**TOWN OF CARROLL**

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

Moderator Ben Jellison called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He also asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the residents of Town who passed away in the last year.

The Moderator went over the ground rules for this Session and reminded everyone that the next Session will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 when the polls will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Community Room. He had the Select Board introduce themselves, as well as the Department Heads, the Town Clerk and the Administrative Assistant as well as himself. He then opened the floor for questions, of which there were none.

The Moderator began with reading the Non-Partisan Official Ballot:

**Article 1: Election of Town Officers**.

Selectman 3 year term (vote for one): Bonnie Jean Moroney

Moderator 2 year term (vote for one): Ben Jellison

Treasurer 1 year term (vote for one): Annette L. Marquis

Town Clerk/Tax Collector 3 year term (vote for one): Crystal B. Bailey

Trustee of the Trust Fund 3 year term (vote for one): Peter C. Brouillette

Library Trustee 3 year term (vote for one): June Rogier

Cemetery Trustee 3 year term (vote for one): Michael L. Gooden

Supervisor of the Checklist 4 year term (vote for one): Patricia M. Cobb

Supervisor of the Checklist 6 year term (vote for one): Judith F. Pappas

Planning Board 3 year term (vote for not more than two): Paula M. Murphy

Austin Lee Alvarez

Zoning Board of Adjustment 3 year term (vote for not more than two): William Curtis Briggeman

Aaron Foti

Janet E Merner

**Article 1 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 2: Amend Zoning Ordinance**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Carroll zoning ordinance as follows: to add a number 10 to Section 802.1.A-2 that includes "maintenance and repairs that do not change the footprint of the building" as an exception to the building permit requirement.

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. During discussion. Fire Chief Duncan spoke in opposition of this article informing that State statute 153:5 states that the Fire Chief shall inspect any adjustments on building. He informed that article 2 says he will not inspect and the Town had voted previously to allow for inspection by following the State regulations. Chief Duncan recommends residents do not vote in favor of this article. Selectperson Marquis informed that he has spoken with the Town’s attorney and there is no issue with article 2. Discussion continued regarding building inspections and the Town’s building permit process as well as the cost of building permits.

**Article 2 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 3:** **Amend Zoning Ordinance**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Carroll zoning ordinance as follows: to add the sentence "A garage is to be used for storage of vehicles and shall in no way be used for residential purposes." to Section 501.

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Discussion was opened for article 3. Selectperson Marquis provided clarification and explanation of this article and informed that once an apartment is installed in a garage this would then become a residence and would no longer be considered a garage. Selectperson Marquis and Fire Chief Duncan informed this definition of residence came from the State code book.

**Article 3 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 4:** **Amend Zoning Ordinance**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Carroll zoning ordinance as follows: to remove the sentence "Those uses not listed are not allowed." from Section 403.1.

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. During discussion Alex Foti provided clarification informing that the way the ordinance is currently written if a new business is presented to the zoning board that they have not seen previously the board can not approve it. He informs this amendment will allow the zoning board a bit more discretion and flexibility. Joan Karpf expressed her confusion and sought clarification on the current zoning procedure for a new business or residence. Rena Vecchio provided information that although the surrounding abutters are notified they do not have the right to say no, however they are welcome to voice their opinion to the board but that does not mean that the planning board will vote against it. Much discussion regarding this article and related zoning and planning were considered..

**Article 4 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 5:** **Amend Zoning Ordinance**

The Town of Carroll finds that wetlands with buffers help reduce floods by acting like a sponge, slowing runoff from upland areas and releasing water slowly, reducing peak flood flows downstream. In response to recent flooding and infrastructure damage in the State, the following Warrant Article is presented by the Conservation Committee.

Are you in favor of Amendment 5 replacing Town of Carroll zoning ordinance Section 606.3a of the Wetlands Overlay District with the following new guidelines.

All proposed development, removal of vegetation and alteration of the land surface within all protected wetlands as defined as:

• at least 2 acres in size

• shall not consist of a water body only

• shall have at least 4 wetland functions as listed above in section 606.2, one of which should be wildlife habitat

• identified on the most recent National Wetlands Inventory produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are subject to this ordinance. The following vegetative buffers shall be required and maintained:

30 foot buffer on wetlands 2 to 5 acres

60 foot buffer on wetlands greater than 5 acres but less than 10 acres

100 foot buffer on wetlands 10 acres or greater

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Joan Karpf provided some background on the decision by the Conservation Commission to bring this warrant article to the voters. She also addressed some concerns brought up by the Planning Board in regards to the buffers. The Conservation Commission looked at 84 towns in New Hampshire and what those towns were using as buffers. Selectperson Marquis brought up a concern regarding resident’s property rather than development. He discussed the restrictions regarding the wetlands and the buffer around it. Alex Foti discussed why Planning/Zoning is opposed to this article. He stated that there are many small lots that are adjacent to wetlands which makes that lot completely unusable and is a hinderance to residents in regards to building a home.

