

2021 Barrington Deliberative Session



2021 Deliberative Session – January 30, 2021

Slide 1

Moderator: Ron St. Jean

- Opening Remarks
 - Emergency Exits
- Rules of Order
 - Opportunity to Amend Articles 2-18
 - Final Vote by Ballot on March 9th
 - Non-Resident Town Officials May Speak



Introduction of Officials

- Town Clerk
 - Kim Kerekes
 - Becky Nelson (Deputy)
- Select Board
 - Tracy Hardekopf, Chair
 - Andrew Knapp
 - George Bailey
 - Daniel Ayer
 - James Saccoccia
- Town Administrator
 - Conner MacIver
- Attorney
 - Walter Mitchell
 - Naomi Butterfield
- Office Administrator
 - Tiffany Caudle
- Budget Committee
 - Steve Saunders, Chair
 - Peter Royce
 - Dannen Mannschreck
 - John Morris
 - Tracy Hardekopf





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Article 1: Election of Officers

- Select Board: One for three-year term
 - Dannen D. Mannschreck
 - Clifton West Jr.
 - Michael D. Houst
- Town Clerk: One for three-year term
 - Kimberly Kerekes
- Trustee of the Trust Funds: One for three-year term
 - Lindsey Maziarz
- Cemetery Trustees: One for three-year term
 - Jere Calef
- Library Trustees: Three for three-year term
 - Susan L. Frankel
 - Karen L. Towne
 - Lydia Cupp



Article 2: Operating Budget

- Presented by Conner MacIver, Town Administrator
- \$7,267,566
 - 0.46% decrease
- No Estimated Tax Impact
 - Budget decreases offset expected revenue decreases
- Default Budget
 - \$7,170,343
- More Information
 - barrington.nh.gov/2021budget



