

TOWN OF CONWAY VOTING GUIDE



TOWN MEETING 2008

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 7:00 PM
Kennett High School Auditorium
409 Eagles Way, Conway, New Hampshire

February 21, 2008

To All Conway Voters:

This Voting Guide is intended to help you prepare for the annual town legislative process. It contains a variety of information concerning the proposed budget and warrant articles. For those interested in a detailed budget and other information on how town meeting works is available at Town Hall or on-line at www.conwaynh.org.

This year, the Town Warrant contains 32 Articles of which 28 will be presented on the floor for discussion and possible amendment at the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting. These Articles (Articles 4 through 32) will be deliberated on March 5, 2008 under the leadership of the Town Moderator. Articles 1 through 4 are not discussed at the Deliberative Meeting and will be submitted to the voters with other Articles on April 8, 2008.

Your attendance at the Deliberative Session is critical as it provides further opportunity for the opinions, concerns and issues of the Town to be expressed and debated by the Legislative Body. There are a variety of Articles proposed that will significantly affect town policy as well as the budget. In addition, while no final action on the Articles takes place, the power and right to amend an Article can occur at the Deliberative Session. Following the Deliberative Session all Articles are placed on the ballot, as amended, in the form of YES – NO questions.

Town Reports will be made available in late March to further assist you with your decision making on April 8th. The Town Report will include a final sample ballot with a tear-out worksheet. In addition, information will be available on the Town Web Page. If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 447-3811.

Finally, I urge you all to actively participate in the important duty of self-governance at both sessions of Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

Earl W. Sires
Town Manager

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BUDGET NARRATIVE

Introduction

The Budget committee and Board of Selectmen have proposed a 2008 operating budget that totals \$9,173,865 which is an increase of \$361,437 or 4.1% over the 2007 adopted budget (see Exhibit 1). The default budget is \$8,999,023.

The proposed increase in the operating budget is largely attributable to the following:

- Employee Benefits increase by almost \$74,123 due mainly to a 10% increase in health insurance and changes in employee status.
- The increase of \$151,505 in the Police Budget results largely from increased costs associated with existing employees.
- The Highway Department increase of \$146,194 is due in part to annual employee cost increases. Most significantly however, an additional \$100,000 has been added to fund increased labor and materials costs associated with the demands that this winter has placed on town snow plowing and street maintenance activities.
- The Library budget increases by approximately \$35,127 due to increased employee and utility costs.

Significant decreases are as follows:

- A decrease of \$22,960 is noted in the Debt Interest budget.
- The Ambulance Service line decreases by \$16,150 due to a decrease in the annual contribution to the two service providers.
- Finally, the contribution to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Account has been reduced by \$100,000 based on the fact that the purpose of this fund has been largely achieved.

Operating Budget

Departmental Summaries

This following discussion provides a summary of each department budget. Exhibit 1 presents a summary of the proposed changes in each budget from 2007 to 2008.

Executive

The Executive Budget includes staff and operating expenses for general town administration. Included in the budget are supplies and materials for administrative departments and compensation for the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager's Office. Compensation for some elected officials is also included. This year, the budget increases by just under 1%. Increases are due to employee compensation and minor increases in supplies and equipment lines.

Election and Registration

This budget funds elections and voter registration.

The budget increases by 12.5% and reflects the fact that four elections including the presidential election will be held in 2008. Additional expenses are associated with the need for more staff time and equipment such as voting machines.

Financial Administration

The Finance Department maintains fiscal records for the town. The Finance Budget includes expenses for Finance Department salaries, the annual external audit, the elected town Treasurer, and the Budget Committee. The budget increase of 1.5% is due mainly to increased staff costs.

Assessor

The Assessor's office is responsible for valuing all real and personal property, including mobile homes, residential and commercial properties, and agricultural land.

The Assessor's Budget includes assessing department staff salaries, outside mapping services, and other costs for property assessment. The budget increases by 2.6% due largely to increased staff costs.

Legal Expenses

The Legal Budget contains expenses for Town Counsel and other outside legal expenses. Town Counsel provides legal counsel to the Board of Selectmen and town staff. In addition, Town Counsel defends or prosecutes actions in court on behalf of the Town.

The amount budgeted for legal expenses decrease form \$50,000 to \$45,000 based on projected needs for 2008.

Employee Benefits

Employee Benefits includes health insurance and other employee costs mandated by the federal or state government such as FICA, social security and retirement. An amount for sick leave incentive for non-union employees is also included.

This budget increases by 11%, which results primarily from an approximate 10% increase in health insurance.

