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The Milford Garden Club is entering its 80th year. Our motto "With friendly cooperation we render service to the community" tells of our dedication to preserve the beauty of Milford with the maintenance of several gardens and plantings throughout town. Currently there are fifty-seven members who meet on the second Monday of each month except for January and February. Most meetings are held at the Congregational Church Parish House at 9:30 a.m. with the exception of the summer months, when we meet and tour members' gardens. We are always delighted to have new members, both men and women. Our Membership Secretary can be reached through our website www.milfordnhgardenclub.org.

At our monthly meetings, members and guests enjoy interesting programs on a variety of gardening topics. Last year we learned how to safely preserve fruit, considered feng shui in the home and garden, and watched Kevin Dadoly of Woodman's Florist design great holiday decorations. In early December we gathered on the Colonel Shepard Bridge to fill the planters with greens that we had gathered. February may have been the middle of winter for some, but our members prepared for spring by enjoying a pot luck luncheon, and preparations for our May 19 Annual Plant Sale are well under way. In the months ahead we will learn how to create garden rooms, landscape with conifers, preserve flowers, ferns and grasses from our gardens.

May is a busy month as we once again fill the granite flower boxes on the bridge and decorate many memorials to veterans throughout town. If you enjoy the lovely gardens in our World War II Park, Emerson Park and the Korean Garden you are seeing some of what our members can do. The Saturday after Mothers' Day is always the MGC Plant Sale on the Community House lawn. Some of the proceeds from the Plant Sale fund scholarships for Milford Middle School students to attend Environmental Camp. Recently we arranged for a Japanese Kousa dogwood tree to be planted in Bicentennial Park to honor the late Iris Thompson, a former club member and local activist who died at age 100.

We encourage our members to take an active part in planting, weeding and watering the gardens throughout the summer, but it is not all work.....we also take some fun field trips such as the Boston Flower Show and visit spectacular gardens throughout our beautiful state.

Please join us so that you can be a part of preserving the beauty we enjoy with flowers blossoming all over our town.

**TOWN OF MILFORD WARRANT SUMMARY SHEET
MARCH 13, 2012 - 2ND SESSION OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
IN ACCORDANCE WITH "SENATE BILL 2"**

Article 1. Election of Officers

Board of Selectmen (3 Year Term)(vote for not more than two): Mark J. Fougere
Gary Daniels
Kevin Federico

Cemetery Trustee (3 Year Term)(vote for not more than one): Mary Dickson
Gil F. Archambault

Voter Checklist Supervisor (6 Year Term): Darlene J. Bouffard

Town Moderator (2 Year Term): Peter Basiliere

Town Treasurer (1 Year Term): Brian W. Sanborn

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 Year Term): Brad Chappell

Library Trustee (3 Year Term)(vote for not more than two): Kim Paul
Jennifer Martin Hansen

Water/Wastewater Commissioner (3 Year Term): Mike Putnam

Article 2. Zoning Questions:

Ballot Vote 1. Zoning Ordinance Authorizations Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 2. Lot of Record and Non-Conforming Uses Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 3. Zoning Ordinance Definitions Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 4. C, LCB and ICI Districts Acceptable Uses Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 5. Nashua and Elm Street Corridor District Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 6. Commerce and Community District Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 7. West Elm Street Gateway District Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 8. Sign Ordinance Minor Amendments Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 9. Administration and Enforcement (RSA updates) Yes ___ No ___

Ballot Vote 10. Administrative Relief (Variance, Home Occupation, Accessory Dwelling Unit and Equitable Waiver) Yes ___ No ___

Article 3. Ambulance Facility - \$2,214,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 4. Operating Budget - \$11,767,325 Yes ___ No ___

Article 5. Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget - \$1,693,966 Yes ___ No ___

Article 6. Water Department Operating Budget - \$1,361,299 Yes ___ No ___

Article 7. Fire Engine # 4 Replacement (Annual Payment \$67,700/Total Purchase Price \$437,000) Yes ___ No ___

Article 8. Public Works Backhoe, Rubber-Tired (Annual Payment \$23,800/Total Purchase Price \$113,000) Yes ___ No ___

Article 9. AFSCME Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2009 - 2013) - \$50,510 Yes ___ No ___

Article 10. Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2012 - 2013) - \$21,035 Yes ___ No ___

Article 11. Social Services - \$35,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 12. Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service - \$26,500 Yes ___ No ___

Article 13. Conservation Lands Fund - \$20,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 14. Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations and Plantings - \$20,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 15. DO-IT Operating Budget Support - \$20,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 16. Jennison Road Bridge Replacement/Phase I - \$18,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 17. Summer Band Concerts - \$9,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 18. Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parade Town Support - \$6,000 Yes ___ No ___

Article 19. Fireworks - \$4,500 Yes ___ No ___

Article 20. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Rent or Lease Town-Owned Property - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 21. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Lease Town-Owned Property - Shepard Park Scout House - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 22. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Lease Town-Owned Property - MCAA/North River Road Fields - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 23. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Convey a Permanent Easement on Town-Owned Property (Former Putnam Street) - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 24. Establishment of the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund (Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, And 14) - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 25. Funding of the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 26. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Convey A Permanent Subdivision Identification Signage Easement - Falcon Ridge Subdivision (Map 3, Lot 4) - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 27. Pratt Land Conservation Easement Conveyance (Map 45, Lot 2) - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 28. Change Town Treasurer to an Appointed Position - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

Article 29. Adjustment to Income and Asset Levels for Elderly Exemptions - By Petition - \$0 Yes ___ No ___

**COMPLETE THIS SUMMARY SHEET AND USE IT AS A GUIDE WHEN YOU VOTE ON MARCH 13TH
REMINDER - VOTING IS IN THE MILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

Town of Milford Warrant Officials 2011 – 2012

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Nate Carmen, Chairman
Gary Daniels, Vice-Chairman
Kathy Bauer
Tim Finan
Mike Putnam

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Matt Lydon, Chairman
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Bert Becker
Paul Burkhardt
Deanna Carter
Karen Mitchell
Jim Roccio
Peggy Seward
Rod Watkins

BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bob Courage
Mike Putnam
Dale White

Budget Advisory Committee Report for 2012

The Milford Budget Advisory Committee is comprised of nine citizens of Milford appointed by the Town Moderator. The Budget Advisory Committee advises the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator on budgetary matters as they prepare the operating budget. Additionally, the Budget Advisory Committee develops positions of support or non-support for the proposed budget and warrant articles, which are presented at the Deliberative Session and included in the Voter's Guide published prior to the Town Vote. The members of this year's committee are: Matt Lydon (Chair), Rose Evans (Vice Chair), Peggy Seward (Secretary), Deanna Carter, Karen Mitchell, Bert Becker, Paul Burkhardt, Jim Roccio, and Rod Watkins.

In order to advise the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, as well as develop positions of support or non-support, the BAC met with the Town Administrator, Department Heads, DO-IT, SVTC, Conservation Commission, Water and Sewer

Commissioners, members of the Community Facilities Advisory Committee, and the TIFD Advisory Board. The committee objectively reviewed the proposed operating budget and warrant articles which have a tax impact, and after careful consideration, developed positions of support or non-support for each. Throughout our review process any questions about budget items were presented to Department Heads or the Town Administrator for clarification. All answers and any additional information requested were provided to the committee.

**The Budget Advisory Committee's positions
on various articles have been listed with the articles for your convenience.**

2012 Town Meeting Warrant and Financials

To the inhabitants of the Town of Milford in the County of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Town of Milford will be held, in accordance with "Senate Bill 2"(RSA 40:13), in said Milford, with the first (deliberative) session at the Milford Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, the Fourth (4th) day of February, 2012, at nine in the morning (9:00 a.m.), to transact

all business other than voting, and on the Thirteenth (13th) day of March 2012, at the Milford Middle School Gymnasium, for the second session for voting by official ballot at the polls on all matters in the warrant as well as officers and other matters to be voted on. The polls will be open on the Thirteenth (13th) of March at 6:00 a.m. and will not close earlier than 8:00 p.m.

BALLOT VOTE — WARRANT ARTICLE 1 — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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BALLOT VOTE — WARRANT ARTICLE 2 — ZONING CHANGES

To vote on Planning Board proposed zoning changes and amendments.

ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR THE MARCH 2012 BALLOT VOTE

The Milford Planning Board will present ten Zoning Ordinance amendments to the Milford Voters on March 13th. Zoning Ballot Question 7 was developed as part of a joint effort by the Planning Board and the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC). The Planning Board would like to thank the members of EDAC for their dedication and assistance in developing this year's zoning amendments. As this is the highly condensed version of the proposed changes please see the full warrant or information posted on

the Town's website <http://www.milford.nh.gov/town/2012-voter-information/zoning-questions> for more information. The Planning Board supported all ten amendments unanimously (7-0).

The first amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #1** proposes to clarify the use of the terms "shall" as required, "should" when recommended and "may" when optional throughout the zoning ordinance.

The second amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #2** proposes to clarify the definition of Lot of Record and adds a subsection on Non-Conforming Uses to simplify administration and align with revised definitions.

The third amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #3** proposes to add definitions for "Dwelling-Unit, Mixed-use" and "Use, Non-conforming"; amend the definition of "Lot of Record"; and remove definitions for "Kennel", "Nursery" and "Nursery Stock" as they are not used in the Zoning Ordinance.

The fourth amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #4** proposes to add "Dwelling unit, Mixed-use" as an Acceptable Use in Commercial (C), Limited Commercial-Business (LCB) and Integrated Commercial-Industrial (ICI) Districts; and add "Filling Station" as an Acceptable Use in Integrated Commercial-Industrial (ICI) District.

The fifth Amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #5** proposes to modify the name of the Nashua and Elm Street Corridor Overlay District to be consistent with other overlay district titles and update document references.

The sixth amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #6** proposes to add a new overlay district, the Commerce and Community District, to create a framework for development on the BROX properties and vacant lands off of Route 101 and Perry Rd. The new overlay district was designed to encourage commercial, industrial and mixed-use development on the former BROX properties and surrounding lands. The district proposes to manage transportation, open space, natural resources and stormwater district wide, while allowing for expedited individual site development. For more information please see the Commerce and Community District - Frequently Asked Questions article.

The seventh amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #7** proposes to add a new overlay district, the West Elm Street Gateway District, to encourage industrial-commercial development or redevelopment to compliment Milford's community character and enhance access management in the area of Elm Street, Old Wilton Rd, Savage Rd, and part of Route 101 in west Milford. This ordinance was developed to complement the existing Nashua and Elm Street Corridor District on the east end of Elm Street and Nashua Street, and the proposed Commerce and Community District to the south.

The eighth amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #8** proposes to require address numbers to be displayed on Monument Signs, allow Directional Signs in the Residence 'A' District and update Building Markers to be made of noncombustible materials.

The ninth amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #9** proposes to remove duplication of enforcement information from the Administration and Sign Ordinance Sections, and updates the Zoning Ordinance to comply with revisions to the State's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA).

The tenth amendment, **Zoning Ballot Question #10** proposes to modify Variances to comply with amendments made to the State's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA); amend Home Occupations to limit the need for a Certificate of Compliance to the space dedicated to a Home Occupation; modify Accessory Dwelling Units to divide into two sections and make minor administrative updates to aid in enforcement; and move Equitable Waiver to the Administrative Relief section, and amend Equitable Waiver to comply with amendments made to the State's Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA).

COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DISTRICT – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS AN OVERLAY DISTRICT?

An overlay district:

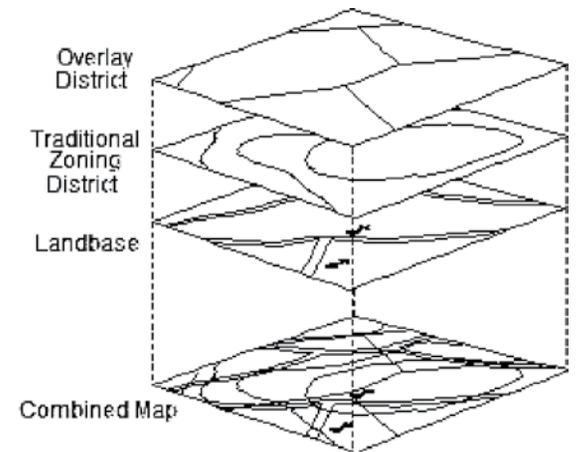
- Provides supplemental guidelines to the underlying zoning

- Applies to areas with special qualities that the community has deemed important to enhance and protect.

