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# MILFORD TOWN VOTERS' GUIDE



## TOWN HALL CLOCK TOWER

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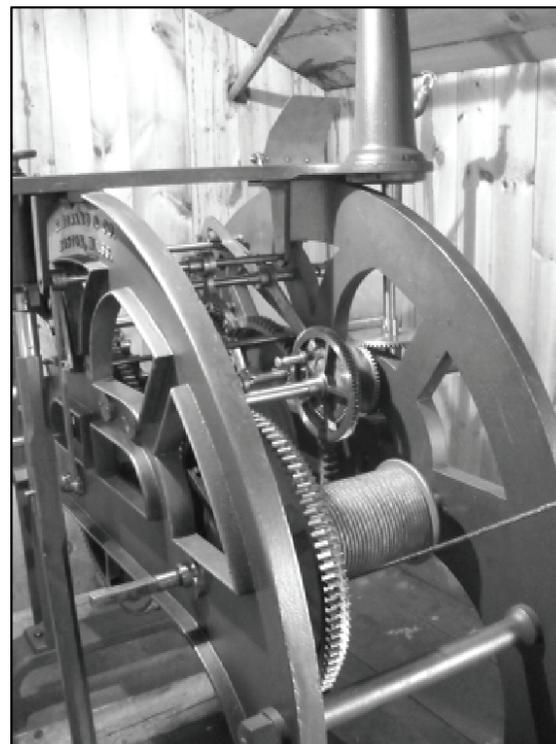
Who has not noticed the town clock on Town Hall in Union Square? This clock has a very interesting story to tell.

The original clock was moved in 1870 from Milford's first meetinghouse, Eagle Hall, soon after the present Town Hall was built. The clock was replaced in 1887 and is the one still operating today.

The clockworks are entirely mechanical, a system of huge gears and cables which operate the clock itself and the Paul Revere bell which has been sounding from the clock tower for 143 years. The clock is wound three times a week with a very large hand crank. The gears are enclosed in a walk-in glass enclosure in the town hall attic. A system of counterweights keeps the time accurate.

The bell is located under the four clock faces which are each six feet high. Each minute hand is thirty-one inches long and each hour hand is twenty-four inches long.

The bell is the 56th bell that Paul Revere cast and the only one which has never had to be repaired. It weighs 805 pounds, is thirty inches long overall and the diameter of the mouth measures almost thirty-three inches. One side of the bell is inscribed "Revere & Son 1802". The bell rings out over Milford every hour of every day.



*These facts and more can be found in The Carey House Chronicles by town historian Polly S. Cote.*

*Photos are by Mike McInerney and Lea Hardwick.*

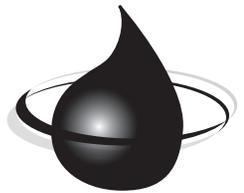
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**Milford Town Vote**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2013 • Polls Open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm**  
**Milford Middle School – 33 Osgood Road**  
**VOTING SUMMARY SHEET**

**Article 1. Election of Officers**

Board of Selectmen (3-Year Term) (vote for one): Kevin Federico  
Edward Densmore

Cemetery Trustee (3-Year Term) (vote for one): Gil Archambault  
Maria Salisbury  
Stephen Trombly

Library Trustee (3-Year Term) (vote for two): Wayne Hardy  
Chris Costantino

Town Clerk (3-Year Term) (vote for one): Roberta Schelberg  
Peggy Langell

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-Year Term) (vote for one): Janet Spalding

Water/Wastewater Commissioner (3-Year Term) (vote for one): Dale White

**Article 2. Zoning Questions:**

**Ballot Vote 1.** Non-Conforming Uses & Structures Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 2.** Non-Conforming Uses & Structures-  
Continuance, Discontinuance, or Change Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 3.** Zoning Ordinance Definitions Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 4.** Groundwater Protection Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 5.** Sign Ordinance - Definitions Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 6.** Sign Ordinance - Permit Not Required Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 7.** Sign Ordinance - Application Procedure Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 8.** Sign Requirements By Sign Type Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 9.** Sign Ordinance - Wall Signs  
(Fascia Sign or Façade Sign) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 10.** Sign Ordinance - Tables Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 11.** Senior Housing Development Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 12.** Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Ballot Vote 13.** Administrative Relief Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 3.** Nashua Street Sidewalk Construction  
Project — \$286,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 4.** Town Operating Budget — \$12,405,693 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 5.** Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget  
— \$1,795,798 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 6.** Water Department Operating Budget  
— \$1,362,552 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 7.** Two Replacement Ambulance 7-Year  
Lease/Purchases — \$49,700 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 8.** Social Services — \$35,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 9.** Non-Emergency Community  
Transportation Bus Service — \$28,100 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 10.** Dump Truck (6 Cubic Yard) - 5-Year  
Lease/Purchase — \$26,050 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 11.** Conservation Lands Fund — \$20,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 12.** Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations and  
Plantings — \$20,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 13.** Milford Improvement Team Operating  
Budget Support — \$20,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 14.** Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining  
Agreement (2013 — 2015) — \$24,750 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 15.** Summer Band Concerts — \$9,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 16.** Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parade  
Town Support — \$6,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 17.** Fireworks — \$6,000 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Article 18.** Inclusion of Estimated Tax Impact  
Notations on Budget & Warrant  
Articles — \$0 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**COMPLETE THIS SUMMARY SHEET AND USE IT AS A GUIDE WHEN YOU VOTE ON MARCH 12TH**  
**REMINDER – VOTING IS IN THE MILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

## Town of Milford Warrant Officials 2012 – 2013

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Gary Daniels, Chairman  
 Tim Finan, Vice-Chairman  
 Kathy Bauer  
 Mark Fougere  
 Mike Putnam

**BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Bob Courage  
 Mike Putnam  
 Dale White

**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Matt Lydon, Chairman  
 Rose Evans, Vice-Chairman  
 Peggy Seward, Secretary  
 Karen Mitchell, Secretary  
 Deanna Carter  
 Bert Becker  
 Jolie Whitten  
 Jim Roccio  
 Chris Pank

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 RSA 40:13, in said Milford, with the first session (also known as “Deliberative Session”) at the Milford Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at 9:00 am, to transact all business other than voting,

and on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the Milford Middle School Gymnasium, for the second session (also known as “Town Vote”) 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 March 12, 2013, at 6:00 a.m. and will not close earlier than 8:00 p.m.

## ARTICLE 1 — ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Selectmen — 3-Year Term (vote for one)	Kevin Federico Ed Densmore
Cemetery Trustee — 3-Year Term (vote for one)	Gil Archambault Maria Salisbury Stephen Trombly
Library Trustee — 3-Year Term (vote for two)	Wayne Hardy Chris Costantino
Town Clerk — 3-Year Term (vote for one)	Roberta Schelberg Peggy Langell
Trustee of the Trust Funds — 3-Year Term (vote for one)	Janet Spalding
Water & Wastewater Commissioner — 3-Year Term (vote for one)	Dale White

## ARTICLE 2 — ZONING CHANGES

To vote on Planning Board proposed zoning changes and amendments.