2021 Budget

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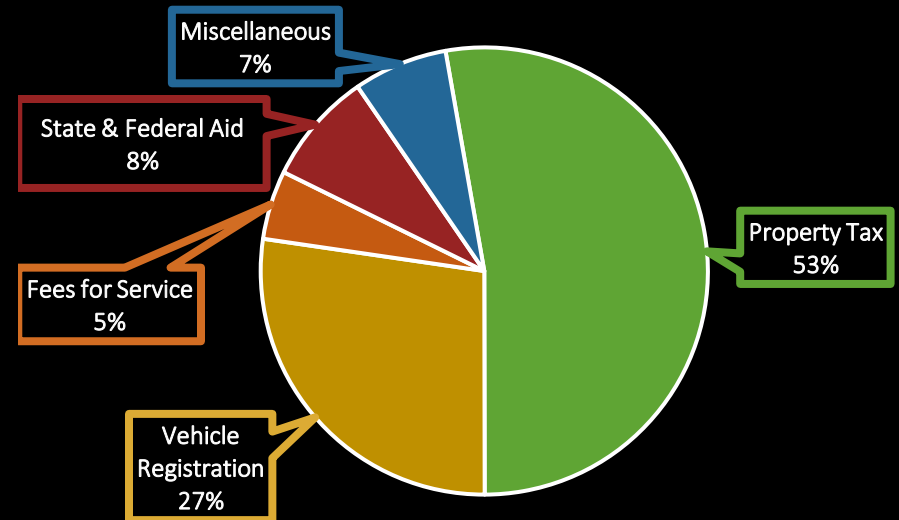
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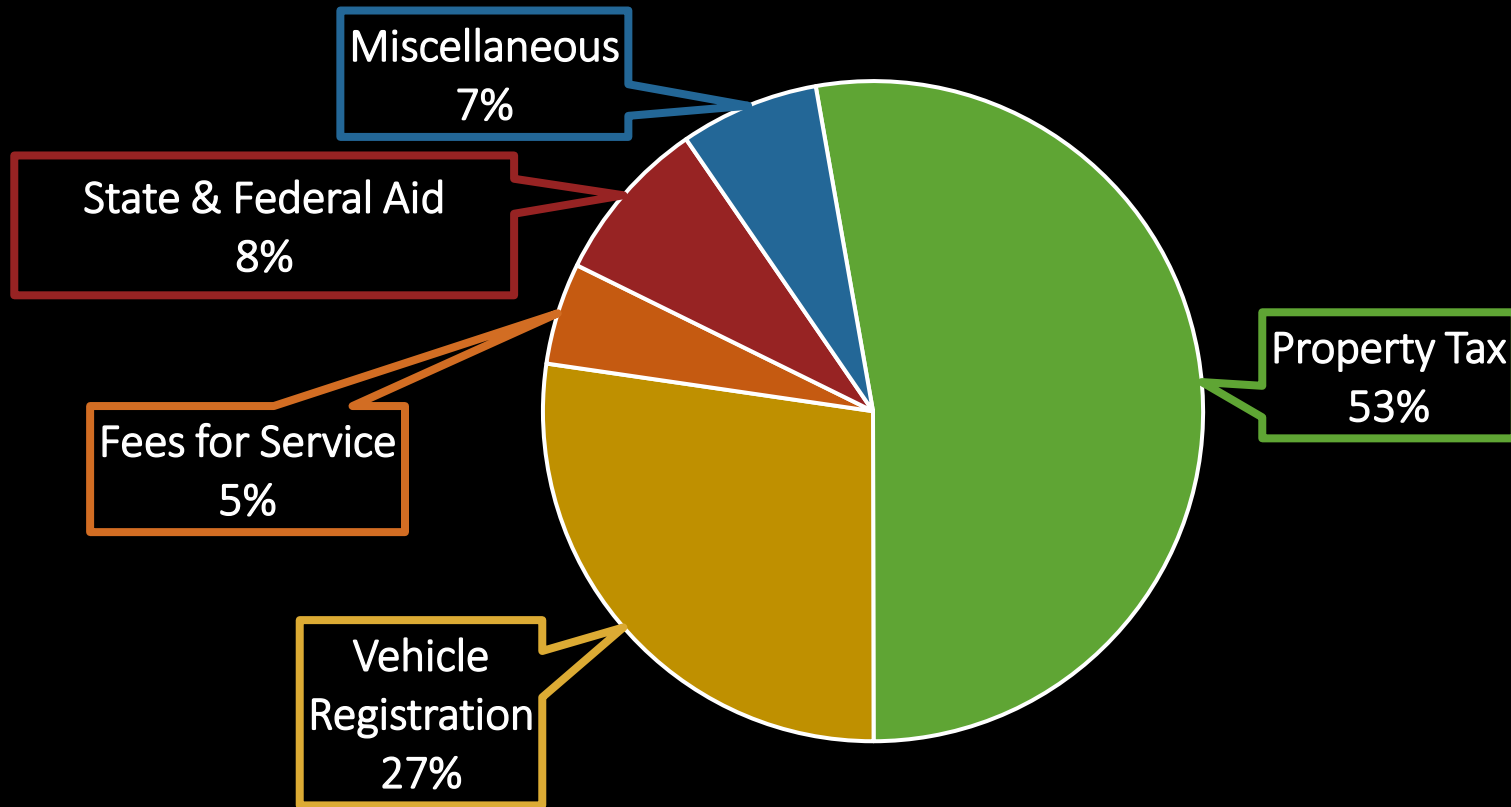
Funding Local Government Services

- Property Tax
- Vehicle Registration
- Fees for Service
- State & Federal Aid
- Miscellaneous



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Funding Local Government Services