WHY IS THE COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DISTRICT IMPORTANT?

It is a land use planning tool the Town will utilize to attract economic development, expand the tax base and bring jobs to Milford. The District is designed to promote master-planned development focused on creating neighborhoods.

The Commerce and Community District's expedited land use permitting process will help to elevate the development potential



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for commercial, industrial and mixed-use growth in Milford along a key transportation corridor over the next twenty to thirty years.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY OVERLAY DISTRICT?

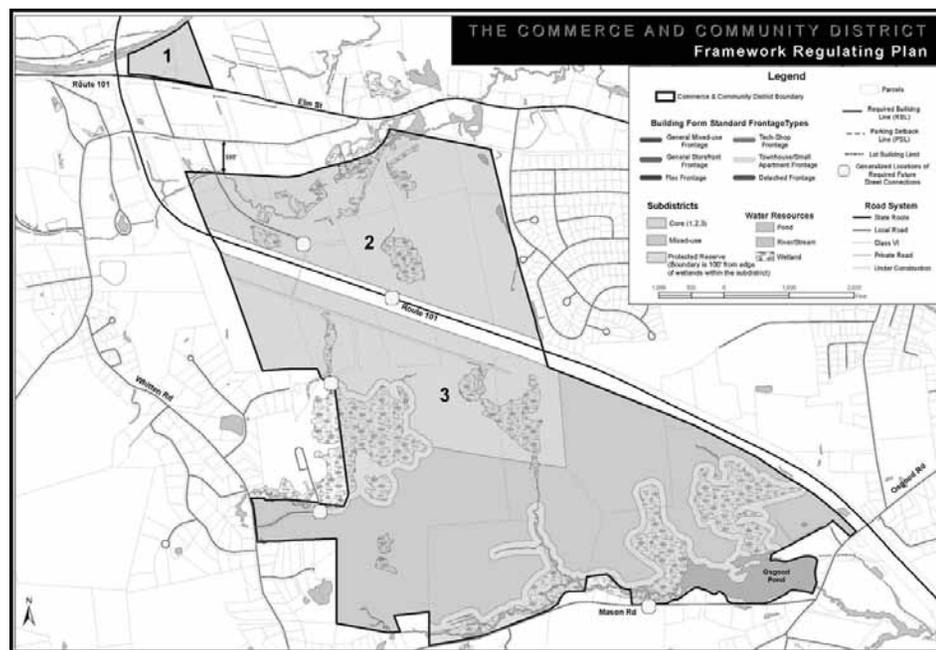
- Expands the allowed uses of the district to include: office, industrial, wholesale, distribution, medical, biotech, research, hotels, education, housing, energy, agriculture, residential and recreational uses.
- Defines the administrative process for expedited review of applications.
- Requires 'master planning' and defines required elements of development (i.e. Public & Open Space, Transportation and Utility Networks, Signs, Building Form Standards & Site Layout)

WHERE IS THE COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DISTRICT LOCATED?

The Commerce and Community District encompasses a significant undeveloped area in west Milford that the Planning Board has deemed necessary for comprehensive well-thought out land use.

WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL ACCESS OFF OF ROUTE 101?

Part of the long-range plan for development is looking at access off of Route 101 to encourage development of the district and help relieve pressure from Whitten Rd/Heron Pond School and the Market Basket/Route 101 intersection. The development of an access off of Route 101 will be the responsibility of the developer as part of the long-term 'master plan' of the development of the property.



WHY IS THE COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DISTRICT UNIQUE?

The Commerce and Community District is a Form Based Code, meaning it differs from the rest of Zoning Ordinance which utilizes Traditional or Conventional Zoning. In Form Based Codes the physical structure of development is primary, i.e. roads, utilities, open space, and protection of natural resources or wetlands. The relationship of the buildings to the street is of higher importance than the uses inside of the building. In Conventional Zoning the separation of uses is the starting point, and then the physical forms come after. By utilizing a Form Based Code the look and feel of a development become primary, rather than looking at each use of land separately.

WHY ARE THERE SUBDISTRICTS?

The District is divided into three subdistricts (see map): Core, Mixed-use and Protected Reserve. The subdistricts represent a variety of development forms and intensities, reflecting the physical landscape and accessibility of the land.

- Core Subdistrict – for the purpose of providing non-residential and mixed uses, in a primarily dense development pattern with streets in a grid-like network, and dedicated public and open spaces (there are three Core Subdistricts).
- Mixed-use Subdistrict – for the purpose of providing limited non-residential uses, agriculture and residential uses in a moderate density with wide streets including on-street parking and sidewalks, in a grid-like network, and dedicated public and open spaces.
- Protected Reserve Subdistrict – for the purpose of providing scenic beauty and viewsheds, natural resource protection, agriculture, transportation (pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle) connections and passive recreational opportunities. The Protected Reserve is a 100 foot buffer, protecting the most significant wetlands within the district beyond our existing wetlands ordinance.

HOW DOES THE COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DISTRICT WORK ADMINISTRATIVELY?

It is based on a tiered system of review, meaning proposals for development start with a Master Regulating Plan or large scale with large details (i.e. transportation and stormwater networks, open space, utilities) and get consecutively smaller in scale and details to either a Major or Minor Development Proposal (i.e. building and driveway locations, design elements, signage and lighting). All items approved at the Master Regulating Plan level create the framework for a Major or Minor Development Proposal to start from.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAJOR AND MINOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS?

A development proposal that proposes to construct or expand a structure(s) by more than 65,000SF is a Major Development Proposal, conversely a Minor Development Proposal is for the construction or expansion of a structure(s) 65,000SF or less. Major Development Proposal review follows the more traditional site plan review process through the Planning Board. Minor Development Proposal review shall run concurrently with the building permit application process and shall be reviewed by the Expedited Review Committee (ERC) instead of the Planning Board.

WHAT IS THE EXPEDITED REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)?

The Expedited Review Committee (ERC) is a technical review committee (as authorized by RSA 674:43,III) made up of the Town Planner, a Planning Board representative and a representative from each of the following Departments and Committees: Code Enforcement, Conservation, Emergency Services (Police, Fire & Ambulance), Heritage, Public Works, Zoning Administration and Water Utilities. The committee was designed around the existing Interdepartmental Review process utilized for Site Plan and Subdivision applications. The ERC reviews and approves all Minor Development Proposals in conformance with the details of the Commerce and Community District. This committee will meet on an as-needed basis and will greatly reduce the time required to review an application.

WHY NOW?

The Commerce and Community District addresses the anticipated development of the BROX properties as well as surrounding properties. The Town invested 1.4 million dollars to purchase the BROX properties in 2000. The Board of Selectmen entered into agreements with EECOTECH Capital Partners, Inc to help facilitate the development of the BROX properties to expand the tax base in Milford and promote a return on their investment over the next twenty years.

Warrant Article Support/Opposition Summary

Article	Title	2012 Proposed Amount	Board of Selectmen's Article Positions*	Board of Water and Sewer Committee's Article Positions*	Budget Advisory Committee's Article Positions*
3	Ambulance Facility	\$2,214,000	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (8-1-0)
4	Operating Budget	\$11,767,325	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (8-1-0)
5	Wastewater Department Treatment Operating Budget	\$1,693,966	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
6	Water Department Operating Budget	\$1,361,299	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
7	Engine #4 Replacement (listed cost is first year's payment only)	\$67,700	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (8-1-0)
8	Backhoe, Rubber-Tired (listed cost is first year's payment only)	\$23,800	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (8-1-0)
9	AFSCME Contract Renewal	\$50,510	SUPPORT (4-0-1)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
10	Teamsters Contract Renewal	\$21,035	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
11	Social Services	\$35,000	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
12	Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service	\$26,500	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
13	Conservation Lands Fund	\$20,000	SUPPORT (3-2-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
14	Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations & Plantings	\$20,000	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (8-1-0)
15	Do-It Operating Budget Support	\$20,000	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (8-1-0)
16	Jennison Road Bridge Replacement (Phase 1)	\$18,000	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
17	Summer Band Concerts	\$9,000	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
18	Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parade Town Support	\$6,000	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
19	Fireworks	\$4,500	SUPPORT (4-1-0)	NA	SUPPORT (7-2-0)
20	Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Rent or Lease Town-Owned Property	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	NA
21	Authorize the Board Of Selectmen to Lease Town-Owned Property – Shepard Park Scout House	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	NA
22	Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Lease Town-Owned Property – MCAA/North River Roads Fields	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	NA
23	Authorize the Board of Selectmen To Convey A Permanent Easement On Town-Owned Property (Former Putnam Street)	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	NA
24	Establishment of The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund (Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14)	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (6-2-1)
25	Funding of the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (7-1-1)
26	Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Convey a Permanent Subdivision Identification Signage Easement – Falcon Ridge Subdivision (Map 3, Lot 4)	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	NA
27	Pratt Land Conservation Easement Conveyance (Map 45, Lot 2) By Petition	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	NA
28	Change Town Treasurer to an Appointed Position	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0-0)
29	Adjustment to Income and Asset Levels For Elderly Exemptions	NA	OPPOSE (0-5-0)	NA	NA

***Notes:**

- The numbers appearing in parentheses after the words "SUPPORT" OR "OPPOSE" indicate the number of support votes, followed by the number of opposition votes, followed by the number of abstaining votes, of the governing body listed (i.e., a tally of "5 - 0 - 0" indicates that there were 5 votes of support, 0 votes of opposition, and 0 votes that were abstained).
- "NA" indicates that the listed governing body chose to not take a position on this article.

DOES THE PURCHASE AND SALE

AGREEMENT INCLUDE ALL TOWN OWNED BROX PARCELS?

No, the purchase and sale agreement includes the former Police Station and the BROX properties off of Perry Rd. and those which surround Route 101. It does not include the so-called BROX Community Lands, which were set aside for future Town uses such as recreation fields, cemetery and future facilities.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 3 — Ambulance Facility - \$2,214,000

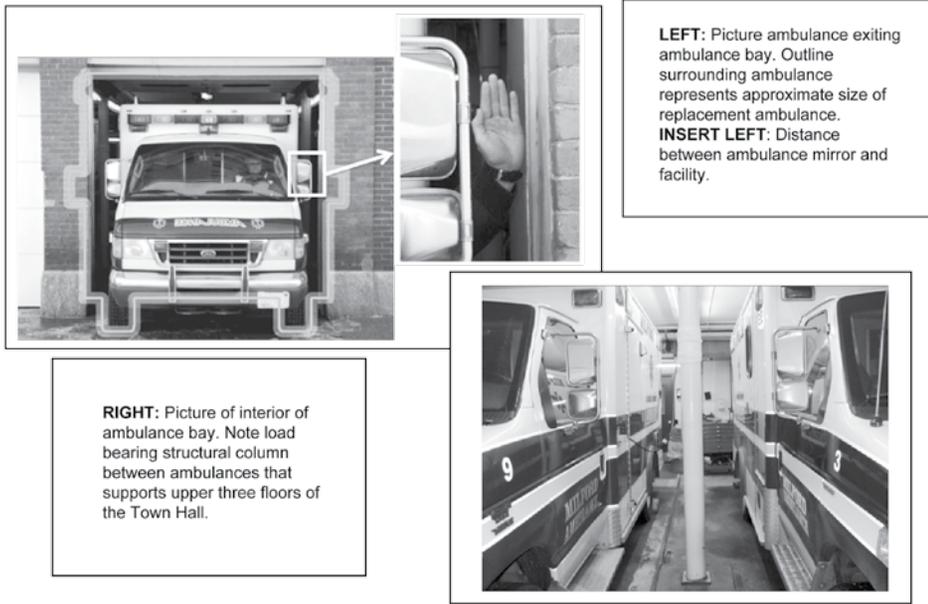
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Two Hundred and Fourteen Thousand (\$2,214,000) Dollars to purchase land, demolish existing structures, construct and furnish a stand-alone ambulance facility and to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than \$2,214,000 in bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine conditions and the rate of interest thereon, such funding to be repaid from general taxation, and to authorize the Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid that may be available for this purchase, and to authorize the Selectmen to take all other necessary action to carry out this project, said actions to include anything necessary to prepare said land so that it would be available for the construction of such facility including due diligence, site assessments, and demolition of existing structures? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 3 - The bond payment for this Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.15 (\$15.00 on a home valued at \$100,000) commencing in 2013.