**Article 5 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 6:** **Amend Zoning Ordinance**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Carroll zoning ordinance as follows: To add the definition "short-term rental means any individually or collectively owned single-family house or dwelling unit or any unit or group of units in a condominium, cooperative, or timeshare, or owner-occupied residential home, that is offered for a fee and for less than 30 consecutive days" to Section 202.

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. During discussion a question was posed regarding changes to the amendment since the Planning Public Hearing. The Moderator informed that this question was related to article 7 and would be discussed when reviewing that article.

**Article 6 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 7:** **Amend Zoning Ordinance**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the Town of Carroll zoning ordinance as follows: to add Section 706. Registration Requirements and Regulation of Short-Term Rentals to the zoning ordinance.

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. During discussion the Moderator informed that section 706 is the entire article being referenced and specifics are not included in the warrant. Alex Foti provided additional information regarding the development of this article and stated as someone who does short term rentals, he feels that having a registration process is a good thing as it provides information to police and fire on who to contact if there is a problem. He stated this was the original intent of the article. Foti informed of learning of a case in Freedom, NH where that Town attempted to implement an article with similar intent, that article was brought before the court and was struck down. Foti states this prompted the changes to the article. The Moderator clarified that at the hearing this definition is what is currently section 706, that this is what would be added should this article pass. Discussion followed including residents who felt this article was a bit rushed and a clear plan of implementation is not in place should this article pass. Selectperson Marquis stated on behalf of the Select Board that at this point they would prefer not to see this article pass and would rather wait and see how this issue plays out in the courts and then draft an article that would be fair to everyone and avoid issues. Another resident expressed issue with the wording of the article and that it does not clarify definitions and penalties. The Moderator informed that the articles from the Planning Board get submitted first to legal council then to DRA and at this point we are unable to change the language of the articles. Should the article pass it is unenforceable.

**Article 7 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 8:** **To Raise and Appropriate Operating Budget**

Shall the Town of Carroll raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $3,003,317?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $2,834,196, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Carroll or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator opened for discussion. No discussion.

**Article 8 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 9: Rescind Planning Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town of Carroll will vote to rescind the Planning Special Revenue Fund per RSA 31:95-c created in 2006 and expanded in 2007. If approved, all future building permit fees will go into the municipality's General Fund, and all amounts currently in the Planning Special Revenue Fund, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, will be transferred to the municipality's General Fund. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. No money to be raised from new taxation.**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Article opened for discussion. A question was posed regarding the ability of residents to see the funds from building permits in the budget. Selectperson Moroney stated a “balance” will not be seen however on the budget residents can see the cost of the building inspector. Selectperson Moroney referenced the MS-2 form. Currently there is no line item in the budget to view the income from building permits each year since these funds go into a Special Revenue Fund managed by the Treasurer and would show as a deposit. Selectperson Moroney informed that the Planning Special Revenue Fund has a balance of $158,185.52. Should this article pass, there will be a line item for the building inspector. One resident asked if this article passes would all the funds in the Planning Special Revenue Fund be transferred into the General Fund. Selectperson Moroney answered yes. Selectperson Marquis informed the residents that the building permit fees are there to offset the cost of the building inspector. The building inspector is for the entire Town, not just the residents who are doing work on their homes to make the Town look better. The fees will always go to offset the cost of the building inspector, but those fees may not always cover the cost of the building inspector. Chief Bailey asked if the funds will only be used to cover the cost of the building inspector. Selectperson Moroney informed those funds are going into the General Fund to pay for the building inspector but leftover funds, should there be any, are not restricted to cover the cost of the building inspector and any remaining funds will remain in the General Fund and can be used to offset the tax rate. The moderator asked if the Select Board had considered making the Select Board agents to expend from the Planning Special Revenue Fund rather than eliminating the fund. Selectperson Moroney informed they had not.

**Article 9 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 10: To Purchase Dump Truck with Plow**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($235,000) for the purpose of purchasing a dump truck with plow, wing plow, sander, safety lighting and two-way radio communication for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars ($130,000) from the Municipal Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars ($105,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund also created for that purpose. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. No money to be raised from new taxation.**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Scott Sonia informed that this will not be in addition to a current truck but will be a replacement for that truck. No further discussion.

