



of \$13,867.50, is to replace the walk-in cooler of the main kitchen. This will be a warrant article. The Conway Grammar School budget of \$2,086,307 (an increase of 2.96% or \$60,000) is up for a vote on Thursday. Conway K-12 enrollment is 384 students; 126 are enrolled in the grammar school. Conway Grammar School is the only one of the four schools that has a capital stabilization account. It was established 6-7 years ago because we wanted to have the money to replace the very old boilers. The current balance is \$59,000. It would be prudent to get the amount closer to \$125,000, though this would not likely be possible in the short term. There will be an article on the warrant to increase the stabilization fund.

**Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting**

None

**Town Administrator update**

- On the advice of both MIIA and town counsel, I will be asking the Conway Mall volunteers to sign a ‘hold harmless’ waiver. Volunteers fit the definition of an “employee” and thus are considered “insureds” within the General Liability policy, and MIIA has told me that ‘It is our recommendation that the Town ask volunteers to sign a “Hold Harmless” Agreement to the effect that the Town is not to be held liable for injuries to the volunteers.
- I have received updated cost estimates from Jan Ameen of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District – costs will unfortunately be going up for both recycling processing and trash disposal. I will forward for review the updated transfer station budget next week.
- The Public Buildings Committee had its first meeting last Thursday and is currently discussing design plans for creating office space for Fire, Police and Ambulance at the old highway garage. Plans are moving forward with siting and drilling the new well.

**Select Board member comments/concerns**

Bob said the Selectboard got a request to support two bills, H.912 and H.1002 before the House for forest protection and would take most of the forest managed by the state so that no logging would be allowed. The only forests that wouldn’t be covered in these bills are recreational areas. If the bills pass, it would not allow the DCR to support their budget by logging. The second bill is to protect forest reserves and is supported by the first Hampshire district representative. A Conway resident has asked if the board would write a letter to Rep. Blais, etc. in support of the bills. **On a motion from Bob to send a letter in support Phil seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**

**Mail**  
*National Grid notification dated 03/03 re: Upcoming Sideline Vegetation Management*

Phil said that where National Grid is planning on doing this vegetation management is in the old railroad bed along the Deerfield River. There is a transmission line above Conway Station, which goes across Bardwell’s Ferry above the parking area. Though this area is largely uninhabited we will send them a letter asking them to come in and explain their method as we did with Eversource recently.

**Announcements**

None

**Next Meeting**

March 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM

**Adjourn**

**At 7:40 on a motion from Bob to adjourn, Erica seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.**