### BALLOT VOTE NO. 1 - NON-CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES

**1. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #1: Amend Article II: Section 2.02.0 Non-Conforming Uses and Structures, to modify the name of NON-CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES by adding additional language.*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** This amendment adds supporting language regarding the legality of non-conforming uses and non-conforming structures. The Planning Board supports Amendment 1 by a vote of 7-0.

### BALLOT VOTE NO. 2 - NON-CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES - CONTINUANCE, DISCONTINUANCE, OR CHANGE

**2. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #2: Amend Article II: Section 2.03.0 Non-Conforming Uses to modify the section title and amend Section 2.03.1:A and Section 2.03.1:C*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** The proposed language changes and additions will give relief to pre-existing, non-conforming uses and structures, where there are no other issues identified, as intended. The Planning Board supports Amendment 2 by a vote of 7-0.

### BALLOT VOTE NO. 3 - ZONING ORDINANCE DEFINITIONS

**3. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #3: Amend Article IV: Definitions by modifying “Dwelling, Two-family”, “Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)”; and “Accessory Use or Structure”; and removing “Portable Sign”*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** The proposed amendment modifies definitions for “Dwelling, Two-family” “Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)” and “Accessory Use or Structure”; and removes definitions for “Portable Sign” as it is no longer used in the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board supports Amendment 3 by a vote of 7-0.

### BALLOT VOTE NO. 4 - GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

**4. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #4: Amend Article VI: Section 6.01.0:1.B Definitions to revise the definition of “Junkyard” by replacing, in its entirety with a revised definition for consistency with New Hampshire RSA and the definition used in Article IV: Definitions*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** The proposed amendment is to revise the definition of “Junkyard” and replace in its entirety with a revised definition for consistency with New Hampshire RSA and the definition used in Article IV: Definitions of the Ordinance. The Planning Board supports Amendment 4 by a vote of 7-0.

### BALLOT VOTE NO. 5 - SIGN ORDINANCE DEFINITIONS

**5. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #5: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.3: Definitions by adding “Façade Sign”; and amending “Wall Sign”*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** The proposed amendment adds a definition of “Façade Sign” and modifies the wording of “Wall Sign” to say “or façade signs” for improved clarification. The Planning Board supports Amendment 5 by a vote of 7-0.

### BALLOT VOTE NO. 6 - SIGN ORDINANCE - PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

**6. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #6: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.5 General Administration to make minor administrative updates for ease of use and support in enforcement*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** By removing the word “or” and replacing with “and”, the proposed amendment adds clarification and support in enforcement for a sign that is temporary in nature that it may not be displayed for longer than seven (7) consecutive days and no more than fourteen (14) days out of any one (1) year period. The Planning Board supports Amendment 6 by a vote of 7-0.

### BALLOT VOTE NO. 7 - SIGN ORDINANCE - APPLICATION PROCEDURE

**7. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #7: Amend Section 7.06.5:D.4 by modifying Section 7.06.5:D.4.a; and removing 7.06.5:D.4.d & 7.06.5:D.4.e as redundant to 7.06.5:D.4.a, and amend section 7.06.5:D.8 to include “of any existing sign”*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** The proposed amendment removes

the phrase “be denied” from 7.06.5:D.4.a and adds the language “not be acted upon but returned to the applicant identifying the items needed for completion”. The Planning Board supports Amendment 7 by a vote of 7-0.

#### **BALLOT VOTE NO. 8 – SIGN REQUIREMENTS BY SIGN TYPE**

**8. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #8: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.7:A Sign Requirements by Sign Type to include the Integrated Commercial Industrial 2 District (“ICI-2”); and remove Section 7.06.7:A.1*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** In 2007, the voters approved the creation of a second Integrated Commercial Industrial 2 District (“ICI-2”). It is the intent of this proposed amendment to include the Integrated Commercial Industrial 2 District (“ICI-2”) within Section 7.06.7:A and remove subparagraph (7.06.7:A.1) from this Article. The Planning Board supports Amendment 8 by a vote of 7-0.

#### **BALLOT VOTE NO. 9 – SIGN ORDINANCE – WALL SIGNS (FASCIA SIGN OR FAÇADE SIGN)**

**9. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #9: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.7 Sign Requirements By Sign Type to modify the definition of WALL SIGNS (FASCIA SIGN OR FAÇADE SIGN) under Section 7.06.7:E for consistency*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** For consistency throughout the Ordinance, this amendment modifies the definition of “wall sign” to include the terms “Fascia Sign” or “Façade Sign”. The Planning Board supports Amendment 9 by a vote of 7-0.

#### **BALLOT VOTE NO. 10 – SIGN ORDINANCE TABLES**

**10. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #10: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.06.7 Sign Requirements By Sign Type to modify all tables under 7.06.7 to include the ICI-2 District; and amend table 7.06-3, to be consistent and specify the allowable number of square feet for Directional Signs in the Residence “A” District as four (4).*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** This proposed amendment is to modify all tables under 7.06.7 to include the ICI-2 District; and amend table 7.06-3, to be consistent and specify the allowable number of square feet for Directional Signs in the Residence “A” District as four (4). The Planning Board supports Amendment 10 by a vote of 7-0.

#### **BALLOT VOTE NO. 11 – SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

**11. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #11: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards, Section 7.07.3 Occupancy Eligibility for Living Units within Senior Housing Developments*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** The purpose of this amendment is to maintain consistency throughout the Ordinance. The term “living unit” is not defined but is used twice; this amendment proposes to replace the two instances of “living unit” with “dwelling unit”. The Planning Board supports Amendment 11 by a vote of 7-0.

#### **BALLOT VOTE NO. 12 – TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES ORDINANCE**

**12. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #12: Amend Article VII: Supplementary Standards Section 7.09.0 TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES by replacing in its entirety with following*

*revised TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES ORDINANCE*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** On February 22, 2012, HR 3630 was signed into law, which included restrictions on the siting of wireless facilities and changes to the public safety radio spectrum. The bill became effective upon signature and immediate action was necessary to review and amend our local zoning ordinance in regards to telecommunications. To protect the Town’s interest and avoid lawsuits under the new law, staff has researched and reviewed the Town’s current regulations in conjunction with similar communities. The Planning Board supports Amendment 12 by a vote of 7-0.

