



Articles for Town Meeting 2016



Zoning Articles

2-18 Proposed by & Recommended by Planning Board



Zoning Articles

Petitioned #19

Re: gas stations &
aquifer

Not recommended by
Planning Board



Bond on proposed Town Hall \$2,900,000

Recommended by
both Board of
Selectmen 4-1 and
ABC 3-0



Why do we need Town Offices?

- Permanent place for administration of the town functions including management, finance, land use, building, auto registration, etc.
- Record storage
- Meeting rooms
- Rented space inadequate

Why now?



Lease on rented offices year to year

Cheaper to build now than in the future

- Bond costs at historic lows (under 4%)
- Construction costs remain low but starting to increase (request is higher this year than last year for same building)

What options do we have?



- 1. Staying at the temporary rented space (\$60,000/year with nothing to show, inadequate, & annual lease extensions are not guaranteed)**
- 2. Building the 1 story town office space sized to need behind site of former town offices. Design completed & bid**
- 3. Designing and building something else (additional delays & design costs).**

Space needs study was done to right-size the building



- Efficient use of space
- Efficient for energy use & lower long-term costs
- One floor for ADA access
- Meeting rooms can be separately used from rest of building
- Storage for Recreation program
- Allows for future expansion

Proposed New Town Hall



■ Building bid	\$2,424,000
■ Insp., civil, A/E, test, permits	\$ 95,000
■ Contingency	\$ 200,000
■ Utility lines, landscape	\$ 25,000
■ Furniture	\$ 68,000
■ Phone, computer, security	\$ 75,000
■ Moving	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
■ Total	\$ 2,900,000



Bond costs

- Saving \$61,000 a year in rent for town office and storage unit.
- Interest rate projection 3.15%
- 20 year bond annual payment \$196,000
- Net cost about 16 cents/ \$1,000 of assessment
- Net cost on \$250,000 property \$40 a year
- Does not include projected savings on heating costs.



Article 20, Bond on proposed Town Hall \$2,900,000



**Tax Impact: Starting 2017
Projected 16 cents or
\$40 on \$250,000 home**



Proposed 2016 Operating Budget Article # 21





**Projected 2016 Tax
rate DECREASE of
3 cents/1,000
\$7.50 on \$250,000
house**

**Unanimously
recommended
Selectmen & ABC**

2015 Tax rate
Town portion
decreased
\$.06/1000





2016 Operating Budget request as amended

■ Approved 2015	\$6,483,811
■ Proposed 2016	\$6,666,128
■ Amended down to	\$6,514,128
■ Difference 2015-2016	\$ 30,317
■ Difference 2015-2016	1/2% increase

2016 Operating Budget & Warrant Articles (WA)


- **General information:**
 - **1% Cost of Living plus step**
 - **Town Hall bond no tax impact 2016**
 - **Increased hours for Fire-Rescue & Admin. Asst. in Land-use & Highway**

Operating Budget Lines which increased over \$6,000 other than reg. personnel costs



■ Elections	\$ 20,220
■ Admin Contracts	\$ 10,250
■ Legal	\$ 10,000
■ EMS on-call stipend	\$ 26,400
■ Police telephone	\$ 8,000
■ PT Hwy AA	\$ 14,215
■ Recycling	\$ 10,000
■ Bulky waste disposal	\$ 12,000

Operating Budget Lines Decreases (over \$6,000)



■ Building Design	-\$103,099
■ Demolition	-\$ 37,000
■ Buildings electric	-\$ 6,000
■ Buildings heat	-\$ 5,000
■ Gasoline/diesel	-\$ 20,000
■ Highway Layout	-\$ 7,000
■ General Assistance	-\$ 20,000



21 Projected 2016 Tax
rate DECREASE of

3 cents/1,000

\$7.50 on \$250,000 house

Unanimously
recommended

Selectmen & ABC

Fire Truck Capital Reserve \$50,000

Article #22

- Long-term plan replaces fire trucks on 20-25 year schedule
- New \$450,000
- Cap. Res. has \$298,000
- Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate
- Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee



Warrant # 23 Fire Equipment

Capital Reserve \$10,000

- Items like protective gear, hose, thermal cameras, etc.
- Used match air pack grant
- In CR \$33,000
- Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate
- Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee



Warrant #24

Library Technology Cap. Res.

\$3,000

- Funding for computers, software, and technology
- Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate
- Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee



Barrington Public
LIBRARY
where community connects

Warrant # 25 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve \$60,000

- **Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate**
- **Cap. Res. has \$49,000**
- **Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee**

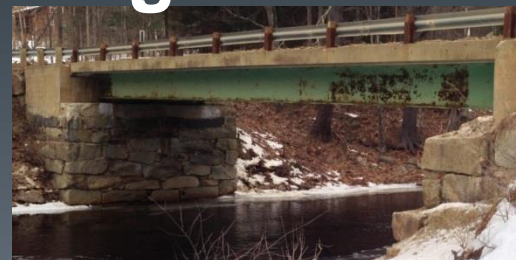


Warrant Article # 26

Bridge & Culvert Capital Reserve

\$ 50,000

- **75%-80% matching funding available**
- **1 bridge, 2 culverts need matching money**
 - **Green Hill, Stagecoach, Tolend**
- **Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate**
- **CR has \$ 155,000**
- **Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee**



Warrant # 27 Contingency for Road/Winter Emergency, \$ 50,000

- Reclassify some of fund balance from unreserved to reserved.
- Only used if budgeted amount inadequate and for this.
- Balance \$100,000
- Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate
- Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee



Warrant Article # 28 Road Maintenance \$125,000 Unanimously recommended Selectmen & ABC



- **Long-range road plan**
- **Roads wear out**
- **Fixing before gets really bad saves millions**
- **Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate**
- **Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee**

Warrant # 29 Collective Bargaining Agreement Police

- For raises for the police department (1% COLA, steps)
- \$22,731 in 2016, \$6,569 in 2017
- No raises in 2015
- Important to retain police as costs over \$50,000 to replace with untrained officer.
- Unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee
- 2.5 cent increase \$6.25 on \$250,000 property

Warrant #30 Emergency Communications Cap Reserve \$25,000

- To replace radios
- Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate
- Cap. Res. has less than \$4,000



Warrant # 31 Cemetery Capital Reserve

\$ 5,000 from sale of graves

Capital Reserve has \$ 56,000

Uses fund balance, no impact on tax rate

Unanimously recommended by Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee



Warrant # 32

Conservation Easement



- Town purchased Leahy and Renna parcels, totaling 77 acres, Map 254 Lots 21 and 22,
- Easements to go to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF).
- Connect separate parts of the town-owned Samuel A Tamposi Water Supply Reserve
- Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Warrant # 33

Solar informational Article

(By petition)

- Petitioned warrant article titled "Solar Power Purchase Project and Placing Solar Equipment on Town Property in a Long Term Lease/Easement Agreement and Transparent Cost Analysis"
- Selectmen no longer considering doing this.



Warrant # 34 Community Bill of Rights to protect waterways (By petition)

- **Town Attorney indicates there is no statutory authority to adopt or enforce portions of this and parts are contrary to state and federal constitution**



**Please be sure
to vote March 8
Middle School
Town Meeting
Official Ballot**