

## Colebrook Budget Hearing

February 4, 2026

Selectboard Members: Greg Placy, Ray Gorman, and Sue Collins

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The hearing started at 6:00pm.

Greg Placy started the hearing by talking about the budget and the increases due to personnel costs, wages, and benefits. In 2026 there are 53 payrolls, this happens every six years and that additional payroll does not have a tax impact. The board is proposing a 2.5% cost of living adjustment for town employees which is right in line with the inflation rate during the past year. Additionally, the town office received two proposals for health insurance, the board decided to leave CGI and the Harvard Pilgrim Plan and subscribe with HealthTrust and an Anthem Blue Cross Plan, the benefit line items have increased 7.6% for 2026.

Greg Placy read the warrant to the public. Town Warrant for Colebrook, New Hampshire the polls will be open from 8am to 6pm. To the inhabitants of the Town of Colebrook in the County of Coos in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Colebrook School Gymnasium, 27 Dumont Street, in said Town of Colebrook on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00pm** in the evening to act up on the following subjects:

**Article 1:** To bring in your ballots for the selection of Town Officers to be elected by ballot for the Town of Colebrook for the ensuing year.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,662,464.00** for **General Government**. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue Collins: explained that the general government budget that the board is proposing goes onto the next four slides and she will go over each of the departments quickly, but if anyone had any questions, she let them know to stop her.

*Executive:* Selectmen down \$150.00.

*Town Administration:* Administration is up \$3,340.00 salary and benefits did increase but other line items were reduced.

*Town Clerk, Voter Registration, Town Meeting, and Elections:* is down \$26,620.00, this year the Town Clerk chose to leave the town's health plan which was a savings of \$30,750.00. Most of the other line items in the Town Clerk's budget were level funded. Voter Registration & Town Meeting, in 2025 there was only one election on Town Meeting Day; in 2026 there will be three elections, the election of town and school district officers on March 10, a primary in September, and a general election in November. The budget for Town Meeting and Elections is up \$5,665.00.

*Treasury:* is up \$3,370.00 and that covers a 2.5% salary increase for our Trustees of Trust Funds, plus a stipend adjustment for the Treasurer, who will be assuming additional duties now that we no longer have a contract with an accounting firm. Municipal general insurance has increased again this year.

*Data Processing:* Is up \$48,500.00, the large increase is due to a new municipal finance software package, which is a one-time charge of \$47,100.00, which will save costs to the town in software support in the coming years.

*Assessing Services:* The Town's revaluation is complete after seven years. This budget is down \$6,975.00. We still have the challenge of contracting with someone approved by the NH Department of Revenue to do our annual pick-ups. We still need money in the assessing budget and that is where we pay for updates to our tax maps, updates to the GIS system, there are two or three contracts that come under that.

*Legal Expense:* level funded

*Planning & Zoning Board:* mostly stayed the same at \$625.00. The board continues to work on the Master Plan with the help of two consultants, who are primarily paid with grant funds.

*General Government Buildings:* This would be the Town Hall. There is an increase of \$1,910.00, building insurance is up \$5,000.00, but we have begun to realize savings from the solar panels, that were put into service in December. The Solar Project was 100% grant funded.

*Regional Association:* is down \$10.00, that is our North Country Council membership.

*Police Department, Stonegarden, Border Security & Highway Safety Grant:* The police budget shows an increase of \$96,100.00, the majority of the police budget covers wages and benefits for our 24/7 department. It includes staffing SAU 7 with Resource Officers in Colebrook & Stewartstown Schools. Resource Officers positions are 100% reimbursed by the two school districts and there is an equal offset for the Resource Officer costs in the Police revenue budget. We pay out \$90,000.00 in wages and benefits and that is reimbursed to us, so there is a revenue side to this, so you can deduct \$90,000.00 from the local share of the police budget. Increases in the police budget are due to wages, benefits, NH Retirement, and property and liability insurance. *Stonegarden:* is grant funding for police details assisting US Border Patrol and is state funded at

\$40,528.00 in expenses and an equal off set in the revenue budget. The same goes for the Border Security Grant and the Highway Safety Grant.

Linda Yorke: Sue, how many police officers do we have that are full-time? Tim said, “we have four.” Tim explained that the Chief is not full-time.

*45<sup>th</sup> Parallel Ambulance Service:* is down \$10,400.00.

*Colebrook Fire Department:* is an increase of \$250.00, that is for outside fires.