**Note:** For more information and complete Ordinance language please see the Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance Document at – Town Hall, Community Development Office, 1 Union Square, Milford, NH 03055, between the hours of 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or <http://www.milford.nh.gov/town/2013-voter-information>

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**13. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

*AMENDMENT #13: Amend Article X: Section 10.02.6 Accessory Dwelling Units to revise language relative to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)*

**Topical Description of Proposed Amendment:** This amendment updates the ordinance language allowing an owner of an existing or proposed single-family home the ability to locate an additional accessory dwelling unit on his/her property by special exception. The Planning Board supports Amendment 13 by a vote of 7-0.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question Position Summary**

Article	Title	2013 Proposed Amount	Board of Selectmen's Article Positions*	Water and Sewer Commissioners' Article Positions*	Budget Advisory Committee's Article Positions*
3	Nashua Street Sidewalk Construction Project	\$286,000	OPPOSE (1-4)	NA	OPPOSE (2-6)
4	Town Operating Budget	\$12,430,143	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (7-1)
5	Wastewater Department Treatment Operating Budget	\$1,795,798	SUPPORT (5-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (9-0)
6	Water Department Operating Budget	\$1,362,552	SUPPORT (5-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (9-0)
7	Two Replacement Ambulance Lease/Purchases	\$49,700	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0)
8	Social Services	\$35,000	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0)
9	Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service	\$28,100	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0)
10	Dump Truck (6 Cubic Yard) – 5 Year Lease/Purchase	\$26,050	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0)
11	Conservation Lands Fund	\$20,000	SUPPORT (3-2)	NA	SUPPORT (8-0)
12	Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations & Plantings	\$20,000	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (6-2)
13	Milford Improvement Team Operating Budget Support	\$20,000	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0)
14	Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2013 - 2014)	\$24,750	SUPPORT (5-0)	SUPPORT (3-0)	SUPPORT (9-0)
15	Summer Band Concerts	\$9,000	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0)
16	Memorial, Veterans & Labor Day Parade Town Support	\$6,000	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	SUPPORT (9-0)
17	Fireworks	\$6,000	SUPPORT (4-1)	NA	SUPPORT (6-2)
18	Allow For the Inclusion of Estimated Tax Impact Notations on Budget and Warrant Articles	\$0	SUPPORT (5-0)	NA	NA

**\*Notes:**

- The numbers 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 abstained votes, if applicable (i.e., "5 - 0" would indicate that there were 5 votes of support and 0 votes of opposition and "3 - 1 - 1" would indicate that there were 3 votes of support, 1 vote of opposition, and 1 vote that was abstained).
- "NA" indicates that the listed governing body chose to take no position on warrant article.

## Budget Advisory Committee Report

**INTRODUCTION**

The Milford Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) is comprised of nine citizens of Milford appointed by the Town Moderator. The Budget Advisory Committee was created in 1974 by a Town Vote to serve two primary purposes: 1) to advise the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator on budgetary matters as they prepare the operating budget and warrant articles, and 2) to develop 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), Karen Mitchell (Secretary), Deanna Carter, Bert Becker, Jolie Whitten, Jim Roccio, and Chris Pank.

In order to fulfill our dual roles, the BAC met with the Town Administrator, Department Heads, Milford Improvement Team (MIT), Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC), Conservation Commission, Water and Sewer Commissioners, and members of the Community Facilities Advisory Committee. The committee objectively reviewed the proposed operating budget and warrant articles that 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.

Uniquely, this year, the BAC added to the operating budget by proposing two amendments that were approved by voters in attendance at the Deliberative Session. See our report related to Article 4 for further detail.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 3 — Nashua Street Sidewalk Construction Project — \$286,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$286,000 for the construction of approximately 1,600 linear feet of new five-foot (5') wide bituminous asphalt sidewalk along the southerly side of Nashua Street in an easterly direction, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than Two Hundred, Eighty-six Thousand Dollars (\$286,000), under the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and to issue bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore, and to determine the rate of interest thereon, such bonds or notes shall be the general obligation of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid or any other funds that may be available for this project, as

more particularly described in Warrant Article 3, or take any other action relative thereto? The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (1-4). The Budget Advisory Committee does not support this Article (2-6).

**TOPICAL DESCRIPTION**

*Project Description:* Construction of approximately 1,600 LF (linear feet) of five foot (5') wide bituminous asphalt sidewalk with vertical granite curbing and drainage improvements from Medlyn Monument to Walgreen's.

*Purpose of Project:* Currently there is a significant stretch where no sidewalk exists on the easterly end of Nashua Street. This corridor carries high vehicle traffic volumes (estimated by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission at 15,000 - 18,000 vehicles/day) and it

is also heavily travelled by pedestrians and the mobility-impaired, who must utilize the congested roadway for access from the densely populated east Milford neighborhoods to and from the Lorden Plaza/Richmond Plaza retail areas. This project seeks to finally connect already existing sidewalk sections and provide a complete and safe route that extends from the Oval to the eastside commercial district.

**Project Background:** The Planning Board and Community Development Office identified this problem area a decade ago as commercial development increased along the Nashua Street corridor/neighborhood (Giorgio's Restaurant, two senior condominium projects, Walgreen's, Richmond Plaza, Nashua Eye Associates, Quarrywood Green condominiums). Additionally, pedestrian safety is critical to link this residentially dense area with Shepard Park, Kaley Park, Milford Medical Center, and Riverside Cemetery. The Planning Board subsequently required developers to either construct sidewalks or sought financial contributions from developers that were used to fund full design and engineering.

Completing this safety project is an obligation of the Town as developer contributions have been made and construction required towards the sidewalk in accordance with Town-adopted plans. The project has been included in the Town's Master Plan as a high priority improvement, and included in the Capital Improvements Plan since 2010 when engineering was completed. The project was recommended for construction in 2013 by the Capital Improvements Plan Citizens' Advisory Committee in an effort to keep the tax rate impact as level as possible given other projects on the horizon. The Planning Board supports this project not only because it makes Milford safer and more pedestrian-friendly, but it also enhances economic development by increasing property values and gateway improvements, decreases dependence on motorized vehicles, lessens congestion, and promotes the public health of the community.

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.027 starting in 2014 (\$2.70 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT SUPPORT THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (1-4).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Fougere and Putnam oppose this article)*

As a matter of priorities, the majority of the Board of Selectmen did not support this article, yet elected to put this on the warrant because the proposed project originated with the Planning Board. This article would bond for 10 years a \$286,000 project for 1,600 linear feet of sidewalk (\$178.75 per linear foot). Taxpayers would see no tax impact until 2014, and then it would continue for the term of the bond. With consideration of 2013 revenue estimates, and faced with the requirement to cover high unanticipated expenses in the 2013 budget, as well as the need to replace emergency and other service vehicles, the majority of Selectmen felt this project did not carry the priority level of those other needs, and, in an effort to alleviate the burden of property taxes on the taxpayer, chose not to support the article.

