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## MINUTES OF THE BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING

January 10, 2022

**PRESENT:** Gary Daniels, Chairman

Chris Labonte, Vice Chairman Paul Dargie, Member Laura Dudziak, Member

Department Heads & Senior Staff: Members of the Public

John Shannon Town Administrator

Andy Kouropoulos, Videographer

Laura Dudziak, Member Members of the Publ

Dave Freel, Member

### BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WATER COMMISSIONERS, AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Chairman Daniels opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. thanking everyone in attendance. Chairman Daniels introduced members of the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Daniels then introduced the Water Commissioners and Water Utilities Director.

Chairman Daniels indicated that tonight's hearing is for the Town Budget and Bond Hearing, but the warrant articles will also be reviewed in order for the public to voice their opinion on all items. Chairman Daniels explained if any members of the public wish to comment or have questions, they should please use a microphone in order to be heard on the PEG Access Live broadcast.

## **BOND HEARINGS**

## WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - WADLEIGH LIBRARY HVAC/ Electrical System Upgrades - \$1,320,000 BOND

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,320,000 for the purpose of the replacement and reconstruction of the New Wadleigh Library HVAC/Electrical systems to include replacement of the HVAC chiller, new controls, heat recovery, new fan coil units, updating the electrical panels and the electrical system to improve effectiveness of heating/cooling and to provide energy savings, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$995,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid and/or donations, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project, including but not limited, to a donation in the amount of \$325,000 from the Library Trustee Trust Funds; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action relative thereto or to pass any other vote relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, 3/5 affirmative vote to pass. This Article has no tax impact in 2022 however; beginning in 2023 this article has an estimated tax impact of \$3.75 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

Katherine Parenti said the difference between last year's warrant article and this year's warrant article is 10% due to the increase in price for materials. Ms. Parenti gave an overview of what is needed for this warrant article.

Ms. Seward, Budget Advisory Committee member, asked that the title be changed to include the donation amount for the HVAC system. Mr. Calabria said we could do this. Selectman Freel asked for a breakout of the work that needs to be done for the HVAC and electrical. Ms. Parenti will get that information to the Selectman Labonte asked if there was an RFP done on this yet. Ms. Parenti said yes.

There were no other comments.

# WARRANT ARTICLE – WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY INFLUENT PUMP STATION SCREENING CONVEYOR UPGRADE - \$390,000 BOND

Shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,000 for the purpose of performing the Waste Water Treatment Facility Influent Pump Station Screenings Conveyor Upgrade; and, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$390,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectmen and the Milford Water and Sewer Commissioners, as applicable, to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the interest rate thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further, to authorize the Selectmen and the Milford Water and Sewer Commissioners, as applicable, to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, grants or other funds which may be available for said project that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds or notes, and to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14, established for this purpose. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$144,300 in ARPA grant and principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Loan

Fund loan program, with the remainder of the bonds or notes to be paid for via sewer user fees; and, to authorize the Selectmen and the Milford Water and Sewer Commissioners, as applicable, to take any other action relative thereto or to pass any other vote relative thereto. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, 3/5 affirmative vote to pass.

Mr. Pouliot, Water Utilities Director gave a brief overview. They received \$144,000 in ARPA money to help pay for this. Dale White, Water Commissioner said the bond would be for \$245,700. This has been in the CIP plan for a while and it makes sense to go for it given that we received a grant to offset the cost. Without this upgrade, we could have some potential safety issues.

Selectman Freel asked how long this will be bonded for and how long will this upgrade last. Mr. Calabria said this will come from the state revolving fund and they dictate how long it will be bonded for. Mr. Pouliot said approx. 30 years.

There were no other comments.

## **TOWN BUDGET HEARING**

Town Administrator John Shannon gave a brief overview of the town budget.

### WARRANT ARTICLE - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$ 16,416,151

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 set forth in the budget for the purposes set forth herein, totaling \$16,416,151. Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$16,111,582 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 article has an estimated tax impact of \$.047 over the 2021 Budget (\$4.72 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000).

Mr. Shannon, Town Administrator, gave a brief overview of the operating budget and default budget. It has a 4.8% increase over last year.

Selectman Laborate questioned the revenues coming in. Mr. Calabria said we still have ambulance revenues and other revenues coming in. Selectman Laborate asked when we will see our year-end numbers. Mr. Calabria said we continue to make entries to the books for a while. There are still accruals for receivable entries made for 2021 even after the auditors complete their fieldwork. Our audit is usually complete by July.