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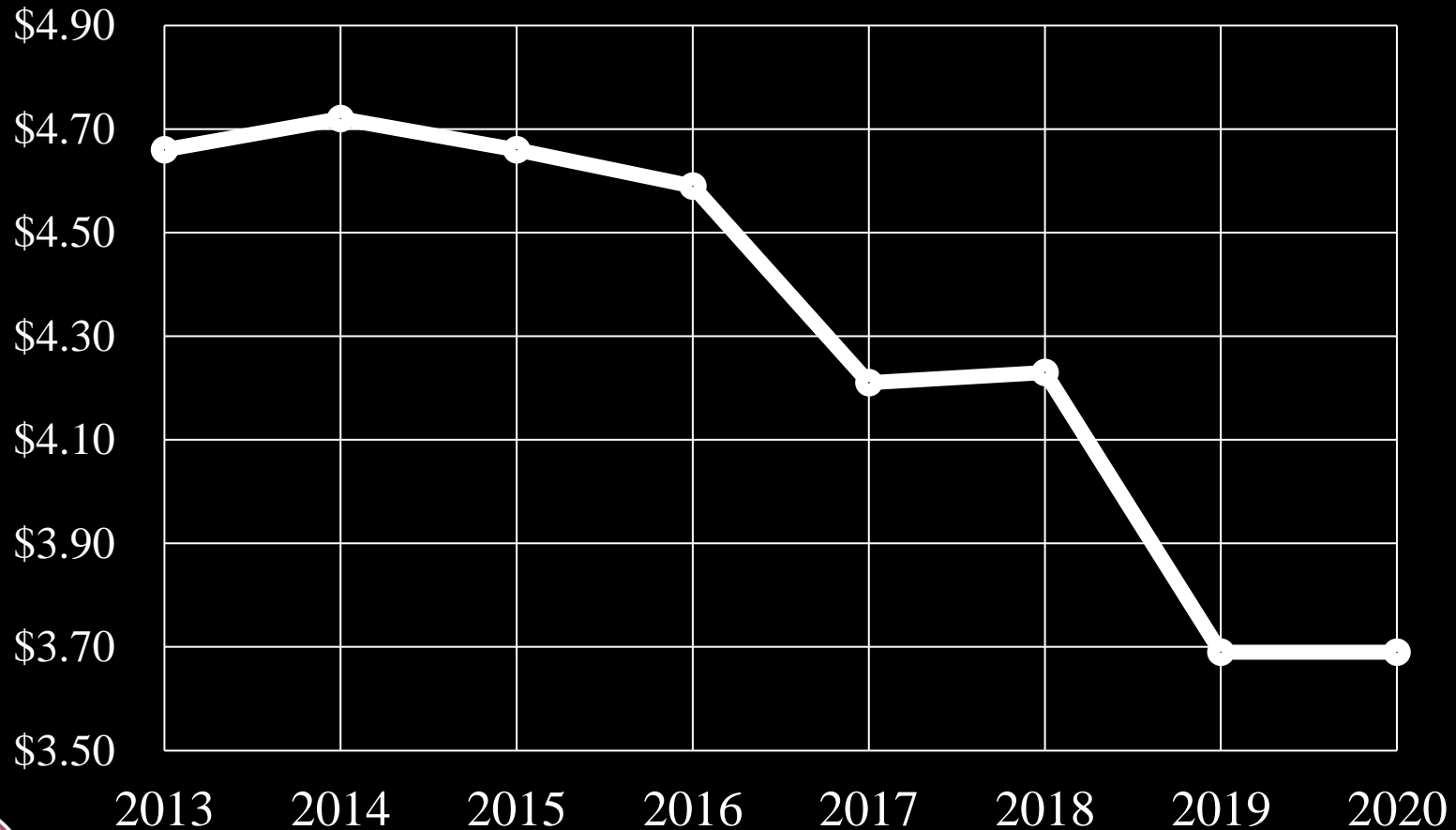
Municipal Tax Rate History

• 2013	\$4.66
• 2014	\$4.72
• 2015	\$4.66
• 2016	\$4.59
• 2017	\$4.21* (Assessment +8.4%)
• 2018	\$4.23
• 2019	\$3.69* (Assessment +12.25%)
• 2020	\$3.69