*Board of Selectmen's Minority Report (Selectmen Bauer supports this article)*

The Milford Office of Community Development has submitted this appropriation request for the Nashua Street Sidewalk Construction Project. The purpose of this project is to complete the sidewalk connection from near Medlyn Street to existing sidewalk at Walgreen's Pharmacy and to provide for pedestrian safety.

Because this is a densely populated area with several multi-family complexes, many residents walk along the shoulder of very busy Nashua Street to get to various businesses. A sidewalk is badly needed for their safety.

The Milford Planning Board has given its approval to this project, which is part of Milford's Master Plan and the current Capital Improvements Plan. As part of the development of Milford's busiest gateway, the project will help the economic development of the area. The Planning Board agrees that it will solve a current safety issue.

This appropriation is for a ten-year bond issue, the first payment being \$34,900 beginning in 2014. The total appropriation is \$286,000.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE DOES NOT SUPPORT THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (2-6).**

***Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report***

This project is part of the overall Town Master Plan. Due to the future budgetary impact of this project and additional future major capital needs, the majority feels that this is not a fiscal priority at this time.

***Budget Advisory Committee's Minority Report***

The minority in favor feels that this is a safety issue and was reviewed and approved by the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Citizens Advisory Committee. There is no tax impact in the 2013 budget.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 4 — Town Operating Budget - \$12,430,143**

**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 Twelve Million, Four Hundred Thirty Thousand, One Hundred and Forty-three (\$12,430,143) Dollars as more particularly described in Article 4 or take any other action relative thereto? Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Twelve Million, Two Hundred Fifty-three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ten (\$12,253,710) 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 (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (7-1).**

Note: The proposed Operating Budget reflects an increase of 5.0% to the 2012 Operating Budget, or an increase of \$597,259; 70% of this increase (\$420,825) will be included in the default budget.

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.47 over the 2012 budget (\$47.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

The 2013 BOS proposed budget is \$12,430,143, a 5.0% increase or \$597,259 over the 2012 approved budget of \$11,832,884.

Through careful planning and deliberate spending delays during the past six years we have had extremely low budget increases (1%, (1.4%), 0.6%, 0.2%, 1.2%, and 1.8%), which averages to a 0.6% increase per year. We are now at a point where we must increase spending to insure we are able to meet the short and long-term goals of the town.

The majority of the increase, 70% or \$420,825, is from expenses that we have no control over and are part of the 2013 Default Budget, which is \$12,253,710. The cost items making up this portion of the increase are as follows:

- \$104,000 - Debt Service increase (Ambulance Facility, Engine 4, & Backhoe)
- \$98,500 - New Hampshire Retirement System employer cost increase.
- \$81,900 - Health Care premium increase of 13.9% with no change in coverage. Each year we bid for the lowest rate, and last year we were able to reduce our rate by 6.9%. Over the past 6 years (including 2013), the average increase is 4.9% per year, which is less than half of what the national average increases have been.
- \$49,000 - Ambulance Service increase associated with MMC transports - this cost is offset by \$70,000 in new revenue for 2013.
- \$33,900 - AFSCME Contractual Agreement - two year retroactive (voter approved in 2012)
- \$23,800 - MACC Base Dispatch Service - 5.8% increase
- \$29,700 - Other Contractual Services - Hardware & Software service vendors, property and liability insurance, facilities maintenance, FICA, etc.

**Non-Default Budget Increases**

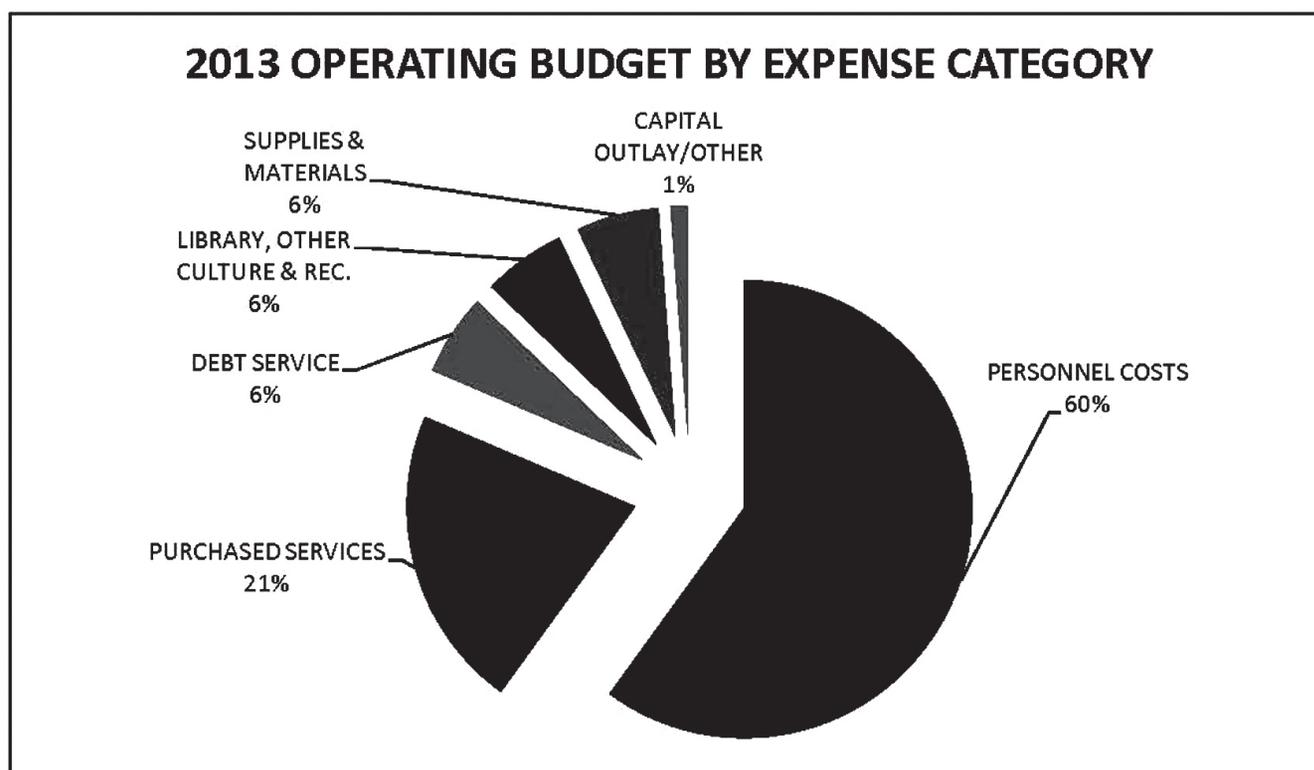
- \$107,100 - Merit increase of 3% for town employees
- \$40,000 - Fire Department vehicle replacement (2001 SUV)
- \$29,800 - Net addition of one Police Officer; this is the first addition in 12 years;

