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able Trust Funds were presented and voted on in two blocks, Articles 3 and 4. Voters passed the amount of $262,976 to be placed in Capital Reserve Funds for revaluation, ambulance, highway equipment, highway special projects, police cruiser, Transfer Station, and bridge rehabilitation.

The Highway Special Projects Fund will be used for resurfacing Monticello Drive and Shaw Hill Road and upgrading shoulder drainage on Old College Road. The Bridge Rehabilitation Fund is to be used on our red-listed bridges, including Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge and Hall Farm Road Bridge.

The Lawrence Street Bridge Fund, which was not included in the warrant articles, currently has $200,002. The remaining funds needed to complete the project in 2023-2024 (when federal and state funds become available), can be raised by taking out a bond. The Town will be reimbursed for 80% of the cost.

The total project is estimated at $2.5 million, according to DOT this year. The Town's portion of 20% would be around $500,000, plus an estimated 3% annual inflation.

For the Expendable Trust Funds, voters approved $20,000 to be placed in funds for forest fire labor, Town buildings, and technology.

Warrant Articles 5 and 6 were passed, authorizing the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease for a Ford F550 forestry truck in the amount of $47,066 and to appropriate $33,160 for equipment to outfit the truck for forest fire suppression. The first year's lease payment for the truck will be $15,687.

Presently, fire fighters are using their own trucks to bring equipment into forest fires. The Town or the Fire Districts do not cover damage to the fire fighters' trucks, and their insurance companies are no longer willing to cover this type of damage. There was discussion about purchasing a used truck for this purpose, but the argument for needing a new truck under full warranty in an emergency situation won the day.

The truck will be maintained by the Fire Department, sparing the Town these costs. The Fire Department and the Highway Department will be able to call on this truck for use in emergencies such as a downed power line, when a smaller vehicle is more maneuverable and costs less to mobilize than one of the bigger engines.

Article 7 was also passed, to appropriate $30,000 to outfit with road maintenance equipment the 1990 Ford L8000 truck sold to the Town for $1 by the Fire Department.

Article 8 asked for $25,000 to replace the shingle roof on the Town Office and Andover Public Library building. The project will go through the bid process.

Estimates were received for both shingle and metal roofs, both coming in around $25,000. A shingle roof would require the removal and disposal of the current shingles, whereas a metal roof could be installed over the current shingles. A motion was made, and passed, to amend the article to have the roof replaced with a metal roof only.

Article 9 addressed the Morrill Hill Road Bridge, which is back on schedule to be replaced in 2017. The $179,888 to be placed in a Capital Reserve Fund for this bridge was previously raised and will come from the unassigned fund balance, where it has been for the past year. This is also a project that will receive 80% reimbursement from the State.

Article 10 gives the Selectmen permission to enter into a 25-year lease with the Andover Snowmobile Club for the lease of a portion of the land at White Oak Sand Pit. The Club wishes to build an equipment building with a small meeting area. This will be similar to the lease the Town has with the Horseshoe Club at the old (old) dump site on the west side of Monticello Drive.

Article 12 was a petitioned warrant article dealing with the purchase of a small piece of land and a building abutting the White Oak Sand Pit. As the property was recently purchased by another abutter, the article was tabled.

The total amount to be appropriated by the warrant articles is $566,711, with only $386,823 to be raised by taxation, as the $179,888 for Morrill Hill Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund was previously raised.

Thank you to all those who came out to participate in the Town Meeting process. Please keep in touch with questions and concerns during this year, and don't forget to attend the Budget Committee's public hearings in December and January. These hearings are an excellent opportunity to offer suggestions and voice concerns before the budgets are finalized.

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Kelly Ayotte's Office to Hold Office Hours in Andover

Press release

US Senator Kelly Ayotte's office will hold office hours at the Andover Town Hall on Tuesday, April 5, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

"New Hampshire residents who are looking for help dealing with the federal government shouldn't hesitate to contact me. I believe strongly that the citizens of our state deserve quality, efficient constituent services, and I will strive to deliver nothing less. A member of my staff will be visiting your town in the near future," said Ayotte.

You can contact Senator Ayotte's office in Manchester at 622-7979 or visit Ayotte.Senate.gov.

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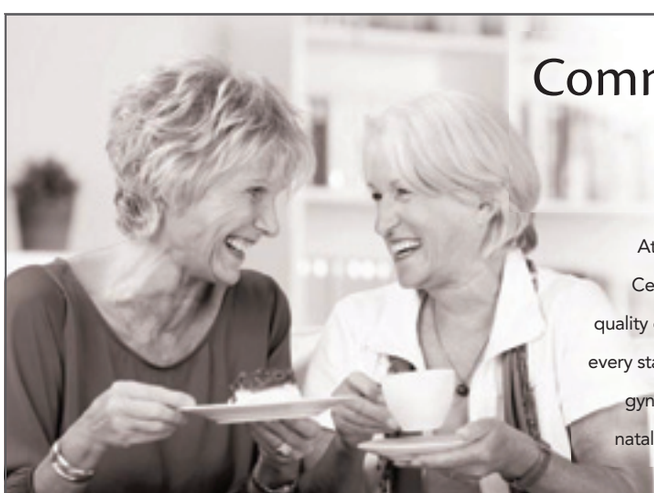

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