Planning and Zoning

The Planning Department is responsible for advising the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the public on land use and development issues. The planning staff oversees site plan and subdivision applications and amendments to the Site Plan, Subdivision and Zoning Regulations, as well as the Conway Master Plan. The Code Compliance Officer issues sign permits, home occupation permits and enforces the zoning codes.

This budget increases by 1.7% due to staff compensation increases. It should be noted that the salary for the Project Administrator includes overtime for taking minutes at night meetings for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The seminars line is reduced by \$1000 based on 2007 usage.

Government Buildings

Government Buildings includes operating expenses for a variety of Town buildings and facilities. These include: Town Hall, the Conway Recreation Center, the Public Works Garages, and the Whitaker Meeting House.

For 2007, this budget increases by just over 4%. The increase is due to adjustments made for increases in heating costs based on prior year experience.

Cemeteries

This budget carries \$1.00 to hold the account open for future contingencies.

Insurance

Liability insurance for Town property and vehicles is funded within this budget. The amount presented is an estimate of actual premium costs for 2008.

Police Department

The Police Department preserves the public peace, reduces the opportunity to commit crime, and provides a high level of safety, security and service for all members of the community.

The Police Department Budget increases by 6.8% or \$151,505. This increase is due largely to labor costs.

Ambulance

The Ambulance Budget funds a contribution to local ambulance providers. The local providers include Conway Village Fire District and the North Conway Ambulance Service.

This budget shows a decrease of 9.5% from the \$170,150 approved by the voters for 2007 to \$154,000 based on voter approved changes to the amount contributed by the town to the providers.

Fire and Rescue

The primary expense within the Fire and Rescue Budget is the provision of fire protection for areas of the Town that are not located within a fire precinct. Conway Village Fire District and North Conway Water Precinct provide these services under contract. This expense is funded by property taxes paid only by residents of non-precinct areas of the Town.

The budget increase by 7.7%. This increase is due to an approximately \$19,416 increase in the estimated cost of the Non-Precinct Fire Contract which funds fire service to non-precinct areas of the Town. Fire Pond Maintenance has been decreased by \$500 in anticipation of repairs to be funded through a proposed warrant article.

Inspections

The Building Inspector reviews building permits, building plans, inspects buildings and enforces the building codes.

This budget increases by just over 2.7% due to salary expenses for the existing positions and minor increases in other lines.

Highway

The Highway Department is responsible for the maintenance and construction of Town roads and bridges as well as other related activities such as snow removal and ditch and culvert repair.

An increase of 8.9% is proposed for the Highway Budget. This is due to labor costs and significant increases in labor, fuel and materials costs over the prior year. This increase is necessitated by the heavy snow removal costs experienced so far in 2008.

Solid Waste

The Solid Waste Department manages the disposal of solid waste for the Mount Washington Valley Solid Waste District, which includes the towns of Conway, Albany, and Eaton. The member towns reimburse Conway for this service. The department operates both a transfer station and landfill.

The proposed budget represents an increase of 4.8%. This is due primarily to wage and benefit increases under the compensation plan. In particular it should be noted that health insurance for employees is included in this departmental budget. Increases in insurance and changes in employee census impact this budget directly. In addition, \$4,000 in additional staff expense has been included to fund an attendant at the "Dump Store"

Health

The Health Budget includes funding for the services of appointed Health Officers as well as kennel fees for impounded animals. The budget is level funded.

Welfare

The General Assistance Department relieves and maintains those who are unable to support themselves. This office assists with basic necessities such as medication, housing, electricity, food and heat for those who qualify. All assistance is in the form of a loan and not a grant.

This budget carries operating expenses associated with providing economic assistance to residents and non-residents alike. Included are payments for housing assistance, food and medical needs. The budget increases less than one percent and is based on actual expenditures over the last several years.

Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Department is responsible for elementary school age youth sports and recreation programs and activities as well as a Teen Center for junior high age students. The Department also offers a variety of adult and senior citizen programs.

The budget decreases by 1% due to the establishment of the Recreation Revolving Fund in 2007. Fees collected from recreation programs are deposited into the fund and in turn many of the expenditures formerly paid out from the General Fund budget are covered in this fund.

Library

The recommended budget represents an increase of 8.7%. This increase is found in the labor lines and in the utilities line.

Patriotic Purposes

This budget provides funding for the Town Fourth of July celebration and for commemorative activities that occur on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. The Fourth of July Line shows an increase of \$500 to cover increased costs for the fireworks.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission oversees the planning and long-term use of Town common lands and open space properties. The proposed Conservation Commission Budget increases by 9% based on planned projects for the year.

Debt Principal

Included here are principal payments on long-term debt incurred by the Town. The budget increases by 3.2% based on the payment schedules of existing long term debt.