## 2013 Proposed Budget by Department

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	2012	2012	2013	CHANGE	CHANGE
	ACTUAL (Note 2) AS OF 01/22/2013 (unaudited)	ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	\$	%
Executive - Administration	\$ 315,867	\$ 305,507	\$ 312,578	\$ 7,071	2.3%
Elections, Registrations & Vital Statistics	\$ 140,053	\$ 137,644	\$ 133,064	(4,580)	-3.3%
Assessing	\$ 169,150	\$ 167,635	\$ 170,739	3,104	1.9%
Finance & Tax Administration	\$ 269,279	\$ 280,080	\$ 277,148	(2,932)	-1.0%
Information Systems	\$ 313,260	\$ 271,329	\$ 285,274	13,945	5.1%
Legal	\$ 42,390	\$ 42,500	\$ 45,000	2,500	5.9%
Employee Benefits (Note 1)	\$ 2,007,302	\$ 2,094,962	\$ 2,267,570	172,608	8.2%
Community Development	\$ 437,353	\$ 470,163	\$ 473,939	3,776	0.8%
Insurance	\$ 108,757	\$ 114,000	\$ 118,900	4,900	4.3%
Community Media	\$ 20,118	\$ 15,243	\$ 20,503	5,260	34.5%
Police	\$ 2,032,607	\$ 2,068,530	\$ 2,058,752	(9,778)	-0.5%
Ambulance	\$ 630,116	\$ 615,353	\$ 671,628	56,275	9.1%
Fire & Emergency Management	\$ 497,661	\$ 520,480	\$ 553,261	32,781	6.3%
Other Public Safety (MACC Base & Hydrant Rental)	\$ 577,879	\$ 578,452	\$ 602,255	23,803	4.1%
Department of Public Works	\$ 2,171,700	\$ 2,197,335	\$ 2,180,718	(16,617)	-0.8%
General Government Buildings	\$ 201,711	\$ 206,541	\$ 350,967	144,426	69.9%
Cemeteries	\$ 116,405	\$ 138,920	\$ 136,249	(2,671)	-1.9%
Welfare Admin. & Direct Assistance	\$ 196,223	\$ 207,097	\$ 196,955	(10,142)	-4.9%
Recreation	\$ 120,535	\$ 119,599	\$ 132,570	12,971	10.8%
Library	\$ 684,852	\$ 684,852	\$ 706,309	21,457	3.1%
Other Culture & Recreation (Historical Society)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	-	0.0%
Conservation	\$ 22,217	\$ 22,217	\$ 22,091	(126)	-0.6%
Debt Service	\$ 567,044	\$ 571,445	\$ 710,673	139,228	24.4%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 11,645,479</b>	<b>\$ 11,832,884</b>	<b>\$ 12,430,143</b>	<b>\$ 597,259</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

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

Note 2: 2012 actual numbers are not finalized and are reported as of 01/22/2013. Audit adjustments are still outstanding.



includes salary and benefits for half year.

- \$ 15,250 - First year lease payment for replacement street sweeper – Full payment is \$35,250, however, DPW reduced their budget in materials and labor by \$20,000 to reduce the net impact of the critical need.
- \$ 9,200 - Wages and benefits to fund for nine months an 8 hour increase in the recreation coordinator position. The Recreation Commission funds 50% of the salary for this “revenue generating” position and will fund 50% of this addition going forward.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (7-1).**

***Budget Advisory Committee’s Majority Report***

The Town operating budget reflects an increase of 5.0%. The proposal is approximately \$176,000 more than the 2013 default budget calculation. We are in support of this budget as amended at the Deliberative Session by the following amendments:

1. “I move that we amend the bottom line of the operating budget, which is \$12,405,693, to increase the same by \$15,250, so that the amended bottom line will be \$12,420,943, it being the intent to include in the operating budget an additional amount sufficient to defray the first year rental cost of a multi-year lease/purchase agreement for a vacuum sweeper, which lease will contain a non-appropriation clause allowing the town to invalidate said lease if, in future years, funding for annual rental is not forthcoming, the full amount of said rental to be \$35,250, with \$20,000 coming from transfers from other accounts at the discretion of the selectmen.”
2. I move that we amend the bottom line of the operating budget, which is \$12,420,943 as amended, to increase the same by \$9,200, so that the amended bottom line will be \$12,430,143, it being the intent to include in the operating budget an additional amount sufficient to defray the cost of wages and benefits associated with increasing the Recreation Coordinator position from part-time to full-time.”

It is the intent of the BAC that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) will add into the operating budget \$35,250 for the first year lease payment for a vacuum sweeper for the DPW (which was removed from the warrant by the BOS), add \$9,200 for the Town’s portion of the wages and benefits associated with increasing the Recreation Coordinator position from 32 to 40 hours per week (also removed by the BOS), and find \$20,000 in savings within the operating budget. Two areas where it has been indicated savings can likely be found are: from materials and supplies included in the DPW budget, and wages and benefits by delaying the back filling of currently vacant positions.

***Budget Advisory Committee’s Minority Report***

The Budget Advisory Committee did not submit a minority report for this warrant article.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 5 — Wastewater Department Treatment Operating Budget - \$1,795,798**

**Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Ninety Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-eight (\$1,795,798) 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?**

*This warrant article has no tax impact and revenues from wastewater user fees will offset this appropriation.*

Note: The proposed Wastewater Treatment Operating Budget reflects an increase of 5.8% to the 2012 Operating Budget, or an increase of \$98,332.

**THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (3-0).**

***Water and Sewer Commissioners’ Majority Report***

The proposed 2013 Sewer Department Operating Budget reflects an increase 5.8% to the 2012 Operating Budget, or an increase of \$98,332. Planned 2013 sewer infrastructure

rehabilitation, first year payment on Milford’s new Septage Receiving Facility bond and Wastewater Facility Process Equipment repairs are some contributing factors to the increase in budget.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

***Board of Selectmen’s Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)***

The Board of Selectmen is in support of this warrant article and concurs with the Water and Sewer Commissioners’ majority report.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).**

***Budget Advisory Committee’s Majority Report***

Wastewater user fees fund the Wastewater Treatment Operating budget. The proposed budget represents an increase of 5.8% from last year’s appropriation. The increase is primarily due to new debt related to the Septage Receiving Facility approved by the voters in 2009. The budget also includes \$45,000 for the replacement of a cab and chassis on a 1995 Dump Truck (50% of the cost is included in the Water Operating budget).

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 6 — Water Department Operating Budget - \$1,362,552**

**Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Sixty-two Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-two (\$1,362,552) 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?**

*This warrant article has no tax impact and revenues from water user fees will offset this appropriation.*

Note: The proposed Water Department Operating Budget reflects a decrease of (0.1%) to the 2012 Operating Budget, or a decrease of (\$1,232).

**THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (3-0).**

***Water and Sewer Commissioners’ Majority Report***

The proposed Water Department Operating Budget reflects a decrease of (0.1%) to the 2012 Operating Budget, or a decrease of (\$1,232). Planned 2013 Water Department projects are lower in cost compared to last year and a decrease in debt services are some contributing factors in the decreased budget.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

***Board of Selectmen’s Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)***

The Board of Selectmen is in support of this warrant article and concurs with the Water and Sewer Commissioners’ majority report.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).**

***Budget Advisory Committee’s Majority Report***

The Water Department Operating budget is funded by water user fees. The proposed budget represents a decrease of 0.1% from last year’s appropriation and includes \$45,000 for the replacement of a cab and chassis on a 1995 Dump Truck (50% of the cost is included in the Wastewater Operating budget).

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 7 — Two Replacement Ambulance Lease/Purchases - \$49,700**

**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 TWO ambulances with the appropriate equipment for Ambulance Department operation, as more particularly described in Warrant Article 7, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine Thousand, Seven Hundred (\$49,700) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto? The total purchase price of these vehicles is Three Hundred Twenty-four Thousand (\$324,000) Dollars and future years' payments would be included in the Operating Budget.

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.039 (\$3.90 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report - Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article, as does the Budget Advisory Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan Citizens Advisory Committee.*

Milford Ambulance Service currently operates two ambulances that have been in service for 10 and 14 years respectively. The Department responded to 1,837 calls in 2012, using both ambulances with 1,422 patients transported primarily to the Milford Medical Center and the Nashua and Manchester hospitals. Both ambulances are Ford E350 model van chassis from model years 1999 and 2003. The 2003 ambulance has a current odometer reading of 161,395 miles with 28,614 miles accrued in 2012. The 1999 ambulance has a current odometer reading of 164,161 miles with 14,178 miles accrued in 2012. The 1999 ambulance was originally scheduled to be replaced in 2009, and the 2003 ambulance is scheduled for replacement this year.

Ambulance safety has improved in the 10 years since Milford's last purchase; thereby if this warrant article is approved the vehicles we will be buying will offer greater patient and provider safety. The two replacement ambulances requested are 2013 Ford E450 van chassis. The patient stretcher will be center mounted in the patient compartment, which will permit 360-degree access to the patient and allow for a seating position for a provider on the driver side as compared to the current ambulances.

Replacing both ambulances simultaneously offers a \$20,000 savings over staggering the purchases. Additionally, concurrent replacement of these units offers vehicle commonality for parts and equipment, training and provider familiarization. The Department intends to trade in the 1999 ambulance - keeping the 2003 ambulance as a 'ready spare' for occasions when one of the new ambulances is out of service for maintenance. There are several reasons behind this decision including, the roughly 23% annual use, or 422 calls handled by the second ambulance when the first ambulance is on a call, and to protect the Department revenue stream. Every time the second ambulance is not available and mutual aid has to respond, the Department loses transport generated revenue. Department costs are fixed and transports help offset that cost. By way of example, since December 2012 when tracking of revenue loss began, the second ambulance was out of service twice for 10 hours on different days and once for 5 consecutive days. During that time, seven transports were lost with a projected loss of \$4,600 in revenue. Cost to repair the ambulance amounted to over \$2,500.

This Warrant Article is for the 7-year Lease/Purchase (\$49,700 per year) of two ambulances valued at \$324,000. The estimated total of lease payments including interest costs over the lease term of seven years is \$347,900.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).**

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

In conjunction with the completion of the new ambulance facility, we will have the required space to accommodate these much needed replacement ambulances. Combining the purchase of two ambulances will result in a factory discount from the manufacturer and a trade in allowance. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee included this project for the year 2013.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 8 — 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 or take any other action relative thereto?

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.027 (\$2.70 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

These twenty-one agencies provide immeasurable assistance to Milford citizens thus greatly reducing the amount of welfare dollars expended by the town. In poor economic times, it is even more important to fund those agencies that assist those who are hurting. These services are not duplicative and are for the good of the entire community.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).**

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

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

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 9 — Non-Emergency Community Transportation Bus Service - \$28,100**

**Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand, One Hundred (\$28,100) 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?**

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.022 (\$2.20 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

The Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) organized, implemented and oversees the Souhegan Valley Rides community transit bus service. SVTC is an association between four communities – Milford, Amherst, Brookline and Hollis. Each community's share of the budget is based on the percentage of rides provided to residents of that town and on the anticipated costs to provide the bus service. Souhegan Valley Rides, better known as "the Blue Bus", provides wheelchair accessible bus service to citizens of Milford, Amherst, Brookline and Hollis. Although primarily used by older residents and those living with a disability, the service is available to all residents who are unable to drive or who do not have a car.

Established in 2008, the number of rides provided by SVTC has risen from 984 in the first year, to 3,712 in the fourth year, to a total of 9,364 rides as of December 2012. Milford residents have used over 74% of all the rides.

By using local funding to leverage federal transportation funding, the service has expanded from three days a week to five days a week. Most rides are to non-emergency medical appointments, mainly in Nashua. Other destinations include social service agencies, pharmacies, senior centers, and town facilities. In addition, bus service is offered on Mondays and Thursdays to five local shopping centers.

SVTC's administrative expenses and free bus pass program are funded through grants and donations from local foundations, civic groups, businesses and citizens. The cost to provide the actual bus service is funded by the participating municipalities with Milford leading the way due to its higher rate of use. Milford's continued participation is critical.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).**

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

The Committee continues to believe 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.

### **Warrant Article/Ballot Question 10 — Dump Truck (6 Cubic Yard) – 5 Year Lease/Purchase - \$26,050**

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 Dump Truck with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation, as more particularly described in Warrant Article 10, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand, Fifty (\$26,050) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto? The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred Twenty-four Thousand, Five Hundred (\$124,500) Dollars and future years' payments would be included in the Operating Budget.

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.020 (\$2.00 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

#### THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

The Department of Public Works is already down two dump trucks. A freak accident during one of the earlier storms last year took one truck out of service for quite a while leaving them with one less vehicle to perform more and more work. We feel that in order to maintain an acceptable level of service we need to have the equipment to do the job.

This Warrant Article is for the 5-year Lease/Purchase (\$26,050 per year) of a Dump Truck (6 Cubic Yard) valued at \$124,500. The estimated total of lease payments including interest costs over the lease term of five years is \$130,250.

#### THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

DPW has been operating without two dump trucks. This article replaces one dump truck. The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee included this project for the year 2012.

### **Warrant Article/Ballot Question 11 — Conservation Lands Fund - \$20,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of adding it 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 allowable purposes, or take any other action relative thereto?

#### TOPICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Commission thanks you for your continued support for its mission to promote the conservation, protection, and sound management of Milford's natural resources for current and future generations. This land fund is applied toward permanently protecting our town forests, and facilitates strategic land purchases that meet the Town's long-term conservation goals.

