



### **Vote at Town Meeting March 10, 2015 at the Middle School 8AM-7PM**

Why does the Board of Selectmen believe we need to build a new town Hall? It is needed as a permanent location for the many functions of town government, for records and for meeting spaces.

(1) The old one is uninhabitable. The town moved out of the former Town Hall 3 years ago because many experts recommended the building could not be used because of unsafe conditions. The repairs needed to move back into the former Town Hall are very expensive and have twice been voted down at Town Meeting. Even if the town had spent the millions of dollars in renovation, there would have been no guarantee the problems were corrected.

(2) The town is currently renting temporary space in an office building that is costly, lacks adequate space for meetings, parking and record storage. The lease is set to expire in August, 2016. If a building is to be built before the lease expires approval will be needed at the March 2015 Town Meeting.

(3) The proposed building, located on the lot of the former Town Hall, is the best alternative for the needs of Barrington. It will be energy efficient, designed to meet the space needs of the town with modern technology, and provide meeting spaces for the community. Borrowing and construction costs are currently lower than usual, but are likely to rise. This will be a building in which the residents of Barrington can take pride.

There is no impact on the amount to be raised by 2015 property taxes by the passage of this \$2,350,000 bond article but there is a commitment to make payments in future years that will increase property taxes in those years. While there are many factors effecting future property tax impact, the projected annual average net increase is \$35 in the property tax bill (14 cents/1000) on a home currently assessed at \$250,000 from this article. Additional information is available on the [www.Barrington.nh.gov](http://www.Barrington.nh.gov) website as well as at the town offices.