TOPICAL DESCRIPTION

Warrant Article #3 is requesting Milford voters to raise and appropriate \$2,214,000 for the purchase of land, demolition of existing structures and construction and furnishing of a stand-alone 4-bay ambulance facility.

The need for a new ambulance facility that addresses existing facility deficits is the priority project for the Board of Selectmen and has the support of the Budget Advisory Committee, the Community Facilities Committee (CFC), the Planning Board, and the Capital Improvement Plan Committee. In addition, the 2012 – 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) placed the need for a new ambulance facility as the first project that the town should complete. As noted in the CIP, Milford's debt service will decrease



in 2012 such that, if approved, the ambulance facility bond payment in 2013 would not increase the tax rate.

The current proposal is to construct a new 4-bay ambulance facility at 66 Elm Street, formerly the location of Harvey's Music. The CFC undertook an exhaustive search of site locations in and around the Oval to locate the facility. The first site selected was found to have soil contamination which led to the Facilities Committee selection of the second best choice based upon location, availability and value.

The Ambulance Facility is a critical need for the department and by extension the residents. The department's two ambulances are 9 and 13 years old and have traveled respectively 136,000 and 143,000 miles. Additionally, these emergency vehicles have thousands of hours of operating time on them. Replacement ambulances identical to our current ambulances are no longer made and ambulances of similar style are wider and taller and cannot fit into the existing ambulance bays, which cannot be enlarged.

The ambulances are the mobile office used by department staff to respond and render care to you, your loved ones and residents and guests of Milford in their time of need. Without the ambulances, ambulance staff would not be able to provide the care that is expected from the department.



RENDERING

PROPOSED MILFORD AMBULANCE



SITE AND FLOOR PLAN

The Ambulance Department has been located for the past 37 years in the basement of the Town Hall. Deficiencies of the current ambulance facility include:

- Two bays for three emergency vehicles. The department Paramedic Response Vehicle is kept outside which requires temperature sensitive medical equipment and supplies to be brought inside between calls,
- Inadequate space and facilities for decontamination procedures
- Lack of a vehicle exhaust extraction system,
- Vehicles cannot be washed in bays as wastewater drains directly into river (EPA Storm Water violation),
- Inadequate dormitory space for 24/7 operations,
- Inadequate training and meeting space. The department teaches CPR and EMT courses that require the use of the Town Hall Banquet Hall and Auditorium. This space is used by multiple town departments, local civic organizations and citizens on a regular basis.

A new facility will:

- Alleviate replacement ambulance size constraints and provide for Milford's future ambulance needs for at least 30 years,
- Provide needed space for adequate sleeping quarters, decontamination and training,
- Enhance recruitment and retention of volunteer staff that save the town over \$300,000 annually.

The bond to fund the Ambulance Facility would add only 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or \$30 per year, for a property assessed at \$200,000 - the price of two cups of coffee per month for a year!

As the Warrant Article is a bond issue, a 60% majority is required for passage.

Please Vote YES on Warrant Article #3 to support the ambulance department's mission of emergency medical assistance and protecting the community.

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Selectmen Carmen, Daniels, Finan, Putman and Bauer unanimously support this article, as does the Community Facilities Committee. The Budget Advisory Committee also supports this article.

This warrant article calls for the construction of a new stand-alone ambulance facility to be completed by 2013.

The Milford Ambulance Service, housed in the lower level of Town Hall for the past 37 years, is severely cramped, lacking proper space for decontamination equipment, training, adequate vehicle storage and sufficient sleeping quarters for 24/7 operation. Parking is severely limited.

The current town hall space houses only two vehicles. The Paramedic Response Vehicle is now parked outdoors. The bays are too small to accommodate the newer ambulances which must replace our nine and thirteen year old vehicles in the near future. The existing ambulance space does not have, nor can it be retrofitted for, a vehicle exhaust system to remove dangerous fumes.

The new facility will correct all of the existing deficiencies including a sufficiently sized training room which can also serve as a community room, as more space for town committees is sorely needed. There will be ample parking for ambulance staff and community needs. The new facility will meet all of the Ambulance Department's needs now and at least thirty years into the future.

The Community Facilities Committee has expended many volunteer hours over the past several months discussing and researching this plan. Keeping the Milford taxpayer in mind they are proposing a new facility with the best value and least cost for our town. Our volunteer ambulance members provide us all with excellent service day and night. The volunteer aspect of the department saves the town approximately \$400,000 a year. These dedicated men and women deserve a new facility now.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 8 – 1 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

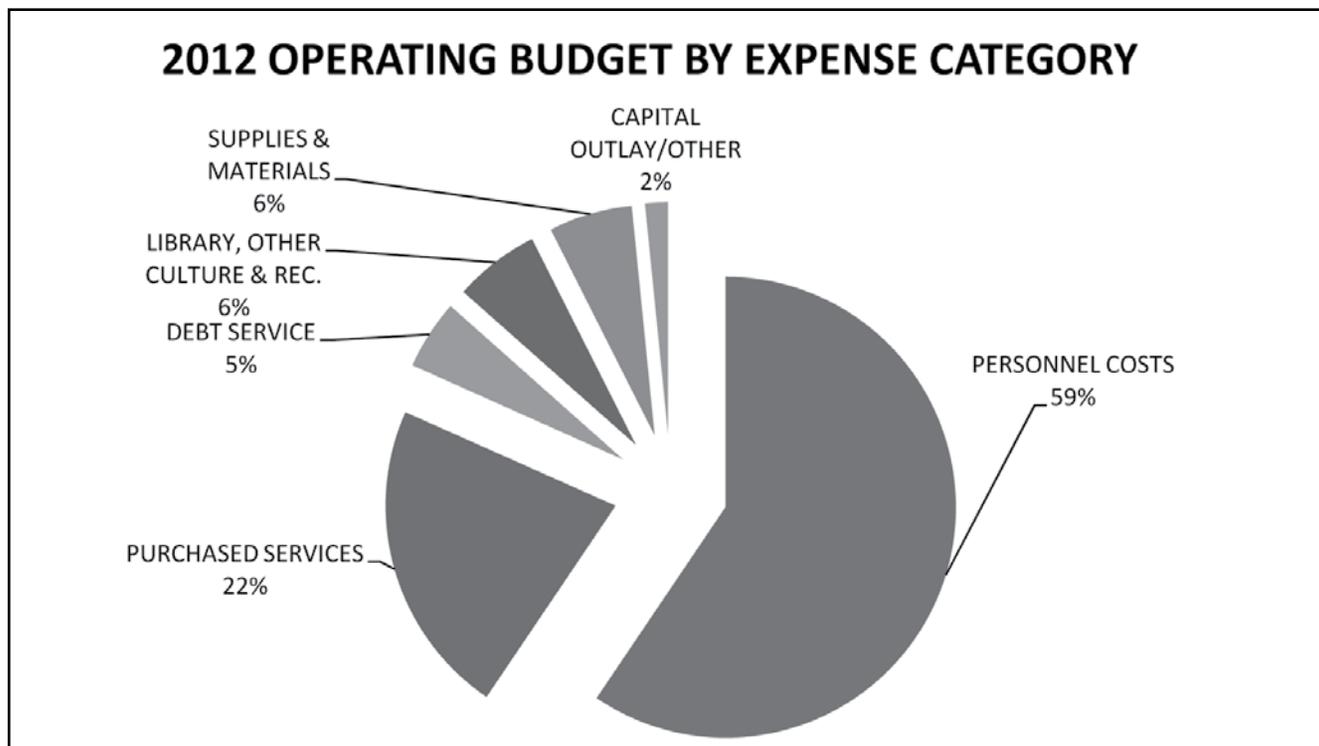
The Ambulance Service has critical space needs and future ambulances will not fit in the current ambulance bays. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee included this project for the year 2012.

2012 Proposed Budget by Department

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	2011	2011	2012	CHANGE	CHANGE
	ACTUAL (Note 2) AS OF 01/18/2012	ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	\$	%
	(unaudited)				
Executive - Administration	\$ 315,289	\$ 301,282	\$ 305,507	\$ 4,225	1.4%
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	\$ 121,728	122,612	\$ 137,644	15,032	12.3%
Assessing	\$ 190,609	191,450	\$ 167,635	(23,815)	-12.4%
Finance & Tax Administration	\$ 270,295	267,497	\$ 280,080	12,583	4.7%
Information Systems	\$ 333,176	341,133	\$ 271,329	(69,804)	-20.5%
Legal	\$ 40,853	42,495	\$ 42,500	5	0.0%
Employee Benefits (Note 1)	\$ 2,020,277	2,040,767	\$ 2,083,888	43,121	2.1%
Community Development	\$ 362,268	367,413	\$ 470,163	102,750	28.0%
Insurance	\$ 98,595	113,000	\$ 114,000	1,000	0.9%
Community Media	\$ 15,999	15,750	\$ 15,243	(507)	-3.2%
Police	\$ 1,900,996	2,013,611	\$ 2,024,751	11,140	0.6%
Ambulance	\$ 546,652	540,152	\$ 615,353	75,201	13.9%
Fire & Emergency Management	\$ 470,800	514,306	\$ 520,480	6,174	1.2%
Other Public Safety (MACC Base & Hydrant Rental)	\$ 559,603	560,291	\$ 578,452	18,161	3.2%
Department of Public Works	\$ 2,107,306	2,169,097	\$ 2,188,692	19,595	0.9%
General Government Buildings	\$ 189,104	199,862	\$ 205,638	5,776	2.9%
Cemeteries	\$ 120,143	122,544	\$ 137,759	15,215	12.4%
Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	\$ 209,039	170,659	\$ 207,097	36,438	21.4%
Other Health & Welfare (Host Homes & Mediation)	\$ -	10,500	\$ -	(10,500)	-100.0%
Recreation	\$ 112,392	115,068	\$ 119,599	4,531	3.9%
Library	\$ 680,554	688,304	\$ 684,852	(3,452)	-0.5%
Other Culture & Recreation (Historical Society)	\$ 3,000	3,000	\$ 3,000	-	0.0%
Conservation	\$ 21,935	21,935	\$ 22,217	282	1.3%
Debt Service	\$ 612,545	627,546	\$ 571,445	(56,101)	-8.9%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 11,303,158	\$ 11,560,274	\$ 11,767,324	\$ 207,050	1.8%

Note 1: All employee benefit costs are accounted for in this department and are not allocated to corresponding departments.

Note 2: 2011 actual numbers are not finalized and are reported as of 01/18/2012. Audit adjustments are still outstanding.



Ballot Question/Warrant Article 4 — Operating Budget - \$11,767,325

Shall the Town 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 in an amount totaling Eleven Million, Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-five (\$11,767,325) Dollars. Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Eleven Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine (\$11,727,859) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions 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? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article. Estimated Tax Impact of Article 4 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$5.633 (\$563.30 on a home valued at \$100,000). This is not a net change, but rather the total tax impact of the operating budget. Note: The proposed Operating Budget reflects an increase of 1.8% to the 2011 Operating Budget, or an increase of \$207,051.

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

The 2012 budget represents an increase of 1.8% over 2011, and just a small amount higher than the \$11,708,252 proposed for the 2011 Budget. When looking at this increase, we must keep in mind that the 2010 budget represented a 1.4% decrease over 2009. In fact, over the past four years (including this year), the operating budget has had an average increase of less than 0.5 % per year. While considering this, realize that the 2012 budget includes increases for health insurance costs, 9.5% increase in the town's contribution to retirement costs, and increases in fuel, electricity and welfare; these are increases that we largely have no control over. Add to this the fact that the state has continued to downshift costs to local cities and towns, while other revenues, such as motor vehicle registrations, continue to see dramatic decreases. When this data is looked at in its entirety, it is clear that this budget is a conservative budget that is mutually realistic, responsible, and well contemplated.