Article 2: Operating Budget

Municipal Tax Rate History

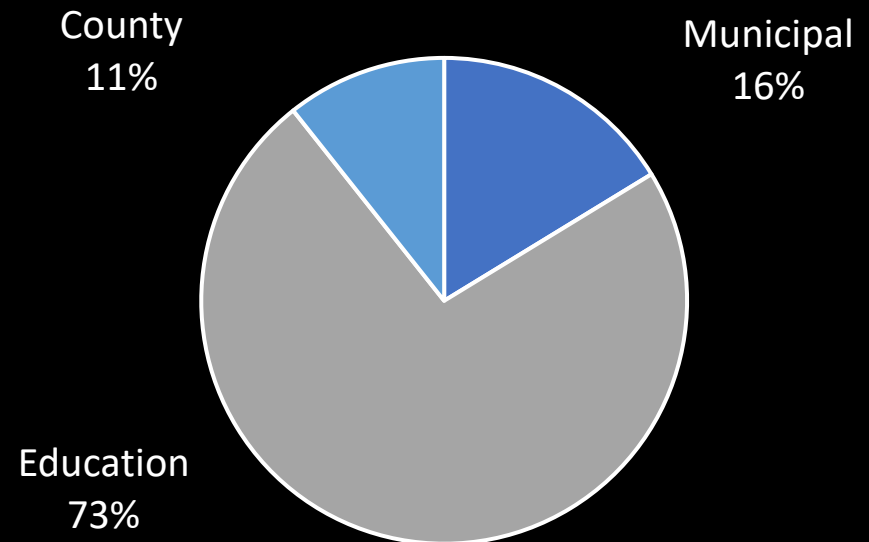


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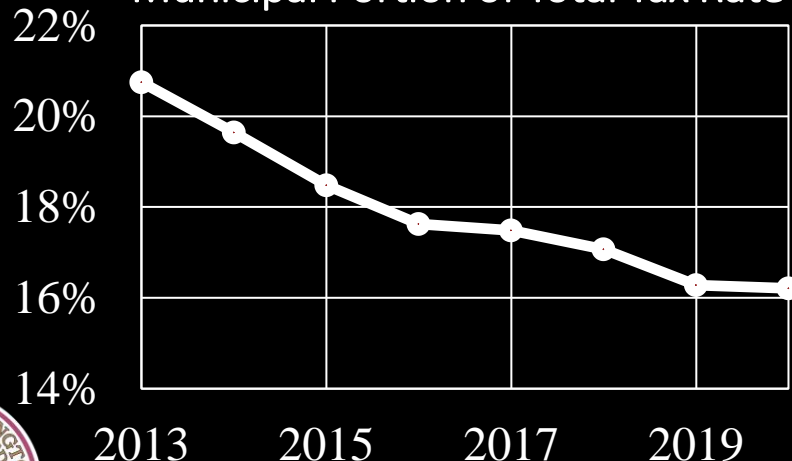
2020 Tax Rate

- \$22.77 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value
 - \$16.60 – Education (+0.2%)
 - \$3.69 – Municipal (+0%)
 - \$2.48 – County (+2.5%)

Tax Rate Breakdown 2020



Municipal Portion of Total Tax Rate



Article 2: Operating Budget

2021 Budget General Information

- Wages and Benefits
 - 2.5% Step for Eligible Employees
 - 12.6% Health Insurance Increase
 - 10% NH Retirement Increase (20% total over 21-22)
- Reduction of 2020 One-Time Expenditures
- Reduction in Winter Maintenance from Improved Management and Material Utilization
- Funding for Partial Statistical Update
 - 2020 Equalized Ratio was <90%



Article 2: Operating Budget

Proposed Operating Budget

• Approved 2020	\$7,300,847
• Proposed 2021	\$7,267,566
• Difference	\$(33,281)
• Difference	(0.46)%



Article 2: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to 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 or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$7,267,566? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,170,343, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 3: Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve

- Presented by Dan Ayer
- Established in 2013 (Warrant Article #21)
- Current Balance: \$122,900
- Requested Contribution: \$150,000
- Purpose: Saving for bridge and culvert projects; 20% matching funds for State Bridge Aid Program
- Planned Future Use:
 - Lakeside Oaks Drive Culvert
 - Pursuing Alternative Funding
 - Young Road Causeway Culvert
 - Near State Boat Launch
 - Pond Hill Culvert Replacement
 - Near Daniel Cater Road



