintenance for town buildings.

At the end of the discussion, a card vote on Article 5 was conducted.

As Moderator Dustin could not readily determine the outcome he asked the Supervisors count the cards on a re-vote.

Article 5 passed after the card re-vote was conducted, the Supervisors counted Yes (55) and No (54)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Property Acquisition and Redevelopment Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of acquiring and/or redeveloping land and buildings to enhance the long term economic growth and stability of Pittsfield, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in this Fund: and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen are directed to conduct a public hearing prior to expending from this Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.32)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 6 as written, Selectman Vien seconded.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding what this money would/could be used for and also the progress of the Economic Development Committee during the past year.

A motion was made and seconded to move to the question. A card vote to move to question passed.

Moderator Dustin then explained that the next vote was on Article 6.

A card vote on Article 6 as read passed.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Municipal Buildings Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of timely and effective repairs to any Town owned building in Pittsfield, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) to be placed in this fund; and further to appoint the selectmen as

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agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.16)

Chairman Morse moved to accept Article 7 as read, Selectman Konopka seconded.

It was clarified that this article was to establish an expendable trust fund for building repairs, the existing capital reserve fund (that was funded in Article 5) for municipal buildings is meant for major renovations.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 7 as read passed.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Three Thousand Dollars (\$193,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a pre-owned fire department ladder truck and to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred and Ninety Three Thousand Dollars (\$193,000.) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Special Revenue Fund created for that purpose. (Reserve Fund balance is \$198,004.50 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Selectman Lenaerts moved to accept Article 8 as read, Selectman Vien seconded.

Members of the Budget Committee explained that the ladder truck purchase was not recommended for a few reasons; this purchase would deplete the capital reserve, that the department should wait for one more year to research the possibility of a multi-town group purchase since the neighboring towns have already started to meet regarding such issues/purchases, and there were two members that recused themselves from the budget committee vote to recommend as they were fire department members, as well.

There was a long discussion regarding the need of a ladder truck, what surrounding towns/mutual aid towns had ladder trucks and how often they were called to respond, where it would be housed, and the fire department staff's ability to operate a ladder truck.

At the end of the discussion, a card vote on Article 8 was conducted.

As Moderator Dustin could not readily determine the outcome he asked the Supervisors count the cards on a re-vote.

Article 8 failed after the card re-vote was conducted, the Supervisors counted Yes (66) and No (67)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Reserve Fund balance is \$198,004.50 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.10)

After Moderator Dustin read Article 9 as printed on the Town Meeting Warrant, Chairman Morse moved to amend Article 9 ~

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be added to the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

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Selectwoman Small seconded.

Chairman Morse explained that this would build the fund to have enough in four years to purchase the ladder truck. He also explained that Selectman Vien is serving on a committee with neighboring towns that is researching regionalization/cost sharing of such purchases.

Moderator Dustin explained that Article 9 is now at \$80,000. The tax impact would be \$0.26.

Merrill Vaughan questioned where the \$50,000 would come from, Chairman Morse replied with property taxes.

Don Chase moved to amend Article 9 back to the \$30,000 amount, Scot Palmer seconded the motion.

A card vote on the amendment passed.

As there was no further discussion on the article, Moderator Dustin re-read Article 9 as written, and a card vote on Article 9 as written at the \$30,000 amount, passed.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.) to be added to the Department of Public Works Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$65,776.74 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.15)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 10 as read, Selectman Vien seconded. Superintendent Bachelder explained that there are three, six-wheeled dump trucks; a 2005, a 1999, and a 1997. The next article is to replace the 1997 dump truck.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 10 as read passed.

At this point Chairman Morse thanked Superintendent Bachelder and his crew for the excellent job they do maintaining the roads. The audience responded with a standing ovation.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.) to purchase a new dump truck replacing the 1997 Ford N850 truck and authorize the withdrawal of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.) from the Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of the purchase price, Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.), to come from the unreserved fund balance.

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 11 as read, Selectman Lenaerts seconded.

Rob Miller asked what was to be done with the old truck, Superintendent Bachelder replied that it would go to State auction in the fall and the town would receive the sale proceeds.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 11 as read passed.

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Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.) to be added to the Department of Public Works Grader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$1,762.78 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.05)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 12 as written, Selectman Vien seconded.

Don Chase asked of the impact if this article didn't pass, Superintendent Bachelder replied that the current grader was replaced in 2007 and should get 20 years of service, so the impact of it not passing should not affect the replacement schedule.

Don Chase moved to amend the article to \$5,000, Diane Vaughan seconded the motion.