**Article 10 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 11: To Replace Town Street Lights with LED Lights**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Two Dollars ($63,402) for the purpose of replacing town street lights with energy efficient LED lights and to partially fund this appropriation with a rebate through Eversource in the amount of Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($6,250). The net amount to be raised from taxes will be Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Three Dollars ($57,153). If approved, this installation will produce estimated savings that should result in a full payback within 4.2 years. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax Impact: $0.09**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Mr. Vecchio informed that he would like to make a motion to amend figures in this article due to learning more about the cost of this project. Mr. Vecchio read the changes as follows: the second figure originally written as Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($6,250) will now be Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($12,400) as the rebate has nearly doubled. The net amount to be raised from taxes will go from Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-Three Dollars ($57,153) down to Fifty-One Thousand and Two Dollars ($51,002). The payback will reduce form 4.2 years to 3.75 years. Tax impact will be reduced from $0.09 to $0.08. Selectperson Greer seconded this motion. The question was raised regarding how many streetlights there are. Mr. Vecchio responded approximately 125 streetlights. If the project moves forward there will be an audit done of all the light fixtures to determine if that is an accurate number. With no additional discussion on the amendment the Moderator read the amended warrant:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Two Dollars ($63,402) for the purpose of replacing town street lights with energy efficient LED lights and to partially fund this appropriation with a rebate through Eversource in the amount of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($12,400). The net amount to be raised from taxes will be Fifty-One Thousand and Two Dollars ($51,002). If approved, this installation will produce estimated savings that should result in a full payback within 3.75 years. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax Impact: $0.08**

The body voted in favor of the amendment to the language of warrant article 11.

Selectperson Greer expressed his concern with the removal of the phrase “shall not exceed” from the original article. Selectperson Greer is concerned that without that language the government can overspend. Discussion followed regarding when this language was removed. Selectperson Moroney informed that the Town could not spend more than what is stated in this article. Selectperson Greer made a motion to add the words “will not exceed” to the warrant. Mr. Pappas voiced concern that if the Town’s legal council had removed that language for a reason and the article was passed with incorrect wording making it illegal the article would not carry. Rena Vecchio spoke in favor of the hard work done by the Energy Committee. Selectperson Greer made a motion to amend the amended article to read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred and Two Dollars ($63,402). The Moderator asked for a second to Selectperson Greer’s motion to amend the amended article 11. The amendment was seconded by Anita Greer. The Moderator opened for discussion. Following discussion Selectperson Greer withdrew his motion to amend. Motion to amend was withdrawn.

**Article 11 will appear as initially amended.**

A motion was made to restrict reconsideration on articles 1-11 by Karen Moran. This motion was seconded by Imre Szauter. A vote was taken and the body was in favor of restricting reconsideration for articles 1-11.

**ARTICLE 12: To Purchase Tasers for the Police Dept**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars ($24,000) for the purpose of purchasing five (5) Tasers, related accessories and computer software for the Police Department. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax Impact: $0.04**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Moderator opened for discussion. Chief Bailey provided information on why this article is needed. No further discussion.

**Article 12 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 13: To Place Money in the Road Improvements CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.08**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator informed there is $139,545.75 in this Capital Reserve Fund. Selectperson Moroney informed on the balance of the Highway Block Grant as $262,100.95. No further discussion.

**Article 13 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 14: To Place Money in the Water Department CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the Water Unassigned Fund Balance. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. No money to be raised from new taxation.**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator opened for discussion and informed there is currently $218,657.47 in the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund. Treasurer Annette Marquis asked about the balance of a savings account for water. Selectperson Moroney informed that the water fund has $218,376.98.

**Article 14 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 15: To Put Money in the New Land & Building CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) to be added to the New Land & Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.05**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator opened for discussion and informed there is currently $93,240.39 in the New Land & Building Capital Reserve Fund.

**Article 15 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 16: To put Money in the Police Cruiser CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.05**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator opened for discussion and informed there is currently $62,758 in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund not counting the funds that must come out for the cruiser purchased in 2023, leaving approximately $22,000 in the Police CRF currently. No further discussion.

**Article 16 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 17: To Place Money in the Municipal Truck CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) to be added to the Municipal Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.03**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator opened for discussion and informed there is currently $91,280 in the Municipal Truck Capital Reserve Fund but reminded residents there is a warrant article to use some of those funds. No further discussion.