The Town Administrator and Department Heads have done an outstanding job crafting a budget that recognizes the fact that the many taxpayers are struggling with this economy, while at the same time ensuring that the critical services that we all expect will continue. The 2012 budget succeeds in holding down costs, while looking out for the current and future needs of the Milford taxpayer.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 8 – 1 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

In the year following a default budget, the Budget Advisory Committee deemed that the Town budgeted responsibly in order to maintain projected expenses at a reasonable level. The proposal is approximately \$40,000 more than the 2012 default budget calculation. The 2012 budget of \$11,767,325 is an increase of 1.8% or \$207,051 over the 2011 budget of \$11,560,274. The default budget for the 2012 year is \$11,727,859 or \$39,466 under the proposed budget. Listed below are the significant changes to this year's budget.

- Ambulance Service expense increase of \$75,201 – This increase in expense is more than offset by a corresponding increase in revenue of \$130,000.
- DPW – South Street drainage problem at RR crossing - \$75,000
- Welfare direct support increase - \$36,000.
- MACC Base increase of 4.6% or \$18,161.
- Planned performance based salary increase of 3% for non-union employees or \$71,900. No raises have been given for the previous two years; the Town of Milford does not have cost of living adjustments or automatic step increase as is the case in some locations.
- Diesel and gas increase of \$8,677 or 5.9% due to higher per gallon cost. We purchase fuel off of the state contract; estimate for next year is \$3.27 per gallon for diesel and \$3.13 for gasoline.
- Most service and software maintenance contracts are increasing by approximately 5% and postage is going up by 2.3%
- Reduction in Debt Service - \$46,101
- Planning Department increase is a result of budget consolidation of GIS and Stormwater management from the IT and DPW budgets – net neutral impact.

- Note: Two Police cruisers are planned to be replaced in 2012 at a cost of \$63,660. We currently have three cruisers at or over 100,000 miles.

The overall town operating budget increases per year over the previous five years have been 1%, (-1.4%), 0.6%, 0.2%, and a 1.2%. or an average of 0.3% for each year, significantly under the inflation rate as shown in the table below.

CPI Nation Wide	CPI North East Region
2009 was 2.7%	2009 was 2.8%
2010 was 1.5%	2010 was 1.6%
2012 was 3.0%	2011 was 2.9%

The 2011 COLA for Social Security Benefits increased by 3.6%.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 5 — Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget - \$1,693,966

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-six (\$1,693,966) Dollars to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 5 - This appropriation will be offset by revenues from wastewater user fees. Note: The proposed Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget reflects a decrease of 2.47% to the 2011 Operating Budget, or a decrease of \$41,676.

The Water and Sewer Commissioners voted 3 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Water and Sewer Commissioners' Majority Report

The proposed 2012 Sewer Department Operating Budget is 2.4% less than the 2011 budget of \$1,735,642. In 2011 the sewer department completed high priority in-house projects such as updating sewer collection system maps and applying protective seal coatings to two concrete building and three fiberglass tank housings. The 2012 planned sewer department project costs are less compared to last year.

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

The Board of Selectmen are in support of this article and concur with the Water and Sewer Commissioners' majority report.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

The Wastewater Treatment Operating budget is funded by wastewater user fees. The proposed budget represents a decrease from last year's appropriation.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 6 — Water Department Operating Budget - \$1,361,299

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty One Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-nine (\$1,361,299) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water & Sewer Commissioners support this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 6 - This appropriation will be offset by revenues from water user fees. Note: The proposed Water Department Operating Budget reflects a decrease of 1.5% to the 2011 Operating Budget, or a decrease of \$20,458.

The Water and Sewer Commissioners voted of 3 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

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Water and Sewer Commissioners' Majority Report

The proposed Water Department Operating Budget is 1.5% less than the 2011 budget of \$1,381,757. Some contributing factors to the decrease in the proposed 2012 budget consist of a decrease in interest payments toward Notes & Bonds and the completion of a bond payment in 2011 for the 1991 Elm St. Water Line Improvement Project. The sale of Pennichuck Water to the City of Nashua has been finalized and our current agreement with Pennichuck will be honored by Nashua. Due to the completed transaction, legal representation costs to protect the interests of the Town are reduced in 2012.

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Selectmen Carmen, Daniels, Bauer, Finan, and Putnam, are in unanimous support of this article and concur with the Water and Sewer Commissioners' majority report.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 8 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

The Water Operating budget is funded by water user fees. The proposed budget represents a decrease from last year's appropriation.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 7 — Fire Engine # 4 Replacement (Annual Payment \$67,700/Total Purchase Price \$437,000)

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease-purchasing a pumper/tanker fire engine with the appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (it will replace the current 1987 Pierce Pumper/Tanker) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-seven Thousand, Seven Hundred (\$67,700) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, as more particularly described in Article 7? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 7 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.053 (\$5.30 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Engine # 4 is a 1987 Pierce Pumper/Tanker fire engine, which at 25 years old is the oldest in the Milford Fire Department fleet. This vehicle is currently our primary response vehicle, responding to all fires in town. This truck has what is called an "open cab" in which the firefighters sit while responding to a call. This is a life safety issue for our firefighters and is no longer allowed under current fire safety standards. Increased maintenance issues including mechanical, structural, and electrical problems, provide further evidence that the time has come to replace this vehicle.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends that all fire apparatus more than 15 years old be placed in reserve status and be replaced at 20 years. Engine # 4 has served the taxpayers of Milford for a quarter century and the Board is unanimous in its belief that the time has come to replace it.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 8 – 1 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

Due to the current condition of Fire Engine #4, the Committee realizes that the safety and welfare of our volunteer firemen and citizens should not be compromised. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee included this project for the year 2012.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 8 — Public Works Backhoe, Rubber-Tired (Annual Payment \$23,800/Total Purchase Price \$113,000)

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease-purchasing a Backhoe, Rubber-Tired, with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the current 1998 Ford tractor/loader/backhoe) and to raise and appropriate the sum of an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand, Eight Hundred (\$23,800) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, as more particularly described in Article 8? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 8 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.019 (\$1.90 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Upon examining the need behind the request from the Department of Public Works, and being convinced that the need for replacement of the aging Tractor/Loader/Backhoe was necessary in this budget year; the request was given back to the department head last year to work through some options to reduce the original request which was \$175,000. The logic was that a "down economy" acquisition may be further to our advantage by way of discounting equipment that is also sold to the ailing "construction" segment. Sufficient work was put forth to yield a lower cost quote last year, and it was further reduced this year as the equipment aged even more. It is believed that with this current lower quote, and our firm commitment to use further prudence to create balance between any negotiating power we may continue to have, and our commitment to return any potential savings to the taxpayers, we are convinced that NOW is beyond the correct time to obtain this piece of equipment. We might as well use the issues with the economy to our advantage and acquire this in a good market for it. This Warrant Article, much like the other Capital expenditure Warrant Article this year, was proposed within a carefully designed plan. The Capital Improvement Plan revolves around the offset of debt for previously bonded items that will mature in line with these Capital Improvements in order to create little to no impact on the taxpayer. The timing as such is highly recommended for this year in order to maintain a CIP that continues for the foreseeable future to keep the tax impact minimized.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 8 – 1 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

The current backhoe is the only backhoe of this size that the Town owns and its current condition makes it unsafe. The Public Works Department has obtained sealed bids for this replacement. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee included this project for the year 2012.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 9 — AFSCME Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2009 – 2013) - \$50,510

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for contract years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for increases in salaries, benefits, new cost items and other costs attributable to this Agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand, Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$50,510) for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the

General Operating Budget or take any other action relative thereto, as more particularly described in Article 9? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 9 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.040 (\$4.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 4 – 0 – 1 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen’s Majority Report

The Board of Selectmen are in support of the work achieved by our negotiating teams to put forth an agreement that is fair to all parties, and agreed to by all parties. With approval of this article, all employees will be on the same benefit plan.

Note – Selectman Bauer abstained from voting on the AFSCME contract because she has a conflict of interest in having a relative amongst one of the negotiating parties.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

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Budget Advisory Committee’s Majority Report

The AFSCME Union has been without an agreement for the past three years. The Committee appreciates the concessions made by the members of the AFSCME Union.

**Ballot Question/Warrant Article 10 —
Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining
Agreement (2012 - 2013) - \$21,035**

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for contract year 2012 and 2013 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following increases in salaries, benefits, new cost items and other costs attributable to this Agreement, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Thirty-five Dollars (\$21,035) for fiscal year 2012. Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budgets of the appropriate departments, or take any other action relative thereto, as more particularly described in Article 10? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Water and Sewer Commissioners support this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 10 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.012 (\$1.20 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen’s Majority Report

The Board of Selectmen are unanimously in support of the work achieved by our negotiating teams to put forth an agreement that is fair to all parties, and agreed to by all parties.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

**Ballot Question/Warrant Article 11 —
Social Services - \$35,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents, the amounts and agencies to be determined in the judgment of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 11 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.027 (\$2.70 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen’s Majority Report

These twenty-one agencies provide immeasurable assistance to Milford citizens thus greatly reducing the amount of welfare dollars expended by the town. These services are not duplicate services and are for the good of the entire community.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee’s Majority Report

The Committee believes that in these difficult economic times, our citizens may need assistance. These funds are allocated to 21 different agencies that provide various resources to our citizens. Without these resources, the Town could potentially have to fund the full cost of these services.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 12 — Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service - \$26,500

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Five Hundred (\$26,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 12 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.021 (\$2.10 on a home valued at \$100,000).

TOPICAL DESCRIPTION

For the 4th consecutive year, the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) is asking Milford voters to raise and appropriate funds to meet Milford's share of the cost to operate the Souhegan Valley Rides bus service. Every community participating in Souhegan Valley Rides must share in the operating costs of the bus service. This year SVTC is asking you to raise and appropriate \$26,500 as Milford's share. This amount is about 24% lower than the amount overwhelmingly appropriated by Milford voters in March 2011.

SVTC organized, implemented and oversees this community transit bus service; and is made up of community representatives from each participating town along with other citizen volunteers serving on a recently established advisory board. SVTC works closely with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission in their capacity as our fiscal agent and as the leading transportation and land use planning agency in our region. The Collaborative purchases the vehicle and call center services from the Nashua Transit System (NTS). This arrangement was determined to be the most cost effective and efficient way to bring a dial-a-ride type bus service to the Souhegan Valley without duplicating assets already on the ground. SVTC's efforts represent proactive planning to address a documented need for affordable, wheelchair-accessible transportation in our region.



NTS busses feature low-floor stepless entry for ease of passenger use, increased safety and more effective service.

Often referred to as "The Blue Bus", Souhegan Valley Rides (SVR) is a dial-a-ride type curb-to-curb bus service where passengers share rides within the four towns and to/from Nashua. The buses are wheelchair-accessible, feature step-less entry, and seat approximately 14 passengers. The service currently operates Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm including travel time to/from the garage in Nashua. Registration is required but this can be done easily over the phone. Riders must call at least 48 hours in advance on weekdays to schedule a ride, and at least 24 hours in advance on weekdays to cancel a ride. There is a \$2 fare per passenger each way but medically necessary companions, personal care attendants and children under age 5 ride free. A free fare program is available for residents in greatest need and can be requested when scheduling a ride. For ease of use, registration, scheduling and cancelation can be done by calling one number at the NTS call center: 880-0100 then dial extension 1.

Although primarily used by older residents and those living with a disability, the service is available to all residents of the four towns who are permanently or temporarily unable to drive or do not have a car. Rides are provided principally for non-emergency healthcare appointments. In fact, 76% of all rides are related to healthcare appointments. In addition, rides are available to social service agencies (SHARE, DHHS, SSA), local pharmacies, town facilities and libraries, senior activity centers, local meals-on-wheels community dining centers, the Nashua senior center and YMCA, and, on Mondays and Thursdays, for shopping at 5 local plazas.

As of December 31, 2011, Souhegan Valley Rides had provided 5,680 rides to residents of Milford, Hollis, Brookline and Amherst. In 2011, with support from the four communities and assistance from the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, SVTC secured federal funding that allowed the service to expand to 5 days per week and add new types of rides and destinations. The expansion plan was based on community requests and observed travel patterns. The 2011 municipal appropriations for the bus service were used to meet the 20% local funding match required by the federal program. SVTC is pursuing continued federal funding, preferably through programs that allow us to maximize eligibility and minimize paperwork, and will continue to seek private grants and donations to fund its administrative expenses and the free fare program.