Debt Interest

Included in this budget are the interest payments on long-term debt incurred by the Town. The budget decreases by a net amount of 19.7% which results from the changes in the payment schedules for the five remaining bonds.

Interest on TANS

This budget includes projected interest expenses on Tax Anticipation Notes (TANS). Simply put TANS are short-term loans available to municipalities from the state that assist in supporting cash needs during the year. Based on the current reserves retained by the Town, this amount remains the same as the prior year at \$5,000.

Capital Reserve Funds

The Capital Reserve Budget includes funds to support ongoing capital equipment purchases and capital construction.

This budget decreases by \$100,000 or almost 13%. This is due to a reduction in the amount contributed to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Account. This reduction is possible because sufficient funds have been accumulated to address closure expenditures. Forty-three thousand will continue to be contributed to address post-closure monitoring expenses.

EXHIBIT 1

2008 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET: SUMMARY

Department	2007	2008 REC	% CHG REC
Executive	213,177	214,933	0.8%
Election	86,898	97,742	12.5%
Finance	217,187	220,343	1.5%
Assessing	127,238	130,589	2.6%
Legal	50,000	45,000	-10.0%
Employee Benefits	672,805	746,928	11.0%
Planning and Zoning	149,463	152,019	1.7%
Gov't Buildings	86,100	89,675	4.2%
Cemeteries	1	1	0.0%
Insurance	44,000	48,350	9.9%
Police	2,231,728	2,383,233	6.8%
Ambulance	170,150	154,000	-9.5%
Fire	244,282	263,198	7.7%
Inspections	61,733	63,369	2.7%
Highway	1,640,444	1,786,638	8.9%
Solid Waste	682,484	714,978	4.8%
Health	3,025	3,025	0.0%
Welfare	65,836	66,310	0.7%
Parks and Rec	271,082	268,461	-1.0%
Library	403,014	438,141	8.7%
Patriotic Purposes	9,700	11,200	15.5%
Conservation			
Comm	17,804	19,415	9.0%
Debt Principal	465,000	480,000	3.2%
Debt Interest	116,277	93,317	-19.7%
Interest TANS	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Capital Res Funds	778,000	678,000	-12.9%
TOTAL	8,812,428	9,173,865	4.1%

**CONWAY TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF CONWAY, County of Carroll, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Auditorium at Kennett High School, 409 Eagles Way, Conway, New Hampshire, on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting to discuss and amend if deemed appropriate, Articles 3 through 32 hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all Articles (1 through 31) shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at the Conway Community Building, East Main Street, Center Conway, New Hampshire. The polls shall open for balloting at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the Moderator calls the meeting to order, and shall close at 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary officers.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendment No. 1 to Chapter 147 (Zoning Ordinance) which amends §147.15 DEFINITIONS to add the following definition of a "UTILITY POLE" and renumber the ordinance sections accordingly: UTILITY POLE. A structure which is owned by a government agency or utility company and which is used to support lines and other equipment carrying electricity or communications. Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board (6-0-0).

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendment No. 2 to Chapter 147 (Zoning Ordinance) which amends §147.13.8.6.8.1 as follows: "Illumination. Signs shall not be illuminated from within; signs may be illuminated only by external light. Lighting shall be affixed to and, for dimensional purposes, considered part of the sign structure. Lighting shall be located, directed and/or shielded such that it only sheds light downward and is limited to the message display area. The lighting sources shall be of white light and be energy efficient fixtures when possible. ~~Fixtures~~ ~~Lighting sources~~ shall be ~~metal halide or halogen~~ and located, directed and/or shielded such that no direct light emissions are visible at any point along the property boundary, nor shall they ~~in any way~~ be distracting to vehicular traffic." Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Planning Board (5-1-0).

ARTICLE 4: (Operating Budget) Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an OPERATING BUDGET, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Nine Million, One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$9,173,865) Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be Eight Million Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Twenty Three Dollars (\$8,999,023) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Conway or by law, or the

governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee by vote of (10-3-0).

ARTICLE 5: (Separate - not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4) To see if the Town of Conway will vote to approve the cost items included in a TWO-YEAR (2008-2009) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CONWAY AND AFSCME #93, LOCAL 859, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS which calls for no increase in benefits or costs to the Town for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. This means that the proposed contract results in no additional costs attributable to the increase in benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal years. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-0-0).

ARTICLE 6: (Special-not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) to be placed in the MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 4, the Operating Budget Article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (12-1-0).

ARTICLE 7: (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4). (Police Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000) to contribute to the CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR POLICE VEHICLES to be used according to the purposes for which the fund was established. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 4, the Operating Budget Article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (12-1-0).

