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Article 02 **Zoning - Solar Ordinance**

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as follows: add a new section entitled Solar Collection Systems to provide definitions of and regulations to accommodate solar energy collection systems in appropriate locations while protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. Further, to amend various other sections of the Ordinance (such as setbacks, definitions and the table of uses) to reflect the addition of this new section. **This article is recommended by the Planning Board 5-0.**

Article 03 **Library and Community Center Bond**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,239,877 (gross budget) for the 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 authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,998,877 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The remaining \$241,000 required for the project will come from the Barrington Library Foundation. [3/5th (60%) Majority Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes but there is a commitment to make payments in future years which will increase property taxes in those years approximately \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$93 per year on a \$300,000 property.**

Article 04 **Stormwater Asset Management Grant**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (gross budget) to defray the cost of planning for public facilities for development and implementation of an asset management plan for the Town's stormwater collection and conveyance systems and to authorize the Select Board to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan in that amount. The loan will be forgiven in its entirety. Further, to authorize the Select Board to take all other actions necessary to carry out and complete this project. [3/5th (60%) Majority Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 05 **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 \$7,300,847? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,167,887, 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 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes because of revenue increases.**

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Article 06 **Greenhill Road Bridge Replacement**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of replacing the bridge on Greenhill Road over the Isinglass River and to accept \$1,600,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Fund, with the remainder of \$400,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the replacement of the Greenhill Road Bridge is completed or December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 07 **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 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 #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 08 **Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Bridge 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 #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 09 **Fire Truck Capital Reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 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 #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 10 **Emergency Communications Upgrades Capital Reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Emergency Communications Upgrades 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 #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

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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 #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 12 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 #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 13 Cemetery Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 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 2019 from the sale of cemetery lots and other cemetery revenue. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

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 Fund Capital Reserve 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 #5, the operating budget article. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0. This article will have no impact on 2020 property taxes.**

Article 15 Solar Energy Exemption - 100% of Value

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. This article would replace the existing \$5,000 solar exemption. [Majority Vote Required]. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.**

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Article 16 Elderly Exemption

To see if the town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$85,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$127,500; for a person 80 years of age or older \$161,500. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$36,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$50,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$125,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. [Majority Vote Required]. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 3-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.**

Article 17 By Petition: Service-Connected Disability Credit

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$2,550 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property, with a plan for future incremental increase. [Majority Vote Required]. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 4-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0. (BY PETITION)**

Article 18 Allow Keno in Barrington

To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of keno games within Barrington. [Majority Vote Required]. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 2-1. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.**

Article 19 Service-Connected Disability Credit

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$2,550 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property, with a plan for future incremental increase. This article, if passed, only takes effect if Article 17 fails to pass. [Majority Vote Required]. **This article is recommended by the Select Board 4-0. This article is recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0.**

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Article 20 **By Petition: Prevent Nuclear War**

Whereas nine nations collectively have approximately 15,000 nuclear weapons and the detonation of even a small number of these weapons would have catastrophic human and environmental consequences that would affect everyone on the planet;

Whereas the United States maintains several hundred nuclear missiles on "prompt launch" (hair-trigger alert), capable of being launched within minutes of a Presidential order, which greatly increases the risk of accidental or unauthorized launch;

Whereas the United States continues to reserve the right to use nuclear weapons first, which would likely trigger immediate retaliation;

Whereas the U.S. President has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons;

Whereas over the next 30 years, the United States plans to spend an estimated \$1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal;

Whereas taxpayers already spend over \$2 million every hour of every day to maintain the U.S. nuclear arsenal;

Whereas the United States as well as Britain, China, France, and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals;

Whereas in July 2017, 122 nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which makes it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, manufacture or otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

Therefore, we call on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack;
- taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

We support this resolution and request the Select Board forward it to our Congressional Delegation. **(BY PETITION)**

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Article 21 By Petition: Resolution, Act on Climate Pollution

We the town of Barrington hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Barrington's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Barrington's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Barrington's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. **(BY PETITION)**

Article 22 By Petition: Resolution for Fair Redistricting

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Barrington, NH to see if the town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census, will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular political parties or candidates.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the town of Barrington, NH's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. **(BY PETITION)**