In 2011, SVTC received donations from the Arthur L. Keyes Memorial Trust, Centrix Bank and the Marathon Bridge Ladies of Hollis to fund the administrative expenses of providing the bus service and the free fare program. Additionally, we received in-kind and gift card donations from Fitch's Corner Farm Stand & Orchards, Lull Farm, LongHorn Steakhouse, and Walmart.

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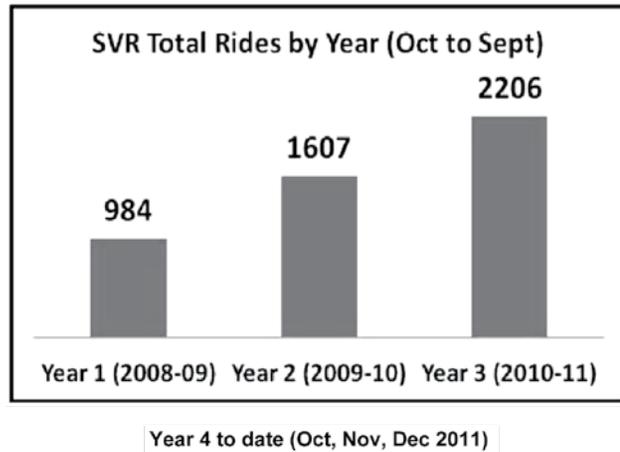
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SVTC believes that federal funding will be available in 2012, in which case SVTC will need to meet the required 20% local match again. However, there are no guarantees. Without substantial funding from federal transit programs, the local communities would not be able to afford the 50 hours per week of bus service under the current model. Thus the current proposal is for the participating communities to appropriate sufficient funding for 30 hours per week of service in FY 2012-2013 (July 2012-June 2013). This would keep Souhegan Valley Rides rolling at an effective level while SVTC seeks additional funding sources.

The following facts highlight how the service has grown and how it is used by Milford residents.



- Average monthly ridership for the six months before and after July 1st increased by approximately 84%, from 159 rides per month for January 2011–June 2011 to 292 rides per month for July 2011–December 2011.
- Each month new riders are registering to use the service. On average, 7-8 residents register for the service each month. New passengers are from all four towns with the largest increases in 2011 being among Milford and Amherst residents.
- Around 68% of rides provided to Milford residents involve a destination in Nashua, 26% in Milford, 5.9% in Amherst and the balance in Hollis. Additionally, 43% of rides provided to Amherst residents involve destinations in Milford including shopping at Market Basket and healthcare appointments at the Milford Medical Center.
- Milford residents consistently lead the way in supporting and using Souhegan Valley Rides. Milford residents have used 73% of the rides provided by the service since October 2008.
- Souhegan Valley Rides is a valuable community resource. The availability of this service allows residents to age-in-place more easily and provides support to caregivers. It is the type of transportation infrastructure that helps improve access to essential services and adds to the overall “livability” of our communities. The service facilitates patronage of local businesses with many of the rides involving trips for appointment and shopping locations in Milford.

Passage of this warrant article assures Milford’s continued participation in the Collaborative and the eligibility of its residents to use the bus service during the coming year. Milford’s continued participation and financial investment are critical to the future of the Souhegan Valley Rides bus service!

For more details about how to use the bus service, please visit www.SouheganRides.org, pick-up a brochure at Town Hall or Wadleigh Memorial Library, email SVTC at Info@SouheganRides.org, or contact your SVTC community representatives Marcia Nelson and Janet Langdell.

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen’s Majority Report

This article asks the Milford community to continue its support of the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) by appropriating funds to meet Milford’s share of SVTC’s operating costs. SVTC organized, implemented and oversees the Souhegan Valley Rides community transit bus service. The Collaborative is a grassroots organization of area residents either appointed or supported by their Boards of Selectmen and represent the participating communities of Milford, Hollis, Brookline and Amherst. Each community’s share of the budget is based on the percentage of rides provided to residents

of that town and on the anticipated direct service costs to provide the bus service. SVTC’s administrative expenses are not included in this calculation.

Souhegan Valley Rides (SVR) is a door-to-door, shared ride bus service that uses wheelchair-accessible buses and call center services subcontracted from the Nashua Transit System. For a modest fare of \$2 each way, the bus service provides non-emergency transportation for healthcare appointments, social service agency appointments, pharmacy errands and local shopping to any resident of a participating town who, either temporarily or permanently, is in need of transportation assistance. Rides are available within the four towns and to and from Nashua.

In 2011 SVR expanded service, increasing from three to five days per week, and adding new destinations such as municipal offices, community dining and others. The service is currently on track to provide 3500 rides this year. Over the three and one quarter years that the service has been operating, SVR has provided 5680 rides, with Milford residents accounting for over 73% of this usage. Reflecting the bus service’s primary focus, 76% of all rides have been for healthcare related appointments. The bus service facilitates patronage of local businesses with many of the service’s activity involved trips for appointment and shopping locations in Milford. Milford residents continue to lead the way in support and usage of the bus service. The availability of this service also allows residents to age in place more easily and provides support to caregivers. The Milford Master Plan supports the development of this type of community transportation resource. Souhegan Valley Rides is the type of transportation infrastructure that helps improve the overall “livability” of our community, and the Board is unanimous in its support of the program.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee’s Majority Report

The Committee believes that the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) provides a valuable service to the community providing transport for medical appointments and other necessities to our residents.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 13 — Conservation Lands Fund - \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars to add to the Conservation Land Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said land fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A purposes, or take any other action relative thereto, as more-particularly described in Article 13? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 13 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 3 – 2 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen’s Majority Report

The amount proposed by the Conservation Commission is a reasonable request to cover their operating costs and have money available for purchase of new conservation acquisitions for the town.

Board of Selectmen’s Minority Report

Selectmen Daniels and Putnam voted in the minority to oppose this Article. This was a matter of priorities. Recognizing the necessity of replacing the Jennison Road Bridge, the minority felt that it was in the best interest of the town to put these funds toward the reconstruction of the Jennison Road Bridge. This would enable the town to cover the necessary permitting and engineering costs associated with the replacement of the bridge without having to increase property taxes to cover this unanticipated expense. For the aforementioned reason, the minority recommends a “No” vote on this article this year.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

This appropriation is needed to restore the Conservation Land Fund which is almost depleted. Funds must be available in the Conservation Land Fund in order for the Conservation Commission to apply for grants for future land purchases that may become available. The Committee commends the Conservation Commission for its dedication and work.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 14 — Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations and Plantings - \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments; purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc. for holiday decorations; or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 14 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

For over twenty years members of DO-IT and other volunteers have worked hard to make the Pumpkin Festival an annual success. We had over thirty thousand people attend the festival this year. Over twenty-five non-profit and community based groups participated with fundraising or awareness activities that benefit Milford in countless ways. The thousands of visitors provide a huge economic boost to the downtown and to the town as a whole. The advance publicity on radio, television, the internet and in newspapers and magazines has the same effect.

Let's not forget the beautiful plantings downtown which everyone enjoyed this past season and the holiday decorations this winter. This is a collaborative effort by DO-IT members, town employees and various community groups to beautify our town.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 8 – 1 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

The Pumpkin Festival is an annual event that is well supported by the community. Holiday decorations and plantings beautify the community.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 15 — DO-IT Operating Budget Support - \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of continued partial funding for community and economic development programs in and around downtown administered by the Milford Downtown Ongoing Improvement Team (DO-IT), or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 15 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

DO-IT is an important volunteer organization that provides valuable assistance to the town and has actively improved the downtown area. The attractiveness of our downtown has a beneficial effect on our entire community making Milford an exceptional place to live and work.

Starting in 2012 DO-IT has decided to expand its vision to include the entire town of Milford which will further enhance our economic development.

Because DO-IT applies for and receives much grant money for Milford, it is essential

that they maintain enough reserve fund to prove their viability as an ongoing non-profit organization.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 8 – 1 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

DO-IT is an organization that promotes economic development opportunities and is important for the betterment of the community.

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Ballot Question/Warrant Article 16 — Jennison Road Bridge Replacement/Phase I - \$18,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) Dollars (\$18,000 to be raised by general taxation and \$72,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Replacement Program) for the purpose of funding the engineering and permitting associated with the bridge replacement on Jennison Road or take any other action relative thereto, as more-particularly described in Article 16? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 16 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 (\$1.40 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

The cost for Phase 1 engineering and permitting for replacement of the Jennison Road Bridge is \$90,000. Our share of that cost is 20%, or \$18,000. The total cost to replace the bridge is not before voters this year. This \$18,000 is to fund the initial work necessary to determine what the total cost will be for permanent replacement of the bridge.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

The bridge is in need of replacement due to recent weather related events. These funds represent Phase I engineering and permitting costs required for future replacement.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 17 — Summer Band Concerts - \$9,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars for the purpose of holding the traditional summer evening Band Concerts (\$6,000 bands, \$2,000 sound system, \$1,000 crossing detail), or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 17 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 (\$0.70 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

As we recover from tough economic times, vacations may still be few and far between for a lot of our citizens and this will give them an opportunity to get out and enjoy an evening of music and community involvement. These concerts are also an on-going tradition that has been part of Milford's character and charm.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

The concerts provide culture and entertainment for all ages.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 18 — Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parade Town Support - \$6,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for Town support to the Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments? Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation.

The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 18 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 (\$0.50 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

The Memorial and Veterans Day Parades are a way of honoring those who have made our way of life possible through their service and sacrifice. We also support the Article in hopes that their actions and their stories will be passed on to future generations and that we never forget those who served and those who gave all. We support the Labor Day Parade not only to promote community involvement, but because it presents an opportunity for people to identify the numerous volunteer organizations and services that contribute to Milford's character and way of life.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

These events are very well attended and popular with the community.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 19 — Fireworks - \$4,500

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand, Five Hundred (\$4,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th of July type fireworks display at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 19 - This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.004 (\$0.40 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 4 – 1 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Milford has always been a very special place to live. It is activities such as the July 4th fireworks that have always brought the community together to create traditions that last for generations. Particularly in uncertain economic times, when people tend to stay home rather than take vacations, it is necessary to continue to support activities that people can enjoy here in Milford.

This year we were able to negotiate a deal with a fireworks vendor at a significant savings over previous years. The majority feels that this is an important aspect of Milford's community character and that voters should support this warrant article.

Board of Selectmen's Minority Report

Selectmen Daniels voted in the minority to oppose this Article. The minority felt the \$4,500 could better be used toward reconstruction of the Jennison Road Bridge rather than blowing it off in a 20-minute fireworks display. Using these funds in this manner would help to keep property taxes down. This activity has not been taxpayer funded for the past three years. The Recreation Department successfully substituted a bonfire event.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 7 – 2 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Minority Report

In recent years, fireworks were provided by donations. The minority feels that the Fourth of July activities were successful in the past without fireworks.

**Ballot Question/Warrant Article 20 —
Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Rent or
Lease Town-Owned Property - \$0**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years (until rescinded) per RSA 41:11-a, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the town meeting at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to such rescission shall remain in effect? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 20 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

This Article authorizes the Selectmen, after proper consideration at appropriate Selectmen's meetings, to rent or lease town-owned property for up to 5-years according to state statutes (RSA 41:11-a). The authority will allow the Board greater flexibility to manage the town's various properties.

**Ballot Question/Warrant Article 21 —
Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Lease
Town-Owned Property – Shepard Park Scout
House - \$0**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease, pursuant to RSA 31:3 and RSA 35-B:3, with an automatic renewal of same, except for cause, with the Ricciardi Hartshorne Post 23 of the American Legion regarding the Town-owned small wooden structure at 7 Shepard Street within Shepard Park (Map 31, Lot 34), traditionally used for scouting activities, said long-term lease to be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, including a reverter clause back to the Town, should the American Legion or scouting activities cease to function or no longer need this 7 Shepard Street facility, and further to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 21 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

The Selectmen unanimously support this article, which ratifies a ten-year lease agreement with scout sponsors, Ricciardi-Hartshorne Post 23, to allow scouting meetings and activities to continue at the small wooden structure at Shepard Park.