*Emergency Management:* this is down \$2,590.00, that is because work on the 5-year Hazard Mitigation Plan is nearly complete and will not show up in the budget for another 4 years.

*Highway Department:* is an increase of \$35,400.00. Wages, NH Retirement, health insurance, vehicle and property insurance are all up, as is overtime for winter road maintenance.

*Aldrich Road Repair:* We continue to work on finding a long-term fix for Aldrich Road, the project continues to be delayed, awaiting any possible funding news from FEMA. The road repairs that are needed are for mitigation of the 2023 flood damage.

*Used Oil Grant:* This is an annual grant from the State of NH. We budget \$2,500.00 on the expense side; this is to take care of the oil furnace at the Highway Garage. Then we budget \$2,500.00 from the State on the revenue side.

*Street Lighting:* is down \$5,000.00 in 2026. With the upgrade to all the streetlights, excluding downtown Main Street, all the lights were updated with LED fixtures. We expect that once the Main Street lights are upgraded, we will realize even more savings in this line item, and this is coming up with the Main Street Project. Greg advised, “the contractor plans on beginning construction in May.”

*Transfer Station:* is an increase of \$7,150.00 because at the beginning of January the town has to pay the State of NH a disposal fee of \$3.50 a ton. Last year we hauled 1,300 tons of municipal solid waste and debris to Mt. Carberry Landfill, that adds \$4,600.00 to this budget, which the state will reimburse the town quarterly. Due to a statute for bidding unfunded mandates, the legislation included a refund provision for municipalities. If JK Lynch brings municipal sold waste to Casella or to Mt. Carberry, he is going to have to pay the \$3.50 fee per ton and the state will keep that, but when we have to pay it, the state has to give it back to us because we are a Municipality. So, if you look at the revenue budget, there is a line for refund of this disposal fee of \$4,600.00

*Recycling:* is up \$8,670.00. Not only is the revenue from the sale of commodities down, but the County is periodically short on inmates to process recycled items from the sending towns. The County requested two new part-time positions, but the member towns only approved of one to be filled, only if absolutely necessary. The laws relating to sentencing inmates to hard labor have changed a lot in the last three years, with judges obligated to sentence inmates to behavioral

programs over work programs. Recent legislation is reintroducing hard labor, but it is only for really serious crimes, which the County does not hold those kinds of inmates.

*Outside Agencies* is level funded.

*Health Officer:* is up \$1,190.00 and includes more hours, more training, and education for the town's Health Officer.

*Animal Control:* is double the budget, we went from \$250.00 to \$500.00, this is a contribution that the town makes to the Coos Animal Sanctuary, so that we do not have to hold animals here at the Town Hall.

*General Assistance:* is down \$9,500.00, as we learned in 2024, it only takes one case to blow the doors off this budget. 2025 was a better year so the amount requested for 2026 is down.

*Recreation:* is up \$9,240.00 due to wages and benefit increases. There is \$13,000.00 that is budgeted as offset income. The Rec Program charges fees to those who participate in their programs and some of those fees come back to the town. All the activity costs for the Parks & Recreation Department are paid by the Recreation Revolving Fund created by Town Meeting over a decade ago. The wage increases were necessary to be able to keep the part-time students who work as counselors. Even the town can't compete with Dunkin Donuts on some wages.

*Patriotic Purposes:* is up \$5,000.00, this is the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA. Local organizations will be ramping up 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations and we intend to help with this one-time additional funding.

*Conservation Commission & Economic Development:* Economic Development is down \$400.00, and the *Conservation Commission* budget is down \$700.00, since we have no volunteers to serve on the commission. Sue urged anyone in attendance to let Town Manager know if they are interested in serving.

*Debt Service:* is up \$9,001.00 and that is because this year we had to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, because the reval was not done and usually tax bills go out in late November and we start getting cash in December, but this year we didn't get any cash in until January. The Treasurer had to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and she let Sue know yesterday that she had to pay \$5,600.00 in interest, so we are budgeting \$10,000.00 for interest on a short-term note. Hopefully we will not need it, but we will see in June if we need to borrow again. Sue believes that the only reason we might need to borrow money is once we start Main Street, even though most of the project is paid for by the state except for 20% of the sidewalk, we have to pay the bills when they come in from the contractors and then we have to bill the state for reimbursement. So there may be a cash flow problem as some of those contractor and engineering bills are going to be high because the bid for Main Street was over \$6 million.

