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MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Town of New Gloucester
January 30, 2008

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Town Clerk, Rosemary E. Kulow.

*The Clerk led the special town meeting attendees in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.*

ARTICLE 1. To choose a **MODERATOR** to preside at said meeting.

Nomination of: Donald Libby
Nomination by: Beverly Cadigan
Seconded by: Steve Chandler
No other nominations were made.
Those in favor of closing nominations: All
Opposed: None
Nomination of Donald Libby carried.
3 votes were cast for Donald Libby.
Donald Libby was elected Moderator.

The clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. **ACCEPTANCE OF A TOWN WAY:** To see if the Town will vote to accept **Briarwood Drive** located in the subdivision known as Briarwood Estates, as dedicated by the property owner(s), with no Town obligation for damages, and with the acceptance to be effective July 1, 2008.

Motion: Roger Levasseur moved that Article 2 have passage as presented.
Second: Rick Hammond
Discussion: Jim Fitch, Roger Levasseur, Carrie MacDonald commented on this article.
Vote: It was voted that Article 2 have passage as read.

ARTICLE 3. **NEW FIRE-RESCUE STATION:** Shall the Town

- (1) approve a capital improvement project consisting of the design, construction and equipping of a new fire station on town-owned land located at 611 Lewiston Road (Route 100) in New Gloucester; and
- (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$2,300,000** to provide for the costs of this new project; and
- (3) to fund said appropriation,
 - (a) authorize the Treasurer to expend the sum of **\$632,694** from the fiscal year 2007-2008 Fire-Rescue Station Capital Reserve account;
 - (b) authorize the Treasurer to expend the sum of **\$272,757** from the fiscal year 2007-2008 Fire-Rescue Station Special Revenue account; and

- (c) authorize the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of New Gloucester, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,394,549 and delegate to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of New Gloucester, and to provide for the sale thereof ?

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The purpose of this Article is to approve the design, construction and equipping of a new fire station and to provide for the permanent funding of its costs.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this Article.

The Budget Committee recommends not bonding any portion of the project cost, but paying for the project with existing funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. Total Indebtedness:

A.	Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	
	MMWAC	\$1,209,397
	RWS Demo Disposal Site	\$ 50,000
B.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0
C.	Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	\$1,394,549

2. Costs:

At an estimated maximum interest rate of four and one-half percent (4.5%) for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond will be:

Principal:	\$1,394,549.00
Interest:	<u>\$ 339,796.60</u>
Total Debt Service:	<u>\$1,734,345.60</u>

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the

electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

s/ Rosemary Kulow
Town Treasurer

Motion: Peter Turner moved that Article 3 have passage as read.
Second: Jim Giffune

Discussion: Jim Fitch, Gary Sacco, and Roger Levasseur commented on this article.

Motion: Roger Levasseur moved and Sean Chayer seconded a motion to amend this article by reducing the amount to bond from \$1,394,549 to \$0, thereby eliminating bonding as a source of funding.

Discussion: Jim Giffune, Jim Fitch, Harold Bartlett, Dick Cadigan, Beth Sutherland, Beverly Cadigan, Peter Bryant, Larry Zuckerman, George Colby, Sam Coggeshall, Steve Chandler, Gary Sacco, Ellie Fellers, and Martin Geesamen commented on this amendment.

Roger Levasseur asked to move the question. Beverly Cadigan asked to vote by paper ballot. The moderator declared the ballot box open. Barbara Seaver and Beverly Cadigan handed out and counted ballots.

Vote on the amendment: 36 yes, 68 no. The amendment failed.

Repeat of original motion: *Motion by Peter Turner and second by Jim Giffune that Article 3 have passage as read.* Beverly Cadigan asked to vote by paper ballot. The moderator declared the ballot box open. Barbara Seaver and Beverly Cadigan handed out and counted ballots.

Vote on the article: 84 yes, 25 no. The article passed.

Peter Turner moved and Steve Chandler seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk, Rosemary E. Kulow