ARTICLE 8: (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$109,581) from franchise fees to add to the PEG EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND, to support the operations and equipment needs of the Public Education and Government station. No property tax funds will be raised to support this warrant article. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-0-0).

ARTICLE 9: (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$10,900) to purchase a COMPUTER SYSTEM SERVER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (11-2-0).

ARTICLE 10: (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,650) to purchase a MOTORCYCLE WITH SEVEN YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY PLAN FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-5-0).

ARTICLE 11: (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to fund MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN WIDE FIRE PONDS. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the improvements are completed, or in two years, whichever first occurs. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-0-0).

ARTICLE 12: (Separate - not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4). To see if the Town will vote to raise the existing annual COMPENSATION FOR THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN by five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each from the current Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) each and to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to fund this increase. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-7-2).

ARTICLE 13: (Special - not included in Budget Appropriation Article 4). To see if the Town will vote to raise the annual COMPENSATION FOR THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST by Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) each from the current \$1,000.00 each to \$1,400.00 and to appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to fund this increase for 2008 only after which the compensation will be reduced to the current \$1,000 per supervisor annually. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-0-0).

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town of Conway will vote to modify the ELDERLY EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX pursuant to 72:39b as follows:

To qualify, the person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three years as of April 1 of the tax year in which application is made; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his or her spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$21,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (12-0-1).

ARTICLE 15: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) for TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Conway. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (11-2-0).

ARTICLE 16: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) to support the Conway home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by THE GIBSON CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES, INC. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (12-1-0).

ARTICLE 17: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for VAUGHAN COMMUNITY SERVICE, INC. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (12-0-1).

ARTICLE 18:(Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for NORTH CONWAY DAY CARE. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-3-1).

ARTICLE 19: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,750) in support of STARTING POINT providing crisis services to the victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1). Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-4-1).

ARTICLE 20: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$7,298) to help defray the costs of Service Delivery of the MOUNT WASHINGTON VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-4-1). Not recommended by the Budget Committee (1-11-1)

ARTICLE 21: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$35,565) for the support of WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Conway. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0-1). Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-4-0).

ARTICLE 22: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the support of the EASTERN SLOPE AIRPORT AUTHORITY Master Plan and Matching Grant Funds. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (10-2-1).

ARTICLE 23: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the Early Supports & Services Program (birth to 3 years) of CHILDREN UNLIMITED, INC. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (10-3-0).

ARTICLE 24: (Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), said sum to be allocated to the NORTH CONWAY COMMUNITY CENTER for programs of the North Conway Community Center. Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0). Recommended by the Budget Committee (13-0-0).

ARTICLE 25: Special – not included in Budget Appropriation Article #4). To see if the Town of Conway will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to help fund PROJECT PROM, a start-up safety initiative, for our high school seniors. Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-5-0). Not recommended by the Budget Committee (0-12-1).

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE, pursuant to RSA 674:5, to prepare and amend a recommended program of capital improvement projects over a period of at least 6 years.

ARTICLE 27: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b for the EXEMPTION FOR THE DISABLED to any person that is eligible under title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$19,000, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$25,000, and own net assets of not more than \$50,000, excluding the value of the residence. The exemption for qualified taxpayers shall be \$37,500 deducted from the assessed value.

footnote similar exemption adopted by Conway for the elderly RSA 72:43-H (Submitted by Petition). Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-5-0).

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Conway, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

(Submitted by Petition).

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to accept Jefferson Road and Lincoln Circle (off Old Mill Road) in the subdivision of Lincoln Estates. (Submitted by Petition). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0-0).

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town Conway will vote to take over the maintenance of the roads, Heather Hill Road, Highpoint Road, Holly Ridge Road and Grandview Road to number 525, in the subdivision of Hales Estates. (Submitted by Petition). Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-5-0).

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to extinguish right, title, and interest, if any, in the portion of "Burbank Road" so called, which was "totally discontinued, completely and absolutely" by passing article 35 at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, and release said rights back to the abutters of record. Said portion of Burbank Road is described as follows: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the land of E.A.R. Revocable Trust (shown as parcel 8 on tax map 259), thence running generally westerly along the southern edge of said Burbank Road 605.28 feet, more or less, to the northwesterly corner of land of William Green (shown as parcel 12 on tax map 260); thence turning and running northerly 24.75 feet, more or less, across Burbank Road to the northern edge thereof; thence turning and running easterly along the northern edge of Burbank Road to a point 33 feet, more or less, west of the southerly corner of the land of Russell/Shaffner (shown as parcel 7 on tax map 259) and thence turning and running southerly 24.75 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. (Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 32: To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.