**Article 17 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 18: To Place Money in the Highway Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.02**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator informed there is currently $90,147 in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and reminded residents there is a warrant article proposed which will subtract funds from that balance. Moderator opened for discussion. No further discussion.

**Article 18 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 19: To Put Money in the Landfill Closure CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.02**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator informed there is currently $117,236 in the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. During discussion residents were reminded this CRF is for the old landfill next to the transfer station where the Town monitors wells and completes water testing as required by state regulations. If the landfill leaks the Town will need to use this fund to address potential issues. No further discussion.

**Article 19 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 20: To Establish an Energy Commission Capital Reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, outreach initiatives related to increasing energy efficiency and/or reducing energy costs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax Impact $0.02**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Moderator opened for discussion. No discussion.

**Article 20 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 21: To Offset Ambulance Medical Transfers**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) for the purpose of off-setting expenses related to ambulance operations, specifically hospital to hospital medical transfers of the sick and injured, with said funds to come from the Fire Department and Ambulance Equipment, Apparatus and Personnel Special Revenue Fund. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. No money to be raised by new taxation.**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. Moderator opened for discussion. Fire Chief Duncan informed this is for transferring people from hospital to hospital and stated that in 2023 they did about five transfers and the requested funds help pay for employees to do the transfer then following insurance billing funds are returned to that account. Duncan stated this service provides revenue for the Town. No further discussion.

**Article 21 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 22: To Place Money in the Computer Technology CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000) to be added to the Computer Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.01**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer. The Moderator informed currently there is $16,398 in the Computer Technology Capital Reserve Fund and opened for discussion. No discussion.

**Article 22 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

The total of articles 23 to 31 is $8,744. Karen Moran made a motion to accept articles 23 to 31 except for 30 as written. Motion was seconded by John Gardiner. **A vote was taken and the body was in favor of approving articles 23 to 31 as written except article 30.**

**ARTICLE 23: To contribute to North Country Home Health & Hospice**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Sixty-Five Dollars ($2,065) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution to the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency Inc., to help offset the support of the home health care, supportive care, medical hospice and community health programs and services of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc., and Hospice of the Littleton Area for the residents of our community. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.01**

**Article 23 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 24: To Contribute to Tri County Community Action**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Fifty Dollars ($2,050) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution for Tri County Community Action Program in support of their services for residents in our community. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.01**

**Article 24 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 25: To Contribute to Ammonoosuc Community Health**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($1,250) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution to help offset the cost of preventative and primary health care services of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. provided to the residents of our community. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax Impact**

**$0.01**

**Article 25 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 26: To Donate to Second Chance Animal Rescue**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) for the Second Chance Animal Rescue. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.01.**

**Article 26 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 27: To Contribute to Northern Human Services**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars ($923) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution to the Northern Human Services - White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, a non-profit mental health and development service center. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax Impact $0.01**

**Article 27 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 28: To Contribute to CASA**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH for recruiting, training and supervising volunteers who advocate in NH's courts for the best interests of abused and neglected children. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.01**

**Article 28 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 29: To Contribute to The Center for New Beginnings**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution to The Center for New Beginnings in Littleton, which provides counseling and mental health services to individuals throughout the North Country**. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 3-0. Tax impact $0.01**

**Article 29 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 30: To Contribute to American Red Cross**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars ($356) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution to the American Red Cross of New England, which provides relief and support to individuals throughout the region.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 2-1. Tax Impact: $0.01**

A motion was made by Selectperson Moroney to approve and seconded by Selectperson Greer.

Selectperson Greer informed that he did not vote in favor of the Red Cross on article 30 and discussed why he was not in favor of this article. Selectperson Greer made a motion to restrict the funds to One Dollar ($1). John Gardiner seconded the motion. Discussion followed and Karen Moran stated people should be allowed to vote on this article. A vote was taken and the body voted in favor of not amending the article.

**Article 30 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

**ARTICLE 31: To Donate to Pathways Pregnancy Care Center**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100) for the purpose of being the Town's contribution to Pathways Pregnancy Care Center in Littleton which provides educational services to individuals throughout the North Country. The **Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation 2-0, 1 abstain. Tax impact $0.01.**

**Article 31 will appear as written on the official ballot.**

At 8:35 p.m. Moderator Ben Jellison declared the Town Meeting recessed until 8:00 a.m. on March 12th, 2024 when all are notified to vote by Official Ballot at the Town of Carroll Town Hall Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crystal B. Bailey

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Town Clerk