**Ballot Question/Warrant Article 22 —
Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Lease
Town-Owned Property – MCAA/North River
Road Fields - \$0**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease, pursuant to RSA 31:3 and RSA 35-B:3, with an automatic renewal of same, except for cause, with the Milford Community Athletic Association (MCAA) regarding the Town-owned playing fields on North River Road (Map 08, Lot 11), traditionally used by the MCAA for athletic events, said long-term lease to be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, including a reverter clause back to the Town, should the MCAA cease to function or no longer need these North River Road Fields, and further to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 22 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

The Selectmen unanimously support this article, which ratifies a ten-year lease agreement with Milford Community Athletic Association (MCAA), to allow youth sporting activities to continue at the North River Road property.

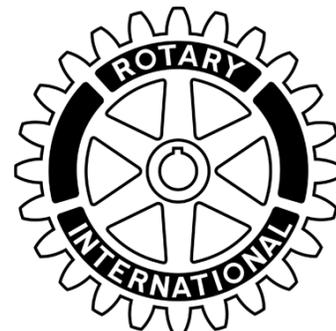
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Ballot Question/Warrant Article 23 — Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Convey a Permanent Easement on Town-Owned Property (Former Putnam Street) - \$0

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement to the owner(s) of Map 26, Lot 177, which easement would correspond in size and scope to that currently described in a temporary, revocable license, which easement would benefit Map 26, Lot 177, and facilitate an emergency access and egress from the premises to the area formerly known as Putnam Street? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 23 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

As part of the temporary emergency access agreement between the Town and the owners of Map 26, Lot 177, a permanent easement needs to be granted to continue to allow emergency egress from that building to Putnam Street via a staircase. The granting of an access easement such as this by the Town requires a town warrant vote.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 24 — Establishment of the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund (Tax Map 38, Lots 4, 5, 5-1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, And 14) – \$0

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to create an expendable trust fund known as The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund the purposes of said trust shall be to defray costs of construction of municipal infrastructure improvements in the form of highway improvements and/or the provision of municipal water and sewer facilities servicing the above referenced BROX properties, located in the West Milford Tax Increment Financing District, when, as, and if the construction of such improvements is approved by the boards, agencies and other bodies from which approval of such construction is required? The Board of Selectmen shall be agents to expend the trust, and may, at its discretion, divert unneeded funds required for BROX properties public infrastructure construction to the general fund. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 24 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

TOPICAL DESCRIPTION

WHAT IS THIS FUND?

This fund, as allowed by State Statute, is an expendable trust fund that can only be established by a Town vote. An expendable trust fund serves as a 'reserve' fund to finance capital projects, capital acquisitions, revaluations, and to fund maintenance or operational costs.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS FUND?

This fund will be utilized specifically toward the infrastructure costs to provide necessary water lines, sanitary sewer, roads, and stormwater systems to serve undeveloped Town-owned commercial and industrial properties located in west Milford (the so-called BROX properties). The Selectmen were authorized by Town voters in 2001 to sell these properties for commercial and industrial development. These properties are considered to be the prime growth area for new property tax generating development in Town over the next 20 years.

WHY DOES THIS FUND NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED?

Development of the listed BROX properties has been a Town Master Plan goal for almost 15 years, during which time the Selectmen, the Milford Industrial Development Corporation, the West Milford Tax Increment Financing District Advisory Board, the Planning Board, and the Economic Development Advisory Council have studied, implemented,

and initiated many efforts to plan infrastructure, market the properties to development interests, and determine development potential. The BROX Properties are ideally located and provide significant commercial, industrial, and mixed-use potential that will lead to a sizable revenue generating tax base. The location is attractive to developers, and there is interest in acquisition. However there is no infrastructure. Extending water, sewer, and roads is a costly endeavor that cannot be borne by the residential taxpayer. However, to see development occur there must be tools in place to provide incentive to developers to invest in the infrastructure. Establishing this reserve fund mechanism is one such tool to encourage outside investment in the properties and to develop the infrastructure.

WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEND FROM THE FUND?

The Board of Selectmen are the authorized agents to spend from the fund, only for infrastructure-related costs for the BROX Properties and only after review and recommendation from appropriate Town boards and advisory groups.

WHICH TOWN ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT ESTABLISHING THIS FUND?

The Board of Selectmen, the Budget Advisory Committee, the West Milford Tax Increment Financing Advisory Board, the Economic Development Advisory Council, and the Water and Sewer Commissioners support the warrant article to establish this fund.

IF I VOTE FOR ESTABLISHING THIS FUND WILL IT RAISE MY TAXES?

No. Warrant Article 24 simply establishes the reserve fund and will allow money from sources other than taxes, such as economic development block grants and land sales to be placed into this 'reserve'. There is no property tax impact.

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Selectmen unanimously support this article, which creates a trust fund for defraying the costs of infrastructure improvements on the BROX property. These improvements could include such things as road and highway improvements, the provision of municipal water and sewer facilities and other improvement necessary to encourage the development of this property. This article merely creates the trust fund and does not dedicate any funding. It is a necessary first step in the board's effort to fulfill the mandate of the voters to encourage the sale and development of the portion of the BROX property that is currently zoned for commercial development. This is part of our long-range plan to attract businesses to Milford, create jobs, and expand a business base that ultimately would offer some property tax relief.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 6 – 2 – 1 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

This article establishes a fund for the purpose of defraying portions of infrastructure costs needed to develop the BROX property. We urge the voters to carefully review ballot question #6 concerning zoning changes related to the BROX property.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 25 — Funding of the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund - \$0

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to deposit any proceeds realized from the sale of the former Police Station property (Tax Map 13, Lot 5), which sale the Selectmen were authorized to undertake by virtue of the approval of Article 25 at the 2006 Town Meeting, into The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund. This Article is contingent on the passage of the preceding Article establishing The BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund, as more-particularly described in Article 25? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 25 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS WARRANT ARTICLE?

In 2006 Town voters authorized the Board of Selectmen to sell the former police station property, located at 589 Elm Street. The site is zoned 'C'-Commercial, is easily developable, and has municipal utilities, excellent access, and good visibility. Simply stated, the property is of much more value to the Town if sold and developed than kept as a Town-owned, underutilized parcel.

In March 2011, the Selectmen entered into option agreements with the firm of Andover/EECOTECH for the purchase of this site as well as the commercial-industrial BROX parcels. The purchase price of the police station property is \$500,000. A stipulation in the option agreement is to place, upon Town approval, the money from the sale of the police station into a fund to jumpstart the construction of water, sewer, and roads into the BROX parcels to make them development ready.

Article #25 allows the Selectmen to place the proceeds of the sale of the former police station property into the expendable trust fund created by the passage of Article #24 (the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund). These funds will be utilized towards the development of the necessary infrastructure of the BROX Properties providing seed money for the long-planned improvements.

WHY DO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS SUPPORT THIS?

The BROX commercial-industrial properties have significant development potential, but development is hampered by lack of infrastructure and the cost to extend water lines, sewer lines, and roads. Preliminary designs and cost estimates have been completed for these improvements, but the cost burden must be the developer's responsibility and not the taxpayer's. Having these funds available shows that the Town is committed to economic development on the BROX properties that will lead to additional property tax revenue and jobs.

WILL THE TOWN GET A RETURN ON THIS INVESTMENT?

Yes. The anticipated property tax generation of the former police station when fully developed for commercial, industrial, or mixed-uses is projected to exceed \$125,000 annually. This revenue will go every year to the General Fund. Additionally, a stipulation contained in the current agreements with Andover/EECOTECH includes a 'payback' provision towards the \$500,000 placed in the fund. This provision will reimburse the General Fund as BROX parcels are purchased at a rate of \$5000/acre until sufficient acreage is purchased and the initial investment in the infrastructure fund is fully reimbursed. This payback provision is in addition to the agreed upon BROX property purchase price of \$10,000/developable acre and \$1000/non-developable acre. The proceeds from the sale of BROX acreage will go directly to the General Fund. This entire approach creates a fiscally responsible critical first step towards BROX development and the Town's longstanding commitment to turn vacant land with development potential into valuable, revenue-generating mixed-use development governed by the proposed Commerce and Community District zoning amendment.

WILL VOTING FOR THIS ARTICLE RAISE MY TAXES?

No. However, voting for this Article does implement a critical first step to generate additional commercial and industrial property tax generation that will lessen future impact on the residential property taxpayers.

SO, EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WARRANT ARTICLE 24 AND 25...

In order to implement the payback provision explained above, voters must first approve Article 24, Establishing the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund. This fund must be created specifically to hold any sources of funding dedicated to BROX infrastructure improvements. In order for the Selectmen to place the proceeds of the former police station property into the BROX Properties Public Infrastructure Improvement Fund, voters must secondly approve Article 25, as this diversion of funds cannot occur without voter authorization.

This fund, as allowed by State Statute, is an expendable trust fund that can only be established by a Town vote. An expendable trust fund serves as a 'reserve' fund to finance capital projects, capital acquisitions, revaluations, and to fund maintenance or operational costs.

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Selectmen unanimously support of this Article, which would provide the initial funding source for the trust fund that was created by Article 24. At the 2006 Town Meeting, the voters gave the Board of Selectmen the authority to sell the old police station. This article seeks the additional authorization to deposit the proceeds of any such sale into this newly created fund. The cost to put in the infrastructure necessary to attract business is considerable. While it is very unlikely that the proceeds of the sale of the old police station alone would completely cover the needed infrastructure costs, this would provide us with a solid baseline on which to build the fund. Authorizing the funds from the sale of the old police station to be placed in the trust fund created by Article 24 is solid, long-range thinking that enables progression of the effort to attract businesses to this area of town without asking voters to appropriate these initial funds.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 7 – 1 – 1 to support this Warrant Article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report

This article diverts the proceeds from the sale of the former police station into the fund established under Article #24. We urge the voters to carefully review ballot question #6 concerning zoning changes related to the BROX property.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 26 — Authorize the Board of Selectmen to Convey A Permanent Subdivision Identification Signage Easement – Falcon Ridge Subdivision (Map 3, Lot 4) - \$0

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement for the placement of a sign, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen see fit, which easement would correspond in size and scope to that currently described in a temporary, revocable license, which easement would burden Map 3, Lot 4, and facilitate the placement and maintenance of a monument sign on designated open space consisting of Map 3, Lot 4? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 26 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Selectmen unanimously support this warrant article which creates a permanent easement of approximately 180 square feet on Town-owned property for the placement of a subdivision identification sign for the Falcon Ridge residential development located off Maple Street. The permanent easement will replace the revocable license agreement that must be renewed annually. There is no tax impact associated with the granting of the permanent easement.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 27 — Pratt Land Conservation Easement Conveyance (Map 45, Lot 2) – \$0

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a conservation easement to a qualified land preservation trust, which easement will burden the property consisting of Map 45, Lot 2, (known as the 'Pratt Land'), which land was recently acquired by the Town by deed recorded at Book 8360, Page 2043 in the Hillsborough Registry, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town and, in order to implement the condition contained in said deed calling for such a conveyance? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 27 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

The Milford Conservation Commission purchased Map 45, Lot 2 in September 2011. The property is a 34 acre, land-locked parcel that abuts 7000 acres of unfragmented forest which extends into Brookline, Wilton and Mason. The property is a valuable wildlife habitat and includes a vernal pool as well as a foundation from the Gutterson home-site. The property was auctioned by the bank. The Russell Piscataqua Watershed Foundation assisted the Conservation Commission in the purchase. The property sold for \$30,000. The Conservation Commission contributed \$25,000 from the Conservation Land Fund and the Russell Foundation provided a grant of \$5,000. The terms of the grant request that the property have an easement held by a third party. The easement protects the property in perpetuity from development. It does allow for low impact recreation so the Conservation Commission can incorporate a trail.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 28 — Change Town Treasurer to an Appointed Position – \$0

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 41:26-e, vote to discontinue the elected treasurer office, and, instead, authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer who shall have the same powers and duties as required of a town treasurer under applicable law. Upon the passage of this article, the person holding the elected office of treasurer at the time of the vote to discontinue shall continue to hold office until the annual town election first following the discontinuance of the office, at which time the elected office of treasurer shall terminate irrespective of the length of that officer's term. When the selectmen appoint the treasurer, such appointment shall be made in writing, which writing shall include the compensation to be paid in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) annually, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen supports this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 28 - This Article is estimated to have no tax (\$0.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).

The Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

RSA 41:26-e enables voters to authorize Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer rather than elect one. The decision by the Board of Selectmen to seek voter approval to appoint a Town Treasurer is based solely on its desire to ensure that our Town Treasurer is duly qualified to perform the duties and responsibilities of that position. Electing a Town Treasurer does not offer that same surety, opening the town to the risk of electing a well-intending individual who may or may not have financial experience or qualifications for the position. As accounting-related state statute requirements increase, as accounting standards become more stringent, and with the recent passing of our Town Treasurer, the awareness of the potential predicament we could face has become very apparent.

Even if this article passes we are required to elect an individual to serve for the ensuing year. If this article passes, Selectmen will appoint an individual to take over as Town Treasurer in March 2013. The town may rescind the vote to appoint a Town Treasurer under an article in the warrant for any future annual town meeting. If such article to rescind the appointment of a Treasurer is approved, then the town will reinstate the office of elected treasurer and will fill the vacancy in accordance with state statutes.

The Budget Advisory Committee voted 9 – 0 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Ballot Question/Warrant Article 29 — Adjustment to Income and Asset Levels for Elderly Exemptions – By Petition – \$0

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 72:39-(a) and (b), modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Milford, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years \$67,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years - \$100,000; and for a person 80 years of age or older - \$133,000? To

qualify, the person must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:39-(a) and (b) that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute, including without limitation that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, that they own the real estate individually or jointly or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, that they must have been married to each other for at least five years, and that they reside on the property. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$38,600 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$46,000; and own net assets of not more than \$85,000, excluding the value of the person's residence? The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article.

Estimated Tax Impact of Article 29 - The tax impact of this article is unknown and would depend on how many taxpayers apply and are found eligible for the amended provision.

Petitioner's Report

The petitioners feel that an increase is justified due to the rise in cost of living in the last few years. By seniors remaining in their homes, as most would prefer, it makes more elderly housing units available for others.

Also, the poor real estate market precludes many from selling at this time. Please support Warrant Article # 29.

The Board of Selectmen voted 0 – 5 – 0 to support this Warrant Article.

Board of Selectmen's Majority Report

Because this request would have financial impact on the town, the selectmen feel that the entire elderly exemption town policy should be reviewed in the future, thus we are unanimously opposed to this warrant article.

Budget Advisory Committee's Report

The Budget Advisory Committee chose not to vote on this petition warrant article. While we support the concept of this petition warrant article, further study is required in order to determine appropriate adjustment levels. We respectfully request that the Board of Selectmen study this issue and include any adjustments in the 2013 warrant.

As this year's Zoning Warrant Articles are being prepared for the ballot the Community Development Staff would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to Milford's eight Planning Board volunteers. Janet Langdell (Chair), Tom Sloan (Vice Chair), Paul Amato, Chris Beer, Judy Plant, Kathy Bauer, Steve Duncanson and Susan Robinson (Alternate). These individuals gave up almost every Tuesday night from June through December this year to reach out and listen to residents, businesses, and other Town Committees and Commissions, learn about new land use planning tools, and develop several complimentary zoning changes to facilitate economic development and redevelopment in west Milford along the Elm St. and Route 101 corridors.

The Planning Board traditionally meets twice a month for one regular meeting and one worksession; however this dedicated group of individuals stepped up when the Board of Selectmen signed the Purchase and Sale agreement for the Brox Properties in early 2011. Members rose to the challenge of a tight time-frame and drafted a new overlay district reflecting the goals of the Master Plan and stated community desires.

The proposed Commerce and Community District details a comprehensive framework for the development of the Brox properties and surrounding vacant lands including: traffic and access management, utility infrastructure, open and public spaces, preservation of valuable wetlands, and coordination with existing trails and future Town space needs. The goal is to promote economic development, expand the tax base and bring jobs to Milford, in close proximity to where residents live and play. The Planning Board hopes to encourage development of the Brox and surrounding properties in a way the community can be proud of, when fully developed twenty to thirty years from now.

We invite you to visit the Town's website at www.milford.nh.gov and learn more about the proposed zoning changes. Again, thank you to the Planning Board for all that you do!

Community Development Staff

2012 Town Officer Candidate Profiles

All candidates were presented the opportunity to submit a profile including a two-hundred and fifty word statement on any topic they choose

Board of Selectmen – 3 Year Term (vote for not more than two)

MARK J. FOUGERE



Home:

- 253 Jennison Road, home since 1990. Have worked and lived in New Hampshire since 1989.

Phone:

- 672-2106

Email:

- MJFsummer@gmail.com

Family:

- Married to my wife Ruthie, twenty three years and two children Danny and Nicole.

Occupation:

- Ten years Self-employed, Fougere Planning and Development, Inc., Land use consultant to both the public and private sector. Prior work experience included both private and public sector employment.

Education:

- B.S. & Master's Degree in Planning

Experience:

- V-Chair of the Facilities Committee (member of past similar committees for both town and school), Share Building Committee, Milford Rotary (Co-Chair Pancake Breakfast Committee) former Planning Board member, former Milford Community Development Director.

Why am I running: I know it will be a lot of work but I think the Town is facing some critical choices now and I want to help. I love the Town of Milford, we are a true community. I have never run for a public office and I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the table, with both public and private sector experiences. Many people have done this job before me and I figure it's my turn to step up. Many challenges face our community today, including the economy that continues to struggle. Key local issues include: major capital facility needs: ambulance, fire apparatus, Osgood Pond dredging, renovations/addition to the library and fire station renovations. In addition, the Brox property sale and zoning efforts will play a key role in our growth and tax base. Ongoing street paving initiatives need to be managed, along with questions regarding the future of the Transfer Station and how best to cope with trash disposal costs. There are wants and there are needs, all of which must be carefully managed in the best interest of Milford taxpayers.

GARY DANIELS



- 127 Whitten Road, Milford, NH 03055-3228; (603) 673-3065; gldaniels@myfairpoint.net

Family:

- Married to Loreen (Saucier) Daniels, 6 children

Residency:

- 50-year resident of Milford

Occupation:

- Independent Insurance Agent

Education:

- New Hampshire College (1982); New Hampshire Technical Institute (1974); Milford Area High School (1972)

Military:

- U.S. Army Reserve (1983-88); New Hampshire Army National Guard (1979-83); U.S. Army (1976-79)

Experience:

- Milford Board of Selectmen (2003-present)
- State Representative - Milford (1990-2000, 2006-present)
- Milford School Board (2001-07)
- Milford School District Moderator (1994-2000)

- Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation (1990-2000, 2006-present)
- Hillsborough County Executive Committee (1992-97)
- National Commerce and Economic Development Task Force (1990-present)
- New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Advisory Board (1997-2000, 2010-present)
- New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council (2000)
- New Hampshire Highway Layout Commission (2002-05)

Though the economy has shown some positive signs of improvement, Selectmen will continue to be challenged to find ways to provide needed services while balancing this need with the ability of taxpayers to support the cost of these services throughout the recovery. With over 20 years of public service at the state, county or local level, I have discovered that times of hardship also create times of opportunities. We need to focus not on the hardships, but on the opportunities, and how we can utilize those opportunities to create pro-economic growth policies and an economic environment in Milford that is stronger, more cohesive and financially less burdensome for Milford taxpayers. I have, and will continue to use my experience at different levels of government in seeking ways for state, county and local government to work together for the benefit of all Milford residents. Over my years of public service I have met many wonderful people, listened to their stories, ideas and concerns, and represented them in various elected offices. I again present myself to you as a candidate with extensive, well-rounded leadership and legislative experience, a voting record of consistent fiscal conservativeness at the state, county, and local level, and a solid 20-year record of honesty, integrity and commitment in public service. It would be my honor to continue my service to you as one of your Selectmen, and I respectfully seek your vote for re-election on March 13.

KEVIN FEDERICO

This candidate declined to submit a profile.

Cemetery Trustee – 3 Year Term (vote for not more than one)

MARY DICKSON

Address:

- 11 Highland Avenue

Work Contacts:

- 673-1662 (Public Works Office)
- mdickson@milford.nh.gov

Occupation:

- Administrative Assistant, Milford Public Works

Resident:

- Since 1986

I have been employed by the Town of Milford in various capacities for twenty years now. I worked for the Milford Police Department for 4 years in a clerical capacity and for 9 years as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. The last 8 years have been spent working for the Department of Public Works as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Public Works.

My duties at Public Works include record keeping for all the cemeteries in Milford as well as arranging burials and providing genealogical assistance when requested. I have been attending Cemetery Trustee meetings since 2004 when I became the recording secretary. In 2009 a seat as Cemetery Trustee became available. I felt that I had a good working knowledge of the cemeteries and could offer that experience as a trustee. I was elected as a Cemetery Trustee and became the Chairman and I have served in that capacity for the last 3 years. I am also a member of the NH Cemetery Association and have attended many training sessions/lectures concerning statutory requirements pertaining to the cemeteries in New Hampshire as well as record preservation and many other issues facing cemeteries today.

I believe with my experience and acquired knowledge that I can continue to serve the town well in the capacity of Cemetery Trustee.

GIL F. ARCHAMBAULT

Occupation:

- Retired military - USAF and USMC

Education:

- University of Maryland, and Central Texas College

Experience:

- One year as current Trustee of Milford VFW

I have served 6 years on the Milford Budget Advisory Committee (2 years as Vice Chairman). I am currently the Chairman of the Milford Traffic Safety Committee as well as serving on the Milford Facilities Committee, the Recycling Committee, and the Capital Improvement (CIP) Committee. I am Vice Commander of the US Marine Detachment, Southern NH and also a member of the Parade Committees for Nashua and Milford.

I feel that there is a great responsibility in managing town property for the residents of Milford. When elected, one is entrusted to the utmost to carry out these duties. With my knowledge and leadership, this will be done.

Since 2002, as a Marine, I have participated in numerous funerals for all branches of the military. I am familiar with proper decorum with families and procedures at cemetery functions.

One passion that I feel strongly about is to provide a pet cemetery in the area. Dogs, cats, etc. are indeed man's best friends, and as members of the family, they deserve respect and proper burial. I would like to work with other trustees and interested parties to develop a location in the immediate Milford area.

Thank you for your consideration and vote.

Voter Checklist Supervisor – 6 Year Term**DARLENE J. BOUFFARD**

- Milford resident since 1996
- Family ties to Wilton and Milford

I am running for Voter Checklist Supervisor in order to assist in the preservation and maintenance of accurate and up-to-date voter registrations. Over the past four years I have assisted the current Checklist Supervisors in a clerk capacity in this effort, and would like to continue in an official basis. Employed by the Town of Milford, I am the recording secretary to the Board of Selectman and also provide assistance in other departments. I thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Town Moderator – 2 Year Term**PETER BASILIERE**

Occupation:

- Information Technology and Printing Industry Analyst

Education:

- University of New Hampshire – MBA
- Bates College - BA

Experience:

- Town and School District Moderator - four years; School Board member - three years; School Budget committee member - four years

Phone:

- 673-3439

I am honored to have served as your town and school district moderator for the past four years. During this time I made changes at the polling place that streamlined the voting process, especially during the record-breaking November 2008 election. A golf cart is now available to help anyone get from their parked car to the Middle School gym entrance and back, making it easier for voters who have a difficult time walking.

My work would be immeasurably more difficult if it was not for the support of our town and school employees as well as numerous volunteers. Many thanks to everyone who helps out, whether setting up and breaking down the voting booths, broadcasting the Deliberative Sessions, opening the polls at 6:00 a.m., counting ballots after the polls close,

and all of the many other little things that make our elections and town meetings go smoothly.

A vibrant democracy depends on volunteers. Please contact me if you would like to help out as an election worker or budget committee member. The experience will be rich and rewarding while your time and effort will be greatly appreciated by our town.

Town Treasurer – 1 Year Term**BRIAN W. SANBORN**

This candidate declined to submit a profile.

Trustees of the Trust Funds – 3 Year Term**BRAD CHAPPELL**

This candidate declined to submit a profile.

Library Trustee – 3 Year Term (vote for not more than two)**KIM PAUL**

Occupation:

- Part time Bookkeeper at Living at Home Seniorcare

Education:

- Accounting degree from Gordon College

Experience:

- 2 years as an alternate to the trustee board, 1 year as the treasurer

JENNIFER MARTIN HANSEN

- 579 Mason Road, Milford, NH 03055
- Milford Area Senior High School, class of 1990
- Syracuse University, class of 1994 (BS, major in Broadcast Journalism, minor in French)
- Former Co-President and Secretary, Milford Area Mother's Club
- Current member, Wadleigh Library Development Fund

I have lived in Milford since the age of 5. I am proud to be raising my children here now. I grew up attending Story Times and other events at the Wadleigh Library, and now my kids are regular fixtures in the Children's Room. The library is a special place to me. I currently serve as a member of the library's Development Fund, and am excited about the prospect of becoming more involved as a Trustee. I'd like to help take the library into the future and shine a spotlight on this wonderful institution. I appreciate your vote and your support!