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

#### THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (3-2).

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Fougere, Bauer and Finan are in support of this Article)*

This request from the Conservation Commission is a reasonable amount that will allow them to purchase or obtain conservation easements, as needed, in key sensitive land areas of the community. The Conservation Commission's efforts preserve the rural heritage of

our community for all future generations and these funds are used to expand currently existing conservation areas or help to further preservation into other key sites/regions. Protecting our rural heritage beautifies our community and reduces the fiscal impact on town services.

*Board of Selectmen's Minority Report (Selectmen Daniels and Putnam oppose this article)*

This was a matter of priorities. An additional \$24,450 of spending was added to the town budget at deliberative session. The minority does not view this article as essential to the operation of the town this year, and opposes the article as part of an overall effort to: (a) offset the proposed spending increase, and (b) keep your property taxes down.

#### THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (8-0).

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

This appropriation is needed to augment the Conservation Land Fund. Funds must be available in the Conservation Land Fund in order for the Conservation Commission to fund future purchases and associated acquisition costs for land that may become available.

### **Warrant Article/Ballot Question 12 — Pumpkin Festival, Holiday Decorations & 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?

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

#### THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

For over twenty years, members of the Milford Improvement Team (MIT) [formerly 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. Nearly 40 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 for the Festival on radio, television, the internet, and in newspapers and magazines additionally stimulates interest in Milford as a destination even beyond the annual event.

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 MIT members, town employees and various community groups to beautify our town.

#### THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (6-2).

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

The Pumpkin Festival is an annual event that is well supported by the community.

*Budget Advisory Committee's Minority Report*

The minority recognizes that this Warrant Article pays for extra labor-hours by DPW, Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel and not for any other Pumpkin Festival expenses. However, in a year of economic concern, this could be amended to \$15,000 as appropriated in the past, and supplemented by Pumpkin Festival income.

### **Warrant Article/Ballot Question 13 — Milford Improvement Team 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 Milford administered by the Milford Improvement Team (formerly known as DO-IT), or take any other action relative thereto?

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.016 (\$1.60 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

The Milford Improvement Team (MIT) [formerly 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.

In 2012, DO-IT decided to expand its vision to include the entire town of Milford to enhance our community's economic development further. The organization appropriately renamed themselves, and their new name is Milford Improvement Team (MIT). In line

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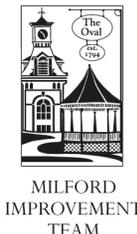


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with the new direction, MIT is actively looking at town-wide projects that will promote Milford as a destination for visiting or locating a business.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).**

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

MIT (formerly DO-IT), is an organization that promotes economic development opportunities and is important for the betterment of the community.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 14 — Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement (2013 - 2014) - \$24,750**

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 years 2013 through 2015 (1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$24,750) Dollars for fiscal year 2013 as more particularly described in Warrant Article 14, or take any other action relative thereto? \$17,414 is to be raised by general taxation and \$7,336 is to be raised by Water & Sewer User Fees.

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.014 (\$1.40 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

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

**THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (3-0).**

*Water and Sewer Commissioners' Majority Report*

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

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).**

*Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

This agreement covers some public works employees as well as some from the water and sewer departments. The Teamsters have agreed to accept this contract.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 15 — 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?

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 (\$0.70 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).**

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

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 SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).***Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

The concerts provide culture and entertainment for all ages.

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 16 — 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 the purpose of providing Town support to the Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day Parades by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments as more particularly described in Warrant Article 16, or take any other action relative thereto?

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 (\$0.50 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).***Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

The Memorial, Veterans, and Labor Day Parades are a way of honoring those who have made our way of life possible through their service and sacrifice. The Board also supports this article in the hope that the actions and stories of our military service people are passed on to future generations ensuring that we never forget those who served, and those who gave all. We also support the Labor Day Parade to not only promote community involvement, but also 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. Milford's parades are a long standing and vital component of our community spirit that have been enjoyed by generations of residents throughout the years.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (9-0).***Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

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

**Warrant Article/Ballot Question 17 — Fireworks - \$6,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing a 4th of July type fireworks launch at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto?

*This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 (\$0.50 on a home valued at \$100,000).*

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (4-1).***Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Finan, Bauer, Putnam and Fougere are in support of this article)*

Milford has always been a very special place to live. It is activities such as the 4th of July fireworks that always bring the community together creating 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.

In 2012, we were able to negotiate a deal with a fireworks vendor at a significant savings over previous years. This is the second year of that three-year deal. 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 opposes this article)*

The Board of Selectmen struggled this year to present to voters a budget and warrant articles that contained cost, yet provided the services expected. In that decision-making process, items were cut that the minority found more beneficial to residents, and a higher priority than taking \$6,000 and blowing it off in a 20-minute fireworks display. In trying to keep your property taxes down, the minority viewed this activity as something that, if

desired, could be funded in a different manner. This activity was, in fact, self-funded in 2011 and rejected by taxpayers in 2010. The Recreation Department successfully substituted a bonfire event.

**THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (6-2).***Budget Advisory Committee's Majority Report*

In recent years, fireworks were provided by donations.

*Budget Advisory Committee's Minority Report*

The minority feels that fireworks are the lowest priority item on the Warrant, in a year of a large proposed tax rate increase. In the past, Fourth of July activities were successful with activities at Keyes Field and a bonfire.

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## Warrant Article/Ballot Question 18 — Allow For the Inclusion of Estimated Tax Impact Notations on Budget and Warrant Articles - \$0

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 V-b, that will allow for the inclusion of a notation stating the estimated tax impact in annual budget and all special warrant articles as more particularly described in Warrant Article 18, or take any other action relative thereto?

*This Article has no tax impact.*

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUPPORTS THIS WARRANT ARTICLE (5-0).

*Board of Selectmen's Majority Report (Selectmen Daniels, Finan, Bauer, Fougere and Putnam unanimously support this article)*

This Article gives the Board of Selectmen the authority to include the estimated tax impacts in the proposed operating budget and any special warrant articles. This is essentially a housekeeping article, as this has generally been the practice of the Selectmen most years - this article simply affirms their authority to do so. The Selectmen feel that this information is essential for voters to make informed decisions and that it should be included on the ballot.

The Budget Advisory Committee did not take a position on this Article.

## 2013 Town Officer Candidate Profiles

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

### Selectmen — 3-Year Term (vote for one)

#### KEVIN FEDERICO

Age:

- 39

Home:

- 146 Westchester Drive, Milford, NH
- Married with three children 19, 14 and 9
- Resident for 13 years

Email:

- kfederico@msn.com:

Occupation:

- Comcast Business Class, Technical Support Services

Education:

- Manchester High School West 1991, Northeastern University Paramedic Technology 2002 MA-EMTP

Political History:

- Ambulance Service Study Committee 2005, Milford School Budget Committee, 2009-2011

Affiliations:

- Volunteer EMT-I, Milford Ambulance Service 1992-1998; Member, Milford Community Athletic Association 2005-2011; President, Milford Community Athletic Association 2008-2011

I truly care about our community and want to see it continue to prosper and grow. I want to represent the citizens to make sure that we all have a say in the decisions that affect us. I believe I have a clear understanding of the issues that are important to our citizens, and I am always willing to listen.