Selectman Labonte asked what was the actual number on the proposal for the new employees for the Fire Department Mr. Calabria said it will be around \$151,000 for 9 months of salary for the 3 positions and \$31,000 for benefits.

There were no other comments.

## WATER/WASTEWATER BUDGET HEARING

## WARRANT ARTICLE - WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$2,540,539

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,540,539 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 \$2,492,591 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.

Mr. Pouliot gave a brief overview of the Wastewater Department Operating Budget. There will be an increase of 12% which is primarily debt services.

There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,745,637

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,745,637 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 \$1,509,385, 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

124 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 125 user fees.

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Mr. Pouliot gave a brief overview of the Water Department Operating Budget. There will be an increase of 9.8% primarily due to waterline replacement.

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There were no other comments.

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Chairman Daniels opened the appropriation warrant articles portion of the hearing.

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## WARRANT ARTICLE - FIRE RESCUE TRUCK #1 REPLACEMENT - 7-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$735,000 Gross Purchase Price (Annual Lease Payment \$101,636: \$100,000 Paid from Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve.

**APPROPRIATION WARRANT ARTICLES** 

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Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$735,000 for the lease-purchasing of a fire rescue truck with appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (it will replace the current 1987 E ONE Rescue Truck) and to raise and appropriate \$100,000 from the Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as a down payment to reduce the lease/purchase price. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate \$101,636 for the first year's payment for this purpose. With the passage of this article, future payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This Lease Agreement will have a nonappropriation escape clause. This article has an estimated tax impact of \$4.92 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

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There were no comments regarding this warrant article.

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## WARRANT ARTICLE - RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS - \$ 300,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to reconstruct roads as detailed using Cartegraph Data by the Department of Public Works. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$14.53 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

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There were no comments regarding this warrant article.

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## 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. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.94 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

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There were no comments regarding this warrant article.

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## WARRANT ARTICLE - DPW VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$40,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the DPW Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at the town meeting. The \$40,000 adds to the DPW Vehicles and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2018. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.94 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

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Chairman Daniels asked if we could identify what is currently in the capital reserve accounts. Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant said she would send this information to the Board. Mr. Calabria said this account has a small amount of interest in it as \$120,000 was expended for the DPW's front-end loader that was approved at the March town vote by the town's people.

Selectman Freel suggests having the current balance of each capital reserve account put into the warrant articles. Ms. Philbrick said she would do that.

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Ms. Seward, a Milford resident, questioned the use of capital reserve money for an ambulance vehicle that we were not able to use and asked if that issue was resolved. Mr. Calabria said yes, the law was changed and we can now use the capital reserve for a down payment.

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182 There were no other comments.

#### WARRANT ARTICLE - NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES –

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186 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) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, 187 188

wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disa-

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## WARRANT ARTICLE - TOWN FACILITIES RENOVATION AND MAJOR REPAIR REPLACEMENT **CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Town Facilities Renovation and Major Repair Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at the town meeting. The \$25,000 adds to the Town Facilities Renovation and Major Repair Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.21 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

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### WARRANT ARTICLE - AMBULANCE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at the town meeting. The \$25,000 adds to the Ambulance Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.21 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

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### WARRANT ARTICLE - FIRE APPARATUS REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? Expenditures from this fund will require a vote at the town meeting. The \$25,000 adds to the Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.21 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

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Selectman Laborate questioned funding a capital reserve in the same year that we will be making a withdrawal from the capital reserve. Chairman Daniels said it can be discussed later.

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There were no other comments.

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## WARRANT ARTICLE - KEYES PARK EXPANSION COMMITTEE PROJECT CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Keyes Park Expansion Committee Project Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is for the design, development, and construction of improvements to Keyes Memorial Park, as outlined in the Keyes Memorial Park Expansion Committee Report, (December 20, 2016, and as amended). The Board of Selectmen has the authority to expend from this fund. The \$25,000 adds to the Keyes Park Expansion Committee Project Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2017. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.21 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

Mr. Calabria said this capital reserve will be expended once the remaining invoices come in. Ms. Berry, Recreation Director said this money was approved for the feasibility study. She doesn't know when the final bill will arrive.

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There were no other comments.

