

1 **SECOND:** by Councilor Pelletier

2 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

3 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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5 **11. Municipal Services Department – Authorize Disbursement of \$3,400,000.00 from**
6 **Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve Fund for 2024 Road Program**

7 Manager Devine stated that the packet had a memo from the Municipal Services Director.

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9 Roy Sorenson, Municipal Services Director, showed a picture of the finished work on Dusitn
10 Road and gave an update on work that was going on around town. The Brunello Road link was
11 in design and the Tuscan Development had improvements scheduled for Via Toscana, the Route
12 28 intersection with Rockingham and Veterans, and on Route 28 to Cluff. He showed slides on
13 the Rail Trail Phase VI work in front of the Kohls Plaza and sidewalks on Cluff, which might
14 involve some additional funds. Mr. Sorenson covered the Road Program guidelines. He stated
15 that the amount of mill and overlay would increase next year. The estimate was built on a \$3.8
16 million estimate which was reduced in the budget to \$3.4 million. The bids came in sky high, so
17 they reduced the planned work by removing some mill and overlay. The changes brought the
18 total down to \$3.6 million. He was looking to use \$200,000 from the Roadway Capital Reserve
19 Fund to cover the difference.

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21 Chairman Sweeney stated that Councilor Withrow had submitted a letter in support of the plan.

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23 Councilor Bryant stated that last year they moved the amount that was approved up by \$500,000.
24 He was not able to be present when that happened, so he was glad to be here this year for the
25 discussion. This year they were asking for \$200,000. The voters had approved \$3,400,000, but if
26 this got them closer to being able to reduce the amount needed. Councilor Bettencourt supported
27 this funding.

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29 Councilor Bettencourt stated that in the future they would need to keep tabs on what was in the
30 reserve fund. He was pleased to address it without more impact to the taxpayers.

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32 Councilor Hatch asked for the purpose of the reserve fund.

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34 Mr. Sorenson stated that when money was appropriated for the roads, but not spent because the
35 actual work came in cheaper, the remaining money went back into the reserve fund.

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37 Councilor Hatch asked if they would have to make that money that was being used up later from
38 somewhere.

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40 Mr. Devine answered no.

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42 **MOTION:** by Councilor Bryant

43 *The Town Council, as agents to expend the Salem Roadway Improvements Capital Reserve*
44 *Fund, hereby authorizes \$3,400,000.00 as approved via Article 13 of the 2024 Town Meeting*
45 *Warrant and \$200,000.00 from the Roadway Capital Reserve, to be disbursed for the 2024*

1 ***Road Construction and Engineering Program, as submitted by the Roadway Stabilization***
2 ***Committee and as presented tonight.***

3 **SECOND:** by Councilor Stacey

4 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

5 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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7 **12. Municipal Services Department – Authorize Town to Enter Into Grant Agreement with**
8 **NH Department of Environmental Services and Accept \$4,800.00 in Grant Funds for**
9 **the Canobie Lake Exotic Species Program**

10 Manager Devine stated that the packet had a memo from the Municipal Services Director.

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12 Mr. Sorenson stated that this was a grant from the State. They would go scuba diving into
13 Canobie Lake and remove the invasive species that they found. There was very little invasive
14 species plant life in this lake, so the work was a good test to see if the program was successful.

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16 Chairman Sweeney asked if this covered the whole lake including the Windham side.

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18 Mr. Sorenson answered yes because it was to Salem's benefit to keep the lake clear.

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20 Councilor Bettencourt asked if there were any strings attached to this grant.

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22 Mr. Sorenson answered no. They had a year when they had a lot of plant growth, but most of it
23 was native species not invasive ones.

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25 Councilor Bryant stated that the plants grow less when the water in lake is deeper.

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27 **MOTION:** by Councilor Bryant

28 ***Move that the Town Council approves the Certificate of Vote authorizing the Town to enter***
29 ***into a grant agreement with the State of NH, Department of Environmental Services to fund***
30 ***removal and control of Brittle Naiad through the Exotic Species Program for best***
31 ***management practices thereof for Canobie Lake, further to authorize the Interim Town***
32 ***Manager to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this grant***
33 ***agreement; and further in accordance with RSA 31:95(b) to accept a grant funds in the***
34 ***amount of \$4,800.00.00.***

35 **SECOND:** by Councilor Stacey

36 **VOTE:** 8-0-0

37 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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39 **13. Municipal Services Department – Authorize Town to Enter Into Grant Agreement with**
40 **NH Department of Environmental Services, Local Water Source Protection Program**
41 **for Arlington Pond, and Schedule Public Hearing to Accept \$29,283.00 in Grant Funds**

42 Chairman Sweeney opened a Public Hearing at 7:22 PM.

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44 Mr. Sorenson spoke about the grant for watershed management at Arlington Pond. It was to look
45 at finding the source of the water quality issues they had been having at Arlington Pond.

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