

DRAFT 2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING WARRANT ARTICLES

OPERATING BUDGET WARRANT ARTICLE:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of *Eight Million, Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars* (\$8,756,915) for the operating budget. This article does not include appropriations voted in special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
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1.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *One Hundred, One Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars* (\$101,683) to convert the third firefighter position on each of the four shifts from part time to full time. This amount includes the additional costs for salaries, benefits, and retirement.

The current part time, third position on shift is currently fully funded to be staffed 24/7/365. Due to labor shortages within the public safety sector, we have not been able to fully staff this position with part time personnel consistently over the last several years. Instead, we have had to rely heavily on our full-time members to cover these vacancies which is leading to burnout with the excessive hours worked.

2.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Sixty Thousand Dollars* (\$60,000) to be placed in the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. in 1998; Added \$60,000 last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$353,880.

3.To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$25,000) to be added to the Major Road Work Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. in 2001; as of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$404,820.

4.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Fifteen Thousand Dollars* (\$15,000) to be added to the Replacement of Vehicles Operated by the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. in 2006, added \$30,000 last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$45,583.

5. To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Hall Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the replacement of Computer equipment, servers, and other IT technology at Town Hall and further to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars* (\$12,500) to be placed in said fund with the Board of Selectmen named as Agents to Expend.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars* (\$8,500.00) to be placed in the police related Body Worn Cameras and Cruiser Mounted Audio and Video Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. in 2022; added \$5,000. last year. As of December 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$7,582.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Six Thousand, Five Hundred, Seventy Three Dollars* (\$6,573) to be placed in the Municipally Owned Bridges Maintenance, Construction or Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. in 2023, added \$23,691. Last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$23,714.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand* (\$5,000) to be placed in the Replacement of Major Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. in 2021; added \$5,000. last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$3,124.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars* (\$2,500.00) to be placed in the Police Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. 2021; added \$10,000 last year As of December 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$3,359.

Fund Cap: \$35,000

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars* (\$1,500.00) to be placed in the Police Department Radio/Electronics Capital Reserve Fund.

Est. 1998; added \$5,000 last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$15,314.

Fund Cap \$25,000.

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