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## WARRANT ARTICLE - TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2022 — 2025) — \$18,039

235 236 Shall the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) 237

reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 633 for four contract years 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 (1 April 2022 – 31 March 2025) which calls for the following increases in benefits and to further

raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,039 for fiscal year 2022? 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. \$13,069 is to be raised by general taxation; \$1,825 is to be raised by Water User Fees, and \$3,145 is to be raised

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Chairman Daniels asked about the tax impact. Mr. Calabria said the contract is still in negotiations and these numbers are not final. The contract spans four calendar years. Chairman Daniels asked when we accept the agreement. Mr. Calabria said before the deliberative session. The DRA allows for an additional cost meeting to complete the contract.

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There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - TEAMSTERS UNION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT SPECIAL MEETING - \$0

Shall the Town of Milford, if the Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article cost items only? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This article has no tax impact.

This allows for an additional cost meeting to complete the contract.

There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - ASSESSING REVALUATION CAPITAL RESERVE - \$22,500

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,500 to be placed in the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.09 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

This capital reserve has a zero balance.

There were no other comments.

### WARRANT ARTICLE - CONSERVATION LAND FUND \$20,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of adding it to the conservation 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? Contribution furthers the protection of the town's natural resources. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$.97 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL RESERVE - \$ 20,000

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 \$20,000 adds to the Information Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund approved by voters in 2021. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$.97 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

Brice Dickerson gave a brief overview of server upgrades that cost about 20K. Mr. Calabria said they have about \$20,000 remaining in this account.

There were no other comments.

## 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 12/31/23. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$.44 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FIREWORKS - \$8,500

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the purpose of providing the Independence Day celebration fireworks display at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$.41 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

Selectman Freel asked about the date that we will be having fireworks. Arene Berry said fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION SUPPORT - \$6,500

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 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 Department, and other Town departments, and to purchase flags to be placed on the graves of veterans 14 days before Memorial Day and removed 14 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 12/31/23. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$.31 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - RATIFICATION OF 10 YEAR PUBLIC SAFETY CELL TOWER LICENSE

Shall the Town vote to ratify the August 24, 2021, ten (10) year cell tower license between the Town of Milford and Crown Atlantic Company, LLC? The license agreement provides the Town with the right to install Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Department of Public Works communications equipment on the cell tower and within a building on the land at the base of the cell tower, in conjunction with MACC Base to strengthen emergency communications between the Town and MACC Base. The license agreement contract includes four (4) renewal terms of five (5) years each. The cell tower location at 168 McGettigan Road, site BU 807204. This is an important location for the Town's public safety departments to maintain public safety communications coverage over a significant portion of the Town of Milford. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$.08 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

Katherine Kokko asked why the detail wasn't included in the warrant article like in the previous draft that she saw in December. She feels that the voters should see the funds associated with this expenditure. Ms. Philbrick said these warrant articles are DRAFT. The information was previously included because Ms. Kokko asked for transparency. The detailed information does not have to be in the warrant itself and will be included in the voter's guide. Town Counsel wrote the warrant article.

Mr. Calabria said the \$1,648 for the December 2022 lease payment will be included in the next version of the warrant article that will be updated after the Budget and Bond Hearing changes. The tax impact will be .08 per \$100,000. Ms. Kokko still questions the wording and feels it's incorrect. She will be happy to share her information with the Board. The voters deserve transparency.

Town Administrator Shannon said the first year came from APRPA funding and the goal after this is to include this annually in the town's operating budget which is what Selectman Labonte asked for as a separate line item. Selectman Labonte feels the gross appropriation should be in the warrant article. Administrator Shannon said both the DRA and Town Counsel have reviewed this and we pay for town counsel's legal advice, so that is what he's went with. It can be changed at deliberative.

Selectman Dargie feels it should be written like the Fire Department lease warrant article. Selectman Labonte asked what the purpose was to put this in front of the voters if we are taking the dollar value out. Administrator Shannon said to ratify the contract because it's over 10 years. We wouldn't have to ask the voters if it was a one-year contract. Selectman Labonte is still confused. Why would it go in front of the voters without a dollar amount? Administrator Shannon said it's a multi-year contract and required to go in front of the voters. You and I have discussed this several times. The town can do a one-year contract. If the voters don't approve this then we will have to readjust with the company for this license. We can arrange for you to speak with Town Counsel if that will help you to understand. Selectman Labonte said if the number is back in, then he's okay with this.

There were no other comments.

# WARRANT ARTICLE - 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? This article has no tax impact.

There were no other comments.