After a short discussion on the amendment, a card vote on the amendment passed. As Moderator Dustin could not readily determine the outcome he asked the Supervisors count the cards on a re-vote.

Article 12 passed after the card re-vote was conducted, the Supervisors counted Yes (55) and No (49)

Moderator Dustin clarified that the article was now at \$5,000.

There being no further discussion, Moderator Dustin re-read the amended article and a card vote on Article 12 as amended to \$5,000 passed.

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 Department of Public Works Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$96,464.97 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.05)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 13 as read, Selectman Vien seconded.

The year/age of the current loader, 2002, was stated.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 13 as read passed.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) to be added to the Department of Public Works Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$43,420.78 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.03)

Chairman Morse moved to accept Article 14 as read, Selectwoman Small seconded.

A short discussion took place regarding the option of leasing the public works equipment.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 14 as read passed.

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Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) to be added to the Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$11,300.60 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.03)

Selectman Lenaerts moved to accept Article 15 as read, Selectman Konopka seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 15 as read passed.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) to be added to the Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$43,548.37 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.03)

Selectman Vien moved to accept Article 16 as read, Selectman Konopka seconded.

Superintendent Bachelder explained that the current truck, a 2003 Ford-550, is overworked and will need to be replaced in the next few years.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 16 as read passed.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.) to be added to the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$8,047.09 on 12-31-07.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.01)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 17 as read, Chairman Morse seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 17 as read passed.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.) to repair the Dustin Park Band Pavilion and authorize the withdrawal from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$8,047.09 on 12-31-07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 18 as read, Selectman Konopka seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 18 as read passed.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Five Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$10,507.00) to finish the construction of the salt storage facility and to authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$10,507.00) from the Salt Storage Facility Capital Reserve previously established for this purpose. (Fund balance is \$256,598.82 on 12-31-07 with \$246,091.82 encumbered leaving an unencumbered amount of \$10,507.00)

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Selectman Vien moved to accept Article 19 as read, Chairman Morse seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 19 as read passed.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000.) for the purpose of ambulance repair, to fund eight hours of the forty-eight hour work week and any ambulance overtime or on-call personnel budgeted line items, paramedic intercepts, and for the replacement and repair of ambulance equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Special Revenue Fund previously created, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article and the appropriation shall not lapse until adjournment of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. (Fund balance on 12-31-07 is \$446,718.67) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 20 as read, Selectman Lenaerts seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 20 as read passed.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping an ambulance to replace the 1998 Unit 1 Ambulance, and to authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Special Revenue Fund previously created with no amount to be raised by taxation. (Fund balance on 12-31-07 is \$446,718.67) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 21 as read, Chairman Morse seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 21 as read passed.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.) for the purpose of replacing the flooring of the small and large meeting rooms of the Town Hall and to install hardwood flooring, said sum to come from the Town's undesignated fund balance. (There is no impact on the tax rate)

Selectman Vien moved to accept Article 22 as read, Chairman Morse seconded.

A clarification was made regarding the meaning of 'there is no impact on the tax rate' in the warrant article, this particular amount will be offset by fund balance.

A short discussion took place regarding the need of the town hall meeting room floors to be replaced.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 22 as read passed.

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Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Computer System Renewal and Replacement and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.) to be placed in this fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.04)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 23 as read, Selectman Lenaerts seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 23 as read passed.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Pittsfield Town Employees NHFT Local #6214, AFT, AFL-CIO which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Estimated Increase

2008	\$39,863.15	2009	\$35,318.77	2010	\$38,324.49
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred, Sixty Three Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$39,863.15) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in Fiscal Year 2007. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.13)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 24 as read, Selectman Konopka seconded.

Selectwoman Small explained that the SelectBoard and the Union Representatives worked hard on the negotiations to arrive at fair contracts for both the town and the employees and urged the voters to support this and the next article.

Fred Hast inquired if the contracts were public, Selectwoman Small replied that they were.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 24 as read passed.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local #633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year Estimated Increase

2008	\$19,698.24.	2009	\$7,124.76	2010	\$5,090.56
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand, Six Hundred, Ninety Eight Dollars and Twenty Four Cents (\$19,698.24) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in Fiscal Year

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2007. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.07)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 25 as read, Selectman Konopka seconded.

An explanation was made of who was involved (for the town) in the negotiating process; Selectwoman Small, Selectman Konopka, and Municipal Resources Incorporated (MRI), after Don Chase inquired.

Diane Vaughan asked for an explanation of the decrease in the 2009 & 2010 impact, Selectwoman Small replied that there was a significant increase up front (in 2008) to promote officers in the department.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 25 as read passed.