Article 3: Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. Such funds may be expended for the purposes of the fund and may be used to apply for 80% state funding from the New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program for related work. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 4: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve

- Presented by George Bailey
- Established in 1981
- Current Balance: \$91,881
- Requested Contribution: \$150,000
- Purpose: Saving for large Highway Department equipment purchases
- Planned Future Use:
 - Replace Six-Wheeled Dump Truck
 - Replace One-Ton Pickup Truck
 - Replace 30-Year-Old Grader



Article 4: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 5: Fire Truck Capital Reserve

- Presented by Tracy Hardekopf
- Established in 1988
- Current Balance: \$326,087
- Requested Contribution: \$80,000
- Purpose: Saving for large Fire apparatus purchases
- Planned Future Use:
 - 2023: 1993 F350 4X4 Forestry Truck (F-3)
 - 2024: 2008 F450 Ambulance
 - 2026: 2001 Smeal Pumper (E-1)
 - 2027: 2017 Dodge 4X4 Extended-Cab Pickup
 - 2030: 2006 Chevrolet Rescue Truck (R-1)
 - 2032: 2007 Smeal Pumper (E-2)



Article 5: Fire Truck Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 6: Emergency Communications Upgrades Capital Reserve

- Presented by Andy Knapp
- Established in 2005 (Warrant Article #17)
- Current Balance: \$207,884
- Requested Contribution: \$60,000
- Purpose: Saving for communication tower and radio equipment upgrades
- Planned Future Use:
 - Repeater and Radio Upgrades with Lee and Madbury for Shared Frequency
 - Replace all Portable Radios (15 years old)
 - Police Department Radio Upgrades



To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Communications Upgrade for Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 7: Purchase of UTV for Fire and Rescue Operations

- Presented by Jim Saccoccia
- Requested Appropriation: \$32,000
 - \$16,000 Donation from Barrington Firefighter's Association
 - \$16,000 From Property Taxes
- Purpose: Purchase UTV and equipment for fire/rescue operations.
- Improve response to calls for services on conservation properties
- Projected to add 1.5 cents/1,000 to the 2021 tax rate or \$4.50 to the tax bill on a \$300,000 property.



Article 7: Purchase of UTV for Fire and Rescue Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 for the purpose of purchasing an ultra-terrain vehicle and necessary equipment for fire and rescue operations. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, V and will not lapse until December 31, 2022. It is anticipated that \$16,000 or 50% of the total cost will be donated from the Barrington Firefighter's Association, with \$16,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is contingent on the Town receiving the donation, if it is not received this article will be null and void. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 4-1. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2. This article is projected to add 1.5 cents/1,000 to the 2021 tax rate or \$4.50 to the tax bill on a \$300,000 property.



Article 8: Library and Community Center Capital Reserve

- Presented by George Bailey
- Requested Appropriation: \$25,000
- Purpose: Design, planning, and construction for new Library and Community Center



