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ommended by the Budget Committee by \$25,000 to \$1,804,127.

Warrant articles to add \$273,976 to several previously established Capital Reserve Funds and to add \$46,000 to several previously established Expendable Trust Funds were approved.

The Meeting rejected the Warrant Article to purchase for \$100,000 a tract of land for a source of highway sand. It also rejected a Warrant Article to renew the establishment of the Town Contingency Fund with funding of \$10,000.

The total appropriations voted

were \$2,127,057. Offsetting revenue of \$2,954 voted from the General Fund reduces this amount to a net appropriation of \$2,124,103. This is up from the 2017 net appropriation by \$77,209 (3.8%). Receipt from the State reimbursement for the 2017 expenditure for the Morrill Hill Road Bridge can significantly offset this increase.

Andover Fire District Meeting

The Andover Fire District voted to appropriate \$137,326 as recommended by the Commissioners and the Budget Committee. Offsetting revenues reduce the net appropriation to \$134,671. 

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used. The proposed budget had an increase over the previous year of \$10,000. The increases were for repairs at the library and increased costs for sand and for insurance. A motion was made to take \$25,000 off the bottom line of the budget. This amendment passed and the budget was adopted with a \$25,000 decrease from what had been proposed. The total town operating budget as adopted is \$1,804,127.

Article eight was to see if the town would vote to raise the sum of \$100,000 to purchase land in order to assure a continuous supply of sand for the town. Part of the reason for this article is that the town's ownership of the White Oak sand pit is being disputed by the state. After much discussion this article did not pass.

Article nine was for the purpose of establishing a contingency fund to go toward any unanticipated expenses that might come up during the year. This measure was defeated. The amount requested was \$10,000. In last year's meeting the voters did establish a contingency fund which, according to the town manager, was needed. When asked what the consequences of not having a contingency fund would be, Roy said that if additional funds were needed the town would need to go to the State Department of Revenue Administration for approval to reallocate funds. With a contingency fund, there is no need to go through all of that process with the state.

The voters were in favor of continuing to fund the previously established capital reserve fund which puts money away for future repair of roads, replacement of equipment and vehicles, and bridge repair. The amount publicized was printed incorrectly and the amount approved in article 10 was \$273,976.

Article 11 was passed adding the amount of \$46,000 to the Expendable Trust Fund previously established. These are for Forest Fire Labor, Town Buildings and Technology. Article 12 was similar and was passed adding the amount of \$2,954 to the Solar En-

ergy Capital Reserve fund previously established. The monies for this will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and will not be raised by taxes. This fund is for the purchase of the solar panels installed on the town office building.

Article 13 was one of the last steps in the merging together of the two fire precincts that was approved by the voters at last year's town meeting. The voters were in favor of transferring the deed of the East Andover Fire Station to the Andover Fire District #1.

Article 14 authorized the Select Board to receive the title for the town office building and surrounding land from the Andover School District. The building had originally been a school house and the title had remained with the school district, even though its use and maintenance had been taken over by the town many years ago. The article was approved.

Article 15 would give the Select Board authority to acquire or sell lands or buildings without the approval of voters at town meeting. The measure sets forth procedures requiring proper notice and public hearings before the board can act on any purchase or sale of property. After much discussion, with some voters pointing out examples of where this would have been beneficial, the motion was passed.

Article 16 allows voters to bring to the floor any other business that can legally come before the meeting. There were no measures that came up that required a vote. Several people did speak about a variety of subjects from the opening of the cemetery to veteran's markers for graves, to suggestions for the budgeting process and the town report.

Arch Weathers of the Budget Committee spoke on behalf of Ed Hiller, who has put in many years on the budget committee and will be stepping down this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM with all of the business being completed in less than three hours. 

Concord Regional VNA Announces Senior Health Clinic in Andover

At the Andover Hub on third Tuesdays

Press release

Concord Regional VNA is holding a new Senior Health Clinic at Andover Hub, 157 Main Street in Andover beginning on Tuesday, April 17 from 10 AM to 10 PM. and on the third Tuesday of each month at the same time.

All Senior Health Clinic services are provided for a suggested donation of \$10, however, services are provided regardless of a person's ability to pay. Services offered include foot care, blood pressure screening, B-12 injections, medication education, and nutritional education. Nurses also serve as valuable resources for matters related to health, medications, nutritional edu-

cation, and health insurance. Call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 5815 for an appointment.

Since 1986, Senior Health Clinics have been one of the mainstays of Concord Regional VNA's community benefits programming. The clinics are held in public and private locations throughout 42 towns we serve in 16 communities in Merrimack County and Hillsborough County. The clinics are located at easily accessible facilities such as the easily accessible Andover Hub.

These preventive basic health services help seniors maintain or regain their quality of life and remain independent in their homes. By remaining in their own homes, seniors have control of their lives, and stay independent and active in their communities. 



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