

Public Hearing on Acceptance and Expenditure of NH Highway Safety Agency Grant: There is a 20% town match which is in the police budget grant line. ***Will the Board approve the following motion: “to accept and expend a NH Highway Safety Agency Grant in the amount of \$6,968 and further to authorize John Scruton and Bob Williams to sign the grant?”***

South Eastern Land Trust: Request for funds. The good news is LCHIP is putting money into the project but there is still a lot left to be raised. I suggest the Board agree to use the remaining \$230,000 of Conservation bond capacity for the closing in 2017 (not increase in down payment) instead of any other request in 2016 warrant. ***What does the Board wish to do regarding 2016 warrant?***

Bid review and recommendation on crushing gravel (road line)

Library design money of \$25,000: The trustees have two requests. One is that the BOS vote at the 12/21 meeting to allow the library trustees to use land, as specifically as it can be described, for the construction of a new library. The second is to encumber the \$25,000 to be used to pay SMP to create a preliminary building design. We have a contract with SMP, which was updated in June, 2014. The building location and the timeline for SMP’s services have changed since that update, and Jason LaCombe will determine if we need to formalize another update. The expected completion date is March, 2016, within the time limit for an encumbrance. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

John Wallace on Conservation Land: The ideal is for another entity (e.g. SELT) to hold a conservation easement. However, I think that they are unlikely to be willing to do so for this rather isolated parcel. The next best option is for the town to hold an easement. However, this involves an ongoing responsibility, and for open space that comes from a subdivision, the problem of an owner once a HOA no longer has any other reason to exist. The 3d option is for the town to take title to the land, with deed restrictions mandating that it be maintained as open space. The problem here is that there is no monitoring, and I understand that this sort of deed restriction can be overturned. My thought is that it's the best option in this case.

WARANT: We have the petition for the Community Bill of Rights again. Our attorney has indicated we have no authority to adopt it. Despite not doing anything about solar we have a petition to put it on the warrant from last summer.