*Illustrative



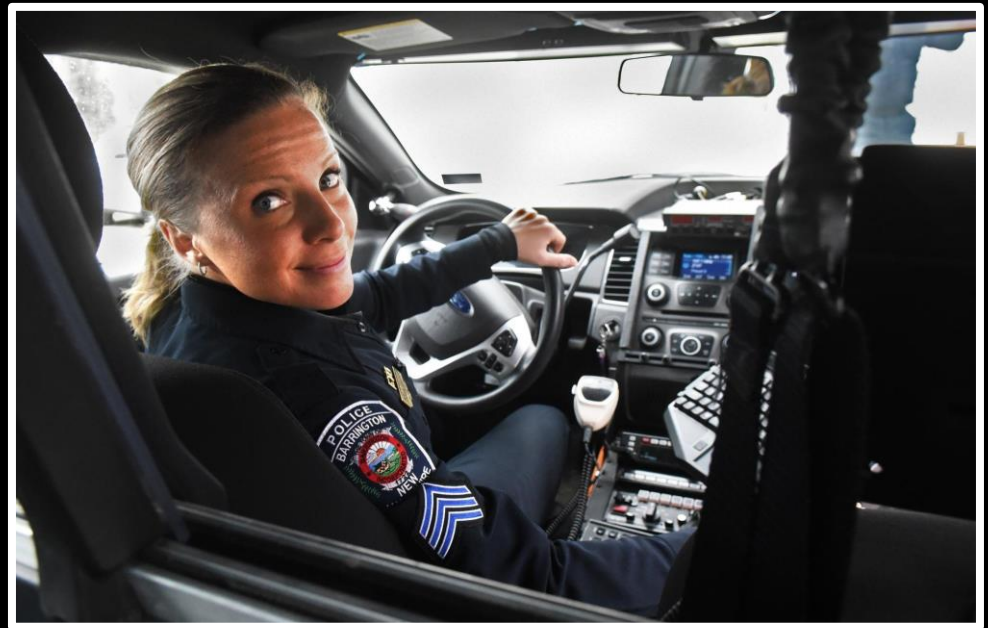
Article 8: Library and Community Center Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Library and Community Center Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the design, planning, and construction of a library and community center, including but not limited to building construction, site work, architectural fees, engineering, permitting, inspection, furniture, commissioning and other expenses to occupy the building, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 9: Police Equipment Capital Reserve

- Presented by Andy Knapp
- Requested Appropriation: \$25,000
- Purpose: Saving for large equipment purchases to avoid budget spikes
- Planned Future Use:
 - Cruiser Data Equipment (IMC)
 - Body Cameras/Tasers
 - Cruiser Radars
 - Communications Equipment



Article 9: Police Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing, installing, and maintaining police equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund; this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 10: Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve

- Presented by Dan Ayer
- Established in 2017 (Warrant Article #34)
- Current Balance: \$65,958
- Requested Contribution: \$25,000
- Purpose: Repair/Engineering/Replacing Town Dams
- Planned Future Use:
 - NHDES Required Improvements to Swains Lake Dam



Article 10: Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 11: Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve

- Presented by Tracy Hardekopf
- Established in 2012 (Warrant Article #20)
- Current Balance: \$49,106
- Requested Contribution: \$10,000
- Purpose: Saving for large equipment purchases to avoid budget spikes
- Planned Future Use:
 - Exhaust Vent System for Apparatus Bays
 - Cardiac Monitors
 - Power Cot



Article 11: Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 12: Cemetery Capital Reserve

- Presented by Jim Saccoccia
- Established in 2013 (Warrant Article #24)
- Current Balance: \$65,485
- Requested Contribution: \$5,500
 - Based on Cemetery Revenue Collected in 2020
- Purpose: Saving for expansion and maintenance of cemeteries
- Planned Future Use:
 - Cemetery Expansion
 - Cemetery Maintenance
 - Land Acquisition



Article 12: Cemetery Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. This is equal to the amount the Town collected in 2020 from the sale of cemetery lots and other cemetery revenue. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 13: Tricentennial Celebration Expendable Trust

- Presented by Dan Ayer
- Established in 2019 (Warrant Article #16)
- Current Balance: \$8,168
- Requested Contribution: \$5,000
- Purpose: Saving for tricentennial celebrations
- Planned Future Use:
 - Seed Funds for Fundraising
 - Fireworks Display



Article 13: Tricentennial Celebration Expendable Trust

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Tricentennial Celebration Expendable Trust previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 14: Library Technology Capital Reserve

- Presented by George Bailey
- Established in 2010 (Warrant Article #15)
- Current Balance: \$4,597
- Requested Contribution: \$3,000
- Purpose: Saving for Library technology improvements
- Planned Future Use:
 - IT Infrastructure
 - Staff Workstations
 - Customer Workstations



Article 14: Library Technology Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Library Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2021 property taxes.