The new total for General Government is **\$3,662,464.00**, up from **\$3,483,079.00** in 2025 with some of the increases to be offset by revenues.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$247,500** for the following **Capital Reserve Funds**. This appropriation shall be funded by taxation with the exception of the water and sewer short-lived assets, which will be funded by user fees. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: It is pretty clear on the slide that we are putting an extra \$10,000.00 into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. It is time to start saving for the next town revaluation, luckily, we started saving before so there wasn't a lot of tax impact on this last reval, so we are putting an extra \$5,000.00 in there because we have normally been putting in \$10,000.00. Paving we are ramping up from putting \$50,000.00 a year to \$75,000.00.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$136,080.00** for Landfill Closure Expenses and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$50,000.00** from the Sanitary **Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund** as offsetting revenue against these expenses. The balance of **\$86,080.00** is to come from general taxation (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: The Landfill Closure budget is up \$8,880.00 due to wage increases and higher cost of groundwater monitoring. Annually the town withdraws \$50,000.00 from the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund to offset the cost of keeping the landfill compliant with NH DES rules and regulations.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$106,600.00** for the purpose of paving Monadnock Street and a portion of Titus Hill Road and authorize the withdrawal of **\$106,600.00** from the **Road Paving Capital Reserve Fund**, created for that purpose. NO amount to come from general taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: explained that the estimate we received for paving this year was \$106,600.00, there is going to be a lot of activity on Monadnock Street this coming summer with the re-routing of utilities from Main Street and the street was in dire need of paving even before that activity that is coming up.

Greg: on Monadnock Street the pavement level has gotten equal with the sidewalk, so they are going to have to grind down, then pave back. They will go down two inches and back one.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$47,000.00** for the purchase of a Bobcat Loader and authorize the withdrawal of **\$47,000.00** from the **Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**, established for that purpose. No amount to come from general taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: The Highway Department requested a new Bobcat Loader because the old one that is down at the Transfer Station has died. The one they are using now for sidewalk plowing will become the

Transfer Stations Bobcat Loader, and the new one will go to the Highway Department. The funding comes from the Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund so there is no impact on taxes.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease purchase agreement in the amount of **\$198,500.00** for the purchase of leasing a Backhoe with an extended warranty and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$43,800.00** for the first year's payment for that purpose. Further to authorize the withdrawal of **\$14,600.00** from the **Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**, **\$14,600.00** from the **Water Assets Capital Reserve**, and **\$14,600.00** from the **Sewer Assets Capital Reserve**, all previously established for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause that the purchase price is based on the equipment cost of **\$228,500.00** less a trade in allowance of **\$30,000.00** for the towns 2014 Volvo Backhoe. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: Greg gave you all the figures, the three departments do share the backhoe. It is a 2014 backhoe, and we have been putting a lot of money into repairs. Our Town Manager looked into bank loans and interest rates with banks, and they were all above 5%. He received a proposal from a company called Tax Exempt Leasing Incorporation that has an interest rate of 4.99% and over five years it will cost each department \$14,600.00 annually for the new backhoe with a warranty. We own it for \$1.00 after the five years. There is no impact on taxation as the funds will be withdrawn from the three capital reserve funds.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000.00** for the purchase of an upgraded SCADA (Supervision Control & Data Application) System for the Colebrook Water & Sewer Departments and authorize the withdrawal of **\$20,000.00** from the **Water Short Lived Assets** and **\$20,000.00** from the **Sewer Short Lived Assets**, established for that purpose. No amount to come from general taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: I do not know how old the current SCADA System is, but I have been here 10 years and there was SCADA at the Town Garage when I started. It is a computer system that has sensors that monitor vital components of both the water department and wastewater treatment facilities, and it sends alarms from the various components, also water levels in the wells and water levels in the water tank up on Reservoir Drive. The system that is there right now completely failed recently, and there is a temporary system there right now. Until we can get authorization from the town to replace it, we can't buy a new one. The funds will come from the Water Short Lived Asset & Sewer Short-Lived Asset Accounts. Those two accounts were required by the state of NH to be set up in 2016 when we first approved the Main Street Project. At the time that we did the underground part of the project, we replaced all the water and sewer lines.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$644,490.00** for the **Colebrook Water Department and the Colebrook Sewer Facilities**. Said funds to be offset by user fees. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: Both of these budgets are funded by user fees; they are not in general taxation. They have increased a total together of \$19,820.00. As you can imagine, the million-dollar loss due to the destruction of the Ultraviolet Disinfection Building, down at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has increased our insurance rates. Insurance is going to pay for the replacement, but it is also affecting our rates. The cumulative increases to many of the line items, including the wages account and the benefits account of these two budgets account for the increase of \$19,820.00.

