

PRELIMINARY 2025 WARRANT ARTICLES

Warrant Article	Amount	Notes
Reconstruction of Roads	\$400,000	
Fire Department - 6 Full-Time Firefighters	\$620,000	
Social Services	\$40,000	
Non-Emergency Transportation Bus Services	\$32,000	
IT Infrastructure Capital Reserve	\$25,000	
Wadleigh Memorial Library Lower Level Restrooms	\$250,000	Minus \$25,000 from the Library Maintenance/Upkeep Capital Reserve
Milford Swing Bridge	\$905,733	80%/20% project cost sharing. Town's responsibility is \$181,147
Public Work Dump Truck	\$319,980	
Raze and Remove 127 Elm Street	\$500,000	
Memorial, Veterans, & Labor Day Parades & Recognition Support	\$11,000	
Summer Band Concerts	\$9,000	
Annual Labor Day Parade	\$6,000	
Conservation Land Fund	\$30,000	
Total Preliminary Warrant Articles	\$3,148,713	

Ambulance Replacement Revolving Fund	\$228,215	Funding from the revenues generated by ambulatory service fees.
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Town of Milford Warrant & Financials Budget and Bond

January 13, 2025

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 Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9:00 am, to transact all business other than voting, and on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Milford High 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 11, 2025, at 6:00 a.m. and will not close earlier than 8:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the services of an interpreter will be provided as requested. Such requests must be received in the Milford Board of Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, One Union Square, Milford, NH 03055-4240, at least two (2) calendar weeks before the event. The Town will attempt to honor any requests received after this time.

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

GOES IN AFTER Budget and Bond

ARTICLE 2 – BALLOT VOTE – ZONING CHANGES

Same as above

WARRANT ARTICLE - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$19,627,469

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts outlined in the budget for the purposes set forth herein, totaling **\$0.00**. Should this Article be defeated, the **default budget shall be \$0.00**, 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 recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). Voting YES on this article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 when compared to voting NO on this article.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$0.00

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$0.00** 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? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$0.00** 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. This warrant article is paid for by the wastewater user fees. **The Board of Commissioners recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).**

WARRANT ARTICLE - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$0.00

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 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? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$0.00, 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. This warrant article is paid for by the water user fees. **The Board of Commissioners recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).**

WARRANT ARTICLE - RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS - \$400,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 to reconstruct or repair Town roads? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).** This Article has an **estimated tax impact of \$0.00** on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

WARRANT ARTICLE – FIRE DEPARTMENT – SIX (6) FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS - \$620,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$620,000 for the purpose of hiring six (6) full-time firefighter personnel and to authorize the placement of the costs associated with this position into the budget as an annual expenditure, or take any other action relative thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).** This Article has an **estimated tax impact of \$0.00** on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

WARRANT ARTICLE - SOCIAL SERVICES - \$40,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000, for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents as proposed by the Social Services Committee and submitted to the Board of Selectmen? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).** This Article has an **estimated tax impact of \$0.00** on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

WARRANT ARTICLE - NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES – \$32,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) 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? **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).** This Article has an **estimated tax impact of \$0.00** on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

WARRANT ARTICLE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Information Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund? The Board of Selectmen has the authority to expend from this fund. The \$25,000 adds to the Information Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund approved by voters in 2021. The current available balance in this capital reserve account as of August 31, 2024, is approximately \$41,186.59. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).** This Article has an **estimated tax impact of \$0.00** on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

WARRANT ARTICLE – AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT REVOLVING FUND - \$228,215.00

Shall the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of funding a future Ambulance replacement and related equipment. The first **\$228,215.00** in ambulance service fees collected, or an amount

as decided by the governing body, in each calendar year would be deposited into the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only with approval of the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This article has no tax impact.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - WADLEIGH MEMORIAL LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL RESTROOMS - \$250,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the construction of new restroom on the lower level of the Wadleigh Memorial Library in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) with \$25,000 from Wadleigh Library Maintenance And Upkeep Capital Reserve and to authorize the Library Trustees to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes up to \$225,000, to determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgment? Public restrooms are required now that the meeting room in the lower library area is open. The third-floor restroom, which was infrequently used and impractical for disabled residents and other patrons, closed when the new HVAC system was installed. **The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - MILFORD SWING BRIDGE - \$905,733 (State pays \$724,586; Town pays \$181,147)

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$905,733 with \$181,147 to be raised by general taxation and \$724,586 from funds from NH Department of Transportation 10-Year Plan for the engineering, potential right-of-way acquisition, and construction/rehabilitation of the rare, historically significant suspension pedestrian Swing Bridge. The Town retained Hoyle, Tanner & Associates in 2015 to assess the bridge's condition and develop an approximation of costs for replacement/repair. The company determined that the Swing Bridge was in poor condition, and repairs were needed to correct structural deficiencies and prevent further deterioration of the historically significant community asset. This reimbursement program provides an 80% federal funding/20% local matching funds opportunity. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - PUBLIC WORKS 58K GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (OR SIMILAR) DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SANDER ASSEMBLY - 5 YEAR LEASE-PURCHASE - \$63,996 (Annual Lease Payment \$63,996; Total Purchase Price (\$319,980)

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 that will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a 58K GVW dump truck with a plow and sander assembly for Highway Department operation (it will replace the 2005 Sterling dump truck) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,996 for the first year's payment for this purpose? The total purchase price of this vehicle is \$319,980. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - RAZE AND REMOVE 127 ELM STREET BUILDING - \$500,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500,000 to raze and remove the existing industrial/commercial building located at 127 Elm Street, Milford NH? This is a special warrant article in accordance with RSA 32. The purpose of this special Warrant article is to remove the former commercial/industrial building on the Town-owned property at 127 Elm Street, which was acquired by the town in 2014. The building's removal represents the required first phase of a long-term multi-phase master plan identified in 2016 and 2023 studies/reports. The removal of the building will allow the Town to implement low cost opportunities to address the increased demand for recreational services and improve the utilization of the park and access/internal traffic circulation. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION SUPPORT - \$11,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,000** for the purpose of town support relative to the observance of Memorial, Veterans, and Labor Day Parades? These funds shall be used to cover parade costs incurred by Public Works, Police Departments, and other Town departments, and to purchase flags to be placed on the graves of veterans 30 days before Memorial Day and removed 30 days after Veterans Day. Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This is a non-lapsing article until 12/31/26. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS SUPPORT - \$9,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000** for the purpose of holding the annual summer evening Band Concerts (bands, sound system, crossing detail)? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This is a non-lapsing article until 12/31/25. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE - \$6,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for the purpose of funding bands, musicians, and other allied expenses directly attributed to the annual Labor Day Parade? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

WARRANT ARTICLE - CONSERVATION LAND FUND - \$30,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the purpose of adding it to the Conservation Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said 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? Contributions further the protection of the town's natural resources. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article (0-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.00 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**