Water/Wastewater Commissioner – 3 Year Term**MIKE PUTNAM**

This candidate declined to submit a profile.

How to Be A School Volunteer

Interested in volunteering in our schools? Our schools, parent organizations, and booster clubs are often looking for help with fund-raising and student assistance. Specific organizations include the Elementary Schools' PTO's, the Middle School PTO, the High School Football Boosters, and the High School Music Boosters. (Some volunteer activities may require a criminal background check). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any one of our school's Principals, or the Superintendent's Office at 673-2202, for assistance. Specific clubs and activities can be found on the District's website at www.milfordschools.net.

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Negotiated Agreements (\$619,704 Operating Budget + \$8,700 Warrant Article)

The district has four unions / bargaining units: Administrators, Teachers, Instructional Assistants, and Buildings & Grounds. Salary increases and benefits are budgeted per the negotiated agreements approved by the voters.

Non-Affiliated Staff & Other (\$7,174 Operating Budget)

Non-affiliated staff members are the hourly and salaried positions not part of the above contracts. These include secretarial staff and SAU administrators and staff. Other non-affiliated salary expenses include coaches and advisors, elected officers, and crossing guards.

New / Expanded Positions & Programs (\$70,728)

Two 1:1 Special Education Associates required by IEPs changing from half time to full time. One 1:1 Special Education Associate increased from 4 to 12 hours per week required by IEP changes.

Position Reductions/Changes

Reflects the following position eliminations: two full-time elementary teachers as a result of enrollment changes; one 1:1 aide position at the High School as a result of IEP changes. Reflects the following reductions: High School In-School Suspension Associate reduced from 4 to 3 days a week; two B&G summer help positions; B&G overtime.

OBJECTS OF SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OR DECREASE:

Pupil Services DW	Object Code 323	\$20,000
Water & Disposal Services	Object Code 410 & 421	(\$12,182)
Repair & Maintenance	Object Code 430 & 432	\$6,285
Building Improvements District Wide	Object Code 450	\$37,391
Transportation	Object Code 510 to 515	(\$4,450)
Property & Casualty Insurance	Object Code 520	(\$3,150)
Telephone & Data Services	Object Code 531	\$12,549
Tuition Non-public	Object Code 563	(\$65,500)
Supplies	Object Code 610 to 612	(\$35,166)
Textbooks, Workbooks, Media, Software	Object Code 641 to 650	\$153,809
Electricity, Natural Gas, Oil, Vehicle Fuel	Object Code 622 to 624	\$88,624
New Equipment	Object Code 731 to 734	\$16,562
Replacement Equipment	Object Code 735 to 737	\$62,701
Debt Service Interest	Object Code 830	(\$63,859)
Debt Service Principal	Object Code 910	(\$255,622)
Grants	Object Code 930	(\$51,486)

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**2012 SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALLOT SUMMARY SHEET**
(FILL OUT AND TAKE WITH YOU TO THE POLLS)

Choose ONE Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Peter Bragdon

Choose ONE School District Moderator for the ensuing two years.

Peter Basiliere

Choose ONE School District Treasurer for the ensuing two years.

Rosemarie Evans

Choose ONE School District Clerk for the ensuing two years.

Joan Dargie

Question 1. Operating Budget

YES NO

Question 2. Collective Bargaining Agreement - MESSA

YES NO

Question 3. Special Meeting if Question 2 is Defeated.

YES NO

EXPLANATION: The Milford School Board and the Milford Educational Support Staff Association (MESSA), which represents school paraprofessional staff (regular education aides, special education aides, nursing assistants, and library assistants), have reached agreement on a new, one-year contract. The new contract calls for a 1.25% cost of living increase for the 2012-2013 school year. Health insurance premium employer/employee cost sharing will change as follows: POS-based sharing from 82/18% to 80/20%, HMO-based sharing from 85/15% to 84/16%, and new hires on or after July 1, 2012, will be HMO-based 78/22%. New hires who do not take health insurance will receive \$1500.00 instead of 30% of the value of the insurance, which current employees receive. For employees participating in a voluntary deferred income retirement plan, the District match will be increased from \$150 to \$250 per year.

SCHOOL BOARD: We SUPPORT (School Board vote 5-0)

In exchange for a small salary increase, members of MESSA made concessions on various fringe benefits, thus potentially saving the District considerable amounts of money in future years. The growth of fringe benefit spending in the past decade has been much faster than other areas of the budget, and these changes will help to rein them in during future periods.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: We SUPPORT (Budget Advisory Committee vote 8-0-1).

QUESTION 3

Special Meeting if Question 2 is Defeated.

Shall the Milford School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one Special Meeting, at its option, to address Article 2 cost items only?

EXPLANATION: Should question two fail, passage of question three would allow the District to call one special meeting for the sole purpose of addressing all newly negotiated cost items without petitioning superior court for authorization.

SCHOOL BOARD: We SUPPORT (School Board vote 4-1)

The School Board feels this gives us flexibility in the event question # 2 fails.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: We SUPPORT (Budget Advisory Committee vote 7-2-0).

12/13 DEFAULT BUDGET: \$ 35,850,657, a 0.2% decrease over the 11/12 budget (\$35,906,457 including MEPA CBA).

NOTE: Default Budget is the proposed amount as of the 1-2-12 School Board meeting and is subject to change up to the date the ballots are printed.

MAJOR CHANGES FROM PRIOR YEAR

SALARIES AND BENEFITS

\$525,288

With salaries and benefits making up about 80% of the operating budget, the largest increase in the budget is in this area. This includes the cost of new positions as well as the savings from position reductions and position changes.

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Milford School District

2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET

OVERVIEW

	11-12	12-13	INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
Operating Budget:	\$35,886,237	\$36,322,137	\$435,900	1.2%
CBA Warrant	\$20,220	\$8,700	(\$11,520)	(57%)
Articles				
Total Operating Expenses	\$35,906,457	\$36,330,837	\$424,380	1.2%
Other Warrant	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Articles:				
Total Appropriation:	\$35,906,457	\$36,330,837	\$424,380	1.2%
Revenue:	\$13,512,782	\$13,054,489	(\$458,293)	(3.4%)
Tax Assessment:	\$22,393,675	\$23,276,348	\$882,673	3.9%
Tax Rate:	\$17.65	\$18.26	\$0.61	3.5%
ENROLLMENT (K-12)	2,653	2,688	35	1.3%

2012/13 Budget Proposal Tax Impact Analysis

Item	Current 2011/12		Proposed 2012/13	
	\$ Amount	Tax Impact	\$ Amount	Tax Impact
Operating Budget (Includes New/Expanded Positions Recommended by Superintendent)	35,886,237		36,322,137	
Less: Estimated Revenues	-13,512,782		-13,054,489	
Total to be Raised by Taxes	22,373,455		23,267,648	
		State Property Tax \$2.53		\$2.53
		Local Property Tax \$15.10		\$15.72
Warrant Articles Approved March 2011:				
MEPA CBA Cost Items	20,220	\$0.02		
High School Parking	0	\$0.00		
Warrant Articles proposed March 2012:				
MESSA CBA Cost Items			8,700	\$0.01
Petition Warrant Articles:				
Sub Total Warrant Articles:	20,220	\$0.02	8,700	0.01
	22,393,675	17.65	23,276,348	18.26
TOTAL ASSESSMENT PROPERTY TAX IMPACT				
			\$415,680	1.16%
			\$424,380	1.18%
			(\$458,293)	-3.39%
			\$882,673	3.94%
			\$0.61	3.46%
* Indicates Bond Issue				
			\$ 61	<---Tax impact on a home valued at \$100,000
			\$ 122	<---Tax impact on a home valued at \$200,000
			\$ 183	<---Tax impact on a home valued at \$300,000
Milford Net Assessed Valuation 11/12 (with utilities)	1,271,676,126			
Milford Net Assessed Valuation 11/12 (without utilities)	1,255,403,247			
2011 State Education Tax (@ \$2.53 per thousand)	3,171,213			
Milford Net Assessed Valuation 12/13 (Estimated)(with utilities)	1,276,963,126		12,770	1 cent Tax Rate Impact
Milford Net Assessed Valuation 12/13 (Estimated)(without utilities)	\$1,260,625,725		63,848	5 cent Tax Rate Impact
Estimated 2012 State Education Taxes (@ \$2.53 per thousand)	3,189,383		127,696	10 cent Tax Rate Impact
			638,482	50 cent Tax Rate Impact
			1,276,963	1 dollar Tax Rate Impact

2012 School District BALLOT SUMMARY

QUESTION 1

Operating Budget.

Shall the Milford School District 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 \$36,322,137? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$35,850,657 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Milford School District 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.

EXPLANATION: Please see more detailed information on the following pages.

SCHOOL BOARD: We SUPPORT (School Board vote 5-0).

The Milford School Board unanimously supports the proposed operating budget. The budget effectively addresses the critical needs of the District while keeping the total spending increase to a reasonable 1.2%, which corresponds to a tax rate increase of 3.5%. This tax rate increase is in line with the current inflation rate. Areas of focus in the budget are curriculum improvement and Information Technology improvement.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: We SUPPORT (Budget Advisory Committee vote 9-0).

QUESTION 2

Collective Bargaining Agreement with The Milford Educational Support Staff Association

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (2012/2013) reached between the Milford School Board and the Milford Educational Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Account	2012/13
Salaries and Wage-Driven Benefits	\$25,000
Health & Dental Insurance	<\$17,300>
403(b) Deferred Retirement Plan Matching Contribution	\$1,000
Total	\$8,700

And further, raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,700 for the upcoming 2012-2013 fiscal year; such sums 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 in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement, to be distributed to the proper accounts.

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Milford Voters:

This Voter Guide contains important information about items appearing on the Ballot for Tuesday, March 13. Voting will take place at the Milford Middle School, 33 Os-good Road. The polls will open at 6:00 AM and close no earlier than 8:00 PM.

Information in this Voter Guide includes a summary of the items appearing on the ballot, followed by more detailed descriptions of some of the more notable items. At the end of the Voter Guide you will find sample voting sheets, which you can fill out and take to the polls with you to speed the voting process.

Only one copy of this Voter Guide has been sent to each household. Additional copies are available at the Town Hall, the Wadleigh Library, and the Superintendent of Schools' office, located at the northeastern corner of the high school.

Please exercise your right to vote!

Paul Dargie
Chairman
Milford School Board



District Administrators (left to right): Laurel Johnson, Robert Suprenant and Katherine Chambers

SCHOOL OFFICIALS 2011 - 2012

Peter Bragdon (Vice-Chairman)	School Board Term Expires 2012
Len Mannino	School Board Term Expires 2013
Robert Willette	School Board Term Expires 2013
Paul Dargie (Chairman)	School Board Term Expires 2014
Kevin Drew	School Board Term Expires 2014

Peter Basiliere	School District Moderator	Term Expires 2012
Rose Marie Evans	School District Treasurer	Term Expires 2012
Joan Dargie	School District Clerk	Term Expires 2012
Milford Police Department	School District Truant Officer	
Vachon and Clukay	School District Auditor	

Robert Suprenant	Superintendent of Schools
Laurel Johnson	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Katherine Chambers	Business Administrator
Bradford Craven	Principal, High School
Anthony DeMarco	Principal, Middle School
Peter Bonaccorsi	Principal, Heron Pond Elem School
John Foss	Principal, Jacques Memorial School
Johanna Johnson	Director of Special Services

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

For the 2012-2013 School Budget

Joe Stella (Chairman)	Rick Wood
Ron Carvell	Carrie Woodward-Taylor
Rob Halstead	John Wynne
Scott Krauss	
John Parker	
Tricia Shea	



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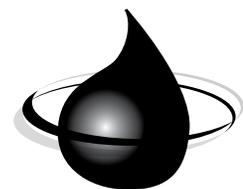


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