**Article 10:** to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$231,715.00** for support of the **Colebrook Public Library**, **\$209,220.00** to be raised through taxation and **\$22,495.00** is to come from other library balance on hand January 1, 2026, Book sales, donations, trust funds, non-resident fees, other communities, overdue fines, book resale, copying fees, etc., such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: Article 10 is an increase of \$18,060.00. The Selectmen put in the budget what the Library Trustees have requested.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the previously established **Colebrook Public Library Capital Improvement Fund**. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of the article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: This is the same amount that the town puts in every year.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$97,400.00** for the purchase and installation of a new elevator for the Colebrook Public Library and authorize a withdrawal of **\$25,000.00** from the **Colebrook Public Library Capital Improvement Fund**, established for that purpose. **\$15,000.00** to come from grant funding and the balance of **\$57,000.00** to come from general taxation. (The Selectmen do not recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: We will explain why we don't recommend it. The budget that was submitted by the Library Trustees is up \$75,460.00. The regular library budget is \$18,060.00 of that, but when the budget request for the new elevator came in, the Selectmen recommended using \$50,000.00 from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund and the Library Trustees insisted on using only \$25,000.00. By State law we have to bring to you what the Library Trustees have recommended, we don't have to recommend it, so we are recommending using more of the Capital Reserve Fund and keeping the amount raised by the impact of taxes down by \$25,000.00 less than what it is showing here.

Julie Colby: We have \$50,000.00 in that Capital Reserve Fund right? You want us to take \$50,000.00 out of it. Sue said, "In 2025 in December we put in another \$5,000.00, we have recommended to the Trustees that we would recommend to the town to put in another \$10,000.00 this year, but they said they wanted us to withdraw \$50,000.00 so we are not putting another \$10,000.00 in." Julie said, "if you take that \$50,000.00 out of our Capital Reserve, you leave us with about \$5,000.00 dollars. Sue and Greg said, "that would be \$10,000.00." Julie said,

“we also need new heating zones put in and we are working on replacing the windows in the old building, plus other things that are going on in the old building.” Julie said, “we replaced the furnace two years ago and never asked the town for a cent, we did it all, so I don’t understand why it is such a problem.” Julie said, “so if it doesn’t pass, we don’t have to operate the elevator, then what happens?” Sue said, “we are not recommending that you not replace the elevator, we are not in favor of you only using \$25,000.00 of Capital Reserve money. Julie said, “but we want to keep \$25,000.00 in the Capital Reserve in case anything comes up, that \$5,000.00 a year is not much to add to that.” Sue said, “We agree to disagree, and it will be up to the voters of this town to make the decision, whatever they say, we will support.”

Linda Yorke: how old is the elevator?

Julie Colby: 1989, it is the original elevator and there are NH laws that determine elevator standards.

Sue: We have no quibble with replacing the elevator, the Selectmen’s issue is how much money to take from the Capital Reserve Fund and the impact on taxes. We were trying to keep the impact on taxes at .28 cents a thousand. We knew the school was going up a lot, we tried to keep ours as low as we could, it all comes from the same pot.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$97,160.00** for the **Operation & Maintenance of the Colebrook Cemeteries**, with **\$89,660.00** to be raised through taxation, and **\$7,500.00** from burials, cemetery trust funds and other Colebrook Cemetery Revenue. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: The Cemetery Budget is down \$19,420.00. In 2025 the last of the paving needed for now is completed and there is no paving budgeted for 2026. There was an annual appropriation of about \$12,000.00 a year for paving. Many years in the future, we likely won’t be doing any paving at the cemetery.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$505,900.00** for the **Northern Borders Dispatch Center**, with **\$262,660.00** to come from other participating towns and **\$243,234.00** to come from taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: on that article, Colebrook’s share is down \$2,340.00. Last year we put a big effort into letting the community know that you don’t always have to call dispatch, if you need the Police Department, call the Police Department directly. The Town had magnets made for refrigerators to give out at town meeting, we talked about it at town meeting, and maybe that has made a difference in the number of calls that have come into dispatch from Colebrook. Colebrook’s share and for every town that participates, all shares are based on the number of calls from that town. That is from the core towns, the other towns have retainers for certain amounts and call volume. Colebrook’s share for 2026 for the Dispatch Operations Budget is down \$3,340.00.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for **The Northern Borders Dispatch Center Equipment Fund**, to be used for future replacement of dispatch equipment. **\$8,000.00** to come from other participating towns and **\$2,000.00** to come from taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: Colebrook's share of what goes into that savings account is funded by the five core towns, is up \$1,000.00.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$186,250.00** for the **Northern Borders Dispatch Hall Stream Tower**, with **\$150,000.00** to come from the State of NH Grant and **\$36,250.00** to come from the Northern Borders Communications Equipment Account, no amount to come from general taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: All the information is in the Warrant Article, I can't add anything to it except that it is great that they were able to get a tower on Hall Stream, it improved communications for our taxpayers and this whole region. Selectmen Gorman had a lot to do with it.