#### WARRANT ARTICLE - HUTCHINSON FAMILY SINGERS MEMORIAL PROJECT - \$0

Shall the town vote, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, (I), to establish a trust fund for the purpose of designing, constructing, and maintaining a Hutchinson Family Memorial Project Trust. Said trust fund shall be known as the Town of Milford Hutchinson Family Memorial Project Trust Fund of 2022 and may receive privately donated gifts, legacies, or devises, provided, however, such gifts, legacies, or devises shall be invested and accounted for separately from, and not comingled with, amounts appropriated by the town. The details of the memorial, including the time of construction, shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, provided that any memorial shall only be located on property owned by the Town of Milford. Said trust fund shall remain in place for a maximum period of 25 years unless sooner revoked by a future town meeting. At the conclusion of 25 years, or on such earlier date of revocation, any funds remaining in said trust fund, the source of which were private gifts or donations as referenced above, shall be paid over to a suitable charitable organization of the Board of Selectmen's choice, which shall then utilize said funds for the support of other monuments or memorials generally within the Town of Milford. At such termination, any funds remaining that were raised by the town shall be returned to the general fund. Pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. (I), the Board of Selectmen is appointed agents to expend any funds in the trust for the purposes of the trust. This article has no tax impact.

There were no other comments.

#### WARRANT ARTICLE - WADLEIGH LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP CAPITAL RESERVE - \$0

Shall the Town vote to establish a Library Maintenance and Upkeep Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future library building repairs, renovations, improvements for the benefit of the Town, and to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend from this fund? This article has no tax impact.

Ms. Parenti said this was a suggestion from the BAC.

There were no other comments.

## WARRANT ARTICLE - HARTSHORN MILL ROAD CONSERVATION EASEMENT - \$0

Shall the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, at the request of the Conservation Commission, to convey a non-exclusive easement to Paula Maclellan across a portion of Lot 2-29 as shown on Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds Plan #37127 for the purpose of access/egress by foot, vehicle, utilities or otherwise, to Lot 2-28-2, said easement area will extend from a portion of the frontage of Lot 29-2 on the westerly sideline of Hartshorn Mill Road thence along the boundary with Lot 5-18 northerly and northeasterly to the western boundary of Map 2 Lot 28-2. In exchange for the right of access across Lot 2-29, Paula Maclellan will give the Town a 6.7+/- acre conservation easement on a portion of Lot 2-28-2. Provided, nevertheless, that this authorization shall be null and void unless this conveyance is also approved by the Milford Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, the Charitable Trust Division of the NH Attorney General's office, and the NH Superior Court, if necessary, with such approvals to be obtained and the matter concluded no later than March 31, 2023. This article has no tax impact.

There were no other comments.

#### WARRANT ARTICLE - RAZE AND REMOVE 127 ELM STREET BUILDING - \$400,000 by petition

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$400,000 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 boarded-up building which if left standing on town property could become a potential hazard as it is accessible from the park. Removal of this building was recommended in the original Keyes Park Expansion Project submitted to the Board of Selectmen in December 2016. This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$19.38 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director, was tasked to provide updated quotes to raze and remove this building. He issued a RFP and is hoping to have bids by the Deliberative session.

There were no other comments.

NOTE: The following article was not in the original Board package as it came in late on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### WARRANT ARTICLE 31 - ELECT MEMBERS OF THE MILFORD PLANNING BOARD - \$0 by petition

Are you in favor of electing the Milford planning board consisting of 7 members which includes one ex officio member with two members to be elected for a one year term, two members for a two year term, and two members for a three year term, there after the term of planning board members shall be for three years to be filled at the end of the next regular town election pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:2, II, (b) (2)? This article has no tax impact.

429 430	There were no other comments.  Selectman Laborate asked if article 2, Zoning changes be considered a warrant article. Last year the zoning changes were not available for review prior to deliberative session. Mr. Daley said the zoning articles are being reviewed right now with the Planning Board. They are on the town's website for review, consideration and comments.		
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434 435 436 437		arified some of the CIP articles. Janet Langdell, a Milford resident, the teamsters warrant article. Ms. Phil- numbers for the teamsters have to be in place by the deliberative session so they can be placed on the ballots.	
438 439 440	Chairman Daniels indicated the public hearing for the 2022 Bond & Budget is now complete at 7:42 p.m.		
441 442 443 444 445	Chairman, Gary Daniels	Member, Paul Dargie	
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