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Ordinance. The change was required by the federal flood insurance program. The new language, which was not on the ballot but had been presented at a public hearing and explained in an article in the *Beacon*, passed 513-105.

Warrant Article 3

\$6,000 toward a new police cruiser. Every year we set aside money toward the eventual replacement of the older of our two police cruisers. With no discussion, the article passed all but unanimously.

Warrant Article 4

\$10,000 toward highway equipment. Every year we set aside money toward the eventual replacement of the town's grader. With no discussion, the article passed all but unanimously.

Warrant Article 5

\$20,000 toward bridge rehabilitation. Every year we set aside money toward the ongoing rehabilitation of the town's bridges. With no discussion, the article passed unanimously.

Warrant Article 6

\$5,000 toward equipment at the Transfer Station. Every year we set aside money toward the eventual replacement of equipment at the Transfer Station. With little discussion, the article passed unanimously.

Warrant Article 7

\$4,000 for work at Boston Hill Cemetery. Pat Cutter told the meeting that \$2,500 will be spent on removing hazardous trees and the rest on repairing gravestones. The article passed unanimously.

Warrant Article 8

\$6,650 to purchase four tasers and computer software for the Police Department. The money has already been raised by the Police Department and therefore will not impact 2008 taxes.

Toby Locke felt strongly that the



Jon Champagne, our new road agent, is sworn in by Mark Stetson.

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new weapons aren't appropriate. Jen Coffey worried that a wrongful death lawsuit would bankrupt the town. Carla Levesque recounted the incident in which Officer Joe Mahoney was injured while tackling a drunk driver who was fleeing on foot. Carla said he wished he'd had a non-lethal option to use in that situation.

Many others had questions about guidelines for the use of tasers, what

kind of training and warranty comes with the equipment, what on-going maintenance costs would be, and whether someone who is tased has to be attended to by medical personnel.

Police Chief Glenn Laramie fielded questions and spoke in favor of the new weapons, calling them "the next level of non-lethal tool to put on our belt" and projecting that they would reduce the town's liability for the safety of its officers and the people they have to deal with.

Jim Delaney, who worked with Glenn in Franklin, also spoke in favor of tas-



Vicky Mishcon, our new selectman, is sworn in by Mark Stetson.

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ers, saying that "a lot of people coming through town aren't from Andover." Pecco Beaufays, innkeeper of the Highland Lake Inn, also supported the purchase. Dave Hassett, the director at the Merrimack County jail, said that tasers are used at the jail with no problem and that he supports them very much.

Jeff Newcomb moved an amendment that would have changed the article to just appropriating \$2,650 for computer software (thereby eliminating purchase of the tasers), but the amendment failed in a voice vote.

In the end, a voice vote was called on the original article, and those in favor were clearly in the majority.

Warrant Article 9

\$70,000 toward extending the Northern Rail Trail from Potter Place to Danbury. The money has already been raised by the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) and therefore will not impact 2008 taxes. Alex Bernhard of FNRT provided some details, and the article passed all but unanimously.

Warrant Article 10

\$8,000 to purchase land at Blackwater Park. The money has already been raised by the Recreation Committee and therefore will not impact 2008 taxes. Roger Laro of the Recreation Committee provided some details, and the article passed unanimously.

Warrant Article 11

\$1,195,276 for the Town Budget. This amount does not include the amounts from other warrant articles that were adopted.

As is the custom, Moderator Ed Becker led the meeting through the budget section by section. Things moved See Town Meeting on page 6

Come Home to the Country



Two-family Home

- Both 1st and 2nd floor - 2 bedrooms/1 bath
 - 1.1 acres, across from Highland Lake, full bsmnt
 - Washer/Dryer hook-ups and deck for each unit
- East Andover \$249,000**



Restored Antique Colonial

- Lane River frontage, updated kitchen, wide floors
 - 23 x 19 MB, loft/office, new bath w/skylights
 - Income producing 2 BR apartment, large barn
- Sutton Mills \$289,000**



Renovated Antique Cape

- Antique features including doors, trim, & flrs
 - Open concept kitchen & living space, formal DR
 - LR w/cath-ceil, loft, & FP. 1-car garage w/studio
- Sutton Mills \$275,000**



Country Charming

- Colonial w/650 ft Warner River frontage
 - Eat-in kitchen w/Viking range, formal DR & LR
 - Four bedrooms w/wide-board floors, FP
- Warner \$314,000**



Custom-built Cape

- 3-bedrooms, 8.54 acres, nicely landscaped
 - MS w-walk-in closet, formal LR w/HW floors
 - Kitchen w/SS appl, WO bsmnt w/fin fam room
- North Sutton \$349,000**



Nestled in the Woods

- Deck, 2 offices w/built-ins, formal DR w/built in.
 - LR w/FP & cath ceiling, 2-car garage w/storage
 - 9 acres, Master Suite, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths
- Andover \$279,000**



Fantastic Starter Home

- 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, .80 acres, efficient
 - Eat-in kitchen w/pantry, master BR w/bath
 - 2-car detach garage, 8x12 shed, I-89 access
- North Sutton \$189,000**



Sunny Open Floor Plan

- Great location, mins to I-89, contemporary cape
 - 2-story art gallery, MBS, 2.5 baths, 2-car garage
 - Nice kitchen w/cherry cabs & pantry, cath ceilings
- Hopkinton \$329,000**

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