Article 26: Shall the Town of Pittsfield, if articles 24 and/or 25 are defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 24 and/or article 25 cost items only?

Article 26 was passed over as both Article 24 and Article 25 were addressed and passed.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Six Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand, One Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$3,665,114) to fund the Town Budget and Capital Outlay as recommended by the Budget committee. Said sum does not include the sums contained in special or individual articles of this warrant. (Board of Selectmen recommend \$3,658,813)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 27 as read, Chairman Morse seconded.

Selectwoman Small moved to amend Article 27 to the Selectboard recommended amount of \$3,658,813, Chairman Morse seconded.

Moderator Dustin explained that the article amount on the floor is the Selectboard recommended amount of \$3,658,813.

Selectwoman Small stated that the Selectboard worked hard on the budget and that their recommended amount should be sufficient for the operating year.

The explanation was made as to what the differences were between the Budget Committee and the Selectboard recommendations – \$5,000 for highway snow removal budget line and \$1,301 for the library requested budget.

There being no further discussion on the amendment, a card vote on the amendment failed.

Moderator Dustin explained that the article amount was now back to \$3,665,114.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 27 as read passed.

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Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to be added to the Animal Control Budget (2008) of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to pay for Humane Society costs to drop off a cat. Cost for one is Thirty dollars (\$30)(Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact less than \$0.01)

Chairman Morse moved to accept Article 28 as read, Selectman Vien seconded.

Police Chief Wharem explained the Animal Control Officer's procedure regarding feral cats.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 28 as read failed.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be paid to the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, to help defray the Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) said church expended for municipal clock repairs during August 2007. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.02)

Selectwoman Small moved to accept Article 29 as read, Selectman Vien seconded.

A short discussion took place on the history, ownership, and previous maintenance of the clock.

There being no further discussion, card vote on Article 29 as read passed.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Town Clock Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the municipal clock and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) for this fund. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated gross tax impact less than \$0.01)

Chairman Morse moved to accept Article 30 as read, Selectman Lenaerts seconded.

Steve White moved to amend to append to the Article 30 ~ *and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.*

Motion was seconded by Police Chief Wharem.

Moderator Dustin then read the proposed amended Article 30 ~

To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Town Clock Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the municipal clock and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for this fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.

There being no discussion on the amendment, card vote on the amendment to Article 30 passed.

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There being no discussion on the amended article, Moderator Dustin re-read the amended Article 30, and a card vote on Article 30 as amended passed.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Trusts:

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| a. Foss Family Pittsfield Town Scholarship Fund | \$ 1,000,000.00 |
| b. Florence D. Batchelder Scholarship Fund | \$ 54,907.15 |
| c. Frank & Virginia Charron Lot | \$ 2,500.00 |
| For perpetual care of Mt. Cavalry Lot #169 | |
| d. Berkson-Carbon Lot | \$ 5,000.00 |
| For perpetual care of the lot specifically located in the Floral Park Cemetery Section I of the 1876 Extension adjacent and to the northwest of the lots owned by Willis E. Leavitt and Ives G. Sargent. Excess funds may be used to care for adjacent lots. | |

Chairman Morse moved to accept Article 31 as read, Selectman Vien seconded.

There being no discussion, card vote on Article 31 as read passed.

Article 32: To transact any other business that may be legally brought before said meeting.

Don Chase asked what the \$100,000 paid to MRI (Municipal Resources Incorporated) was for, Moderator Dustin later relayed that the Selectboard was not going to address the question at that time.

Scott Brown, School Board Chair, thanked the Fire Department for shoveling off the Elementary School's roof. He also called attention to the generous scholarship that the Foss family donated to the Town, the audience responded in a round of applause of thanks.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk Elizabeth Hast relayed to the audience that an American flag that was sent by the Town Office to SSG Douglas Cheney (a Pittsfield resident and former Housing Standards Inspector now stationed in Iraq) was flown over the State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Team Headquarters in Mosul, Iraq on January 23, 2008 in honor of the men and women who have served and sacrificed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom - for the Town of Pittsfield. The flag and a certificate will be displayed in the Town Office for all to view.

Cher Keuenhoff, Budget Committee Chair, thanked Moderator Dustin for his 21 years of dedicated service on the Budget Committee.

Moderator Dustin then adjourned the 2008 Town Meeting at 1:14pm.

Minutes submitted by Cara Marston, Administrative Assistant, and approved by Elizabeth Hast, Town Clerk.

Elizabeth A. Hast, Town Clerk

Cara M. Marston, Administrative Assistant