



# TOWN OF BARRINGTON

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Office of the Town Administrator

## 2024 Warrant Strategic Planning Select Board and Advisory Budget Committee

### Agenda

December 12, 2023

#### Goals

1. Develop strategies to educate and empower voters to make informed decisions regarding the 2024 warrant.
2. Develop strategies to collectively advocate for the identified and unanimous priorities.

*Make a motion to adopt the goals [as amended] and meaningfully participate in the education and advocacy through the March 12, 2024 vote.*

#### Parameters for Discussion

1. Warrant Article Naming and Key Phrases
  - a. Consider describing what it does instead of what it is.
2. Relationship with Master Plan, Capital Improvements Plan, or Recent Surveys
3. Advisory Budget Committee Statement on Government Operations
4. Develop Questions to be Answered Before they are Asked
5. Communication Plan/Tools
  - a. Existing Strategies
    - i. [Voter Guide](#)
    - ii. [Warrant Webpage](#)
    - iii. Postcard (view example on warrant webpage)
    - iv. Sign(s) (view examples on warrant webpage)
      1. Detailed signs at Community Center, Town Center, 426 Caelf Highway, Public Safety Building
    - v. What's That Warrant Article
      1. Warrant Article-a-Day Facebook Features
    - vi. Barrington Kids Vote
  - b. New Strategies
    - i. Google forms voter guide?
      1. Include individual tax impact
    - ii. Videos
      1. Informational
      2. Interview-style



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- iii. Graphics/Charts/Graphs
- iv. Meet with/be available to the public
  - 1. January 23, 2024 Primary Election
- v. Materials for existing e-mail newsletters
  - 1. Recreation
  - 2. Library
  - 3. School
- vi. Strategy for online community groups
- vii. Topic-specific public information meetings

## **2024 Warrant Article Topics**

- 1. Capital Reserve Contributions
  - a. Proposal to fund 50% of all capital reserve contributions from unassigned fund balance.
  - b. Describe the purpose and intent of the capital reserve approach to large, anticipated expenditures.
  - c. Finalize the priority order of the capital reserve warrant articles.
- 2. Operating Budget
- 3. Public Safety Building Design and Impact Fees
- 4. Community Center Grant
- 5. Transfer Station Revolving Fund
- 6. Ambulance Revolving Fund – 100%
- 7. Community Power
- 8. Zoning Amendments
- 9. Barrington Commons and Tax Incremental Financing District
- 10. Library