Article 15: Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

- Presented by Andy Knapp
- Three Years 2021-2024
- Requested Appropriation: \$4,787
 - Expanded Holiday Pay to all Union Members, Increases Court/Call Back Minimum from two to three hours
- Future Budget Increases
 - 2022: \$7,000 – Master Patrol Officer Designation (\$1,000)
 - 2023: \$2,000 – Additional Employees Eligible for MPO



Article 15: Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Select Board and the Barrington Police Union NEPBA Local #240 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

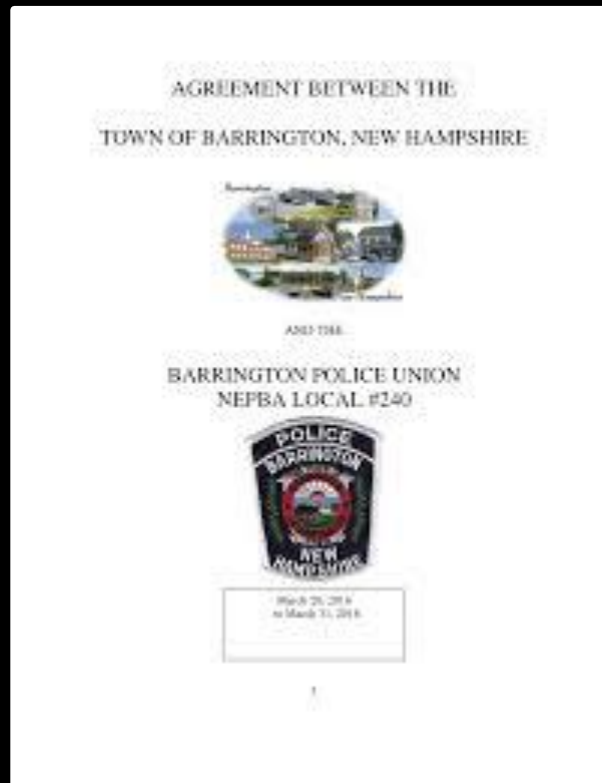
Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2021	\$4,787
2022	\$7,000
2023	\$2,000

and further to raise and appropriate \$4,787 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the operating budget article. This article is recommended by the Select Board 4-1. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article is projected to add 0.5 cents/1,000 to the 2021 tax rate or \$1.50 to the tax bill on a \$300,000 property.



Article 16: Collective Bargaining Agreement Renegotiation and Vote

- Presented by Jim Saccoccia
- Purpose: Statutory Language Should Article 15 be defeated, allowing Select Board to hold special meeting.



To see if the Town will authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #15, Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items only, if Warrant Article #15 for Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items is defeated. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0.



Article 17: Service-Connected Total Disability Credit - \$3,050

- Presented by Tracy Hardekopf
- Established in 2013 (Warrant Article #29)
- Amended in 2020 (Warrant Article #17)
- Proposed Modification: Increase credit from \$2,550 to \$3,050
- Purpose: Incremental Change to Minimize Tax Impact to Residents



Article 17: Service-Connected Total Disability Credit - \$3,050

To see if the Town will vote to increase the optional tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property from \$2,550 to \$3,050 pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:35. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article is projected to add 1.5 cents/1,000 to the 2021 tax rate or \$4.50 to the tax bill on a \$300,000 property.



Article 18: By Petition: All Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town vote to change the Veterans' tax credit (the optional tax credit for all Veterans), upon adoption by the Town pursuant to RSA 72:28 and RSA 72:28-b, shall be an amount of \$750.00. The optional tax credit for Veterans will phase in the amount of the Veteran's tax credit over a three-year period. The optional tax credit shall replace the current optional tax credit of \$450.00 in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is recommended by the Select Board 5-0. This article is not recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-1. This article is projected to add 4 cents/1,000 to the 2021 tax rate or \$12 to the tax bill on a \$300,000 property.



Article 18 Amendment: By Petition: All Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$450 to \$550 pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:28, II and RSA 72:28-b. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is recommended by the Select Board #-#. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee #-#. This article is projected to add 4 cents/1,000 to the 2021 tax rate or \$12 to the tax bill on a \$300,000 property.



Article 19: Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting of the honorable Town Government.