Over the past 20 years, I have volunteered in many different capacities within the town of Milford. I am now asking for your vote to serve as Selectman.

#### ED DENSMORE

Home:

- 9 Orange Street, Milford, NH

Family:

- Married 27 years, 3 children, 2 grandchildren

Occupation:

- Retired college professor, high school administrator, teachers' union president, department head, managed the White Horse restaurant, owned Door Designs and worked as a wood craftsman, started Chop Shop custom motorcycles and worked fabricating custom bikes.

Education:

- Bachelor's degree, History, English, Mathematics; Master's degree, guidance, psychology, administration

Schools:

- University Plymouth, Durham, University of Maine, Gorham, State college

Born and brought up in NH, I have lived in Milford since 1972. I have lived and worked in town for years and have watched the changes over the years. I am ready to step up and help our town continue to grow with efficiency and forethought. Thank you for your consideration.

### Cemetery Trustee — 3-Year Term (vote for one)

#### GIL F. ARCHAMBAULT



Occupation:

- Retired military - USAF and USMC

Education:

- University of Maryland, and Central Texas College

Experience:

- Trustee of Milford VFW

I 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 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.

As a former US 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.

Thank you for your consideration and vote.

#### MARIA SALISBURY

- I am a lifelong resident of Milford.
- Educated in the Milford school system

My name is Maria Salisbury and I'm running for the 3-year term cemetery trustee. I am running for the cemetery trustee position due to I spend a lot of time planting and tending to flowers in Riverside Cemetery, there is a lot of room for beautification improvements in all the Milford Cemeteries. This should be a place where people can peacefully spend time with past loved ones in a beautiful place.

#### STEPHEN TROMBLY

Home:

- Lifetime resident of Milford

Education:

- Graduated Milford High School 1965
- Graduated University of NH 1967 with an associate's degree

My father and I started Sunny Prairie Farm in 1950. We have been operating the family farm since as a next generation farm currently managed and run by my three children.

**WAYNE HARDY**

Occupation:

- Self-employed aircraft mechanic

Education:

- A.S. NHTC Nashua, B.A. UNH

Experience:

- Milford Conservation Commission member for four years, and an alternate for one year

I believe the people of Milford are best served by a vital and independently governed public library. I will work to ensure that the public continues to enjoy access to the full range of services that the Wadleigh Public Library is uniquely able to supply.

**CHRIS COSTANTINO**

Occupation:

- Conservation Commission Coordinator and Volunteer

Education:

- BS Forestry – UNH
- Volunteer and career continuing education classes

Experience:

- Library trustee for 4 terms

**Town Clerk — 3-Year Term (vote for one)**

**ROBERTA SCHELBERG**

Home:

- 186 Whitten Road since 1993, moved to Milford in 1986

Phone:

- 672-0783

Email:

- bschelberg@msn.com

Family:

- Married to husband Eric for twenty-six years, have two children Benjamin and Nicholas. Also, have a daughter-in-law Margaret and grandson Jonathan.

Occupation:

- Vital Records Clerk and Election Clerk for the City of Nashua since December 2007. In this position, I am responsible for birth, death and marriage certificates as well as doing adoptions, legal name changes, VSX and VSCR (these are corrections to vital records), Marriage Licenses as well as court orders. During election time for the City of Nashua, I enter new voters, scan in election results, work polls (when needed) and file registration forms. In addition, I also license dogs, Pawn Brokers and Taxi Licenses for the City of Nashua.

Education:

- Attended Alvirne High School and Rivier College

Experience:

- Presently the Chairperson of the Supervisor of the Checklist for the Town of Milford. I started assisting the Supervisor of the Checklist in April of 2003 and took over the role of Supervisor of the Checklist in 2004 when a Supervisor of the Checklist moved out of Milford. The Supervisor of the Checklist is responsible for the maintenance and accurate updates to the voter registrations list as well as scanning in election results to the election system. Also, I was the Recording Secretary for the Planning Board in the Town of Milford from January 2004 to January 2005. And lastly, I was an EMT for the Town of Milford from 1986 to 1990.

Why I am running: For over five years, I have worked in the Nashua City Clerk's office. I believe my experience with, and understanding of clerk responsibilities, including vital records and election procedures offers the town residents a solid background to be the Town Clerk. I feel now is the time to explore more flexible hours and other options for the busy commuter. While working late in Town Hall, several people tried to pay taxes, or conduct other Town business but could not because their work schedule and commute did not permit them to arrive at the Town Hall during business hours. I would like to try to make a difference. I would enjoy representing our town. If you feel I am the right candidate for you, please consider me when voting on Election Day. Remember everyone's vote counts! Please, no matter who you vote for, exercise your right to vote.

**PEGGY LANGELL**



Home:

- 34 Briar Cliff Dr., Milford, NH 03055
- Resident of Milford since 1971

Occupation:

- Have served the Town of Milford as Town Clerk since elected in 1998

Experience:

- Member: New Hampshire City and Town Clerk's Association
- Member: New England City and Town Clerk's Association
- Certified Municipal Agent for the State of New Hampshire

I have worked in the Town Clerk's Office since 1992 starting as a clerk, in 1995 I was appointed Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and then ran for the open position of Town Clerk in 1998. At that time, the elected Town Clerk was also appointed to the Tax Collector position, so I served in both capacities as Town Clerk/Tax Collector until 2005, when it was decided the positions should be separate.

The Town Clerk is a multifaceted position from motor vehicle registrations (which are approximately 80% of the job), to Vital Records and coordination of Elections. Many changes have occurred in motor vehicle registrations to provide more conveniences to the residents with evening hours every Tuesday night as well as online and mail-in registrations. It has been a privilege to serve the residents of Milford as Town Clerk for the past 15 years. I feel that experience matters so I would appreciate your vote and support on March 12th to continue to serve as your Town Clerk.

**Trustees of the Trust Funds — 3-Year Term (vote for one)**

**JANET SPALDING**

Occupation:

- CPA

Education:

- Bentley College – MS Taxation
- Plymouth State University - BS Accounting

Residency:

- 25 year resident of Milford

Contact:

- 603-249-9164
- 454 Route 13 S., Milford NH

**Water/Wastewater Commissioner – 3-Year Term (vote for one)**

**DALE A. WHITE**



Occupation:

- President Leighton A. White, Inc

Experience:

- 35 years in site work excavation and underground utilities, 3 years as Water/Sewer Commissioner.

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