Ray: If there are any questions, we are constantly working to improve safety overall through communications. Hall Stream is a huge addition; it was really nice of the NH Department of Safety to pick up the \$150,000.00. We are working on another fairly large grant for \$200,000.00 plus to go out towards Errol and the Unincorporated Towns. It is a total group effort and we have worked hard to keep the cost down. The main cost is the employees manning it 24 hours a day.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for a **SEARCH Grant (Special Evaluation Assistance Rural Communities and Households Grant from USDA Rural Development)** and expend the grant funds for the purpose of completing a USDA Preliminary Engineering Report on the town's drinking water supply system. This amount will be reimbursed by grant revenues. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Sue: I really can't add any information to that, our Engineers at CMA are applying for the grant. In order to get USDA monies for further development of our water wells and hooking them up to the current system USDA requires a Preliminary Engineering Report. We are trying to get USDA funds to help us do that.

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will modify the Elderly Property Tax Exemption under RSA 72:39a as follows, to increase the exemption and base line assessed value to qualify taxpayers for the following amounts:

1. *\$20,000.00 for a person 65 years of age, up to 74 years of age.*
2. *\$25,000.00 for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years of age.*
3. *\$30,000.00 for a person 80 years of age or older.*

To qualify the individual *must be at least 65 years old, have been a NH resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own and occupy the real estate as their principal place of abode either individually or jointly, or if the property is owned by the person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years, they must have a net income not more than \$23,300.00 if single or \$35,500.00 if married and own net assets not in excess of \$60,900.00, excluding the value of the residence. If approved, this article shall take effect April 1, 2026, for the 2026 tax year. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.)* Majority vote required.

Sue: the reason for the increase in these limits, as you know, from our reval, properties are valued at about twice what they used to be, so we needed to up the exemption, if we are going to help the elderly at all.

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of **\$850.00** for a service-connected total disability on residential property. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority vote required.

Tim: In the past if you were 100% disabled, you qualified for a \$700.00 tax exemption, but you also qualified for all service tax exemption, which was \$150.00. So, if you were 100% disabled, you qualified for both. They just passed a new law that says "if you qualify for the 100%, you can't qualify for both, you have to qualify for one. So, we decided that if you add the \$150.00 that they were getting to the one exemption they can claim, then it is still baseline and they are still getting the same amount of exemption, they are not getting less because the law changed.

Sue: We don't have a lot of people that do this.

Tim: No, I think about five.

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to accept, ratify, and confirm the reports of the Agents, Selectmen, Auditors, and all other Town Officers.

**Article 21:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands and seals this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, signed by the Colebrook Board of Selectmen.

Sue: The 2026 budget is \$6,091,359.00. The revenues are \$2,966,529.00, which leaves the amount to be raised by taxes as \$3,174,830.00. We can safely say that we can use \$200,000.00 in fund balance to reduce that tax load of \$3,174,830.00 because we have gone through this budget and found places where we got more revenue than anticipated and we spent less money in some line items than we anticipated, so those things build fund balance. That would reduce the property tax estimate to \$2,924,830.00. Last year we raised by taxation \$2,793,678.00, this is from municipal, this doesn't include the school, county, or the state-wide education tax. The property tax increase that is being proposed as this budget is \$131,152.00, our tax rate last year was \$7.25, this proposed budget would mean a tax rate of \$7.59 or a .34 cent increase. I talked

about the library using \$25,000.00 of their Capital Reserve which would have made it .34 cents, before we went through that scenario, it was .28 cents.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie Fogg*

Tax Collector, Town of Colebrook