

**5:30 Public Hearing for the Acceptance for Expenditures of Unanticipated Funds over \$10,000.**

1/23/2023

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING:**

(1) **The acceptance for expenditure of unanticipated funds under RSA 31:95-b for the following:**

\$10,000.00 Frank E. Kaley Trust  
Donation to support the Bandstand Upkeep/Restoration Special Purpose Fund.  
See attached.

\$10,000.00 Arthur Keyes Memorial Trust  
Donations (2 checks) to support the Bandstand Upkeep/Restoration Special Purpose Fund.  
See attached memo.

(2) **The acceptance of gifts of property under RSA 31:95-e for the following:**

None at this time.



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**Town Hall**  
**1 Union Square**  
**Milford NH 03055**

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Milford  
1 Union Square  
Milford NH 03055

14 January 2023

The Heritage Commission is pleased and honored to accept a donation from the Frank E. Kaley Trust to the Save the Bandstand fund. The attached represents a donation totaling \$ 10,000. Check # 20368371 was received on January 10<sup>th</sup> .

The Heritage Commission is requesting that the Town of Milford, Board of Selectmen approve this donation and restrict these funds to the effort of restoration of the Oval Bandstand aka the Pillsbury Band Stand.

Thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully



David Palance  
Chairman  
Milford Heritage Commission

Ref:  
Check # 20368371 dated 28Dec2022 for \$10,000  
from the: Frank E. Kaley T/U/W-KALEY FND  
c/o the Bank of America

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00PM  
Milford Town Hall  
Banquet Room



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9 January 2023

The Heritage Commission is pleased and honored to accept two checks from the Arthur L. Keyes Memorial Trust as donations to the Save the Bandstand fund. The attached represents a donation totaling \$ 10,000. Copies of two (2) checks numbered: 953 for \$4,900.00 and 954 for \$5,100.00 are also included in this letter and represent the whole of this donation.

The Heritage Commission is requesting that the Town of Milford, Board of Selectmen approve this donation and restrict these funds to the effort of restoration of the Oval Bandstand aka the Pillsbury Band Stand.

Thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully

David Palance  
Chairman  
Milford Heritage Commission

Ref:

Check # 953 dated 21Dec2022 for \$4,900, year 2021 funds

Check # 954 dated 21Dec2022 for \$5,100, year 2022 funds

both from the: Arthur L. Keyes Memorial Trust

P.O. Box 363

Milford, NH 03055

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# TOWN OF MILFORD

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT



To: Board of Selectman  
 From: Arene Berry, Recreation Director  
 Date: December 19, 2022  
 Subject: Pool Pass Fees – Fee Schedule Increase

The Milford Recreation Department collects pool pass fees from both residents and non-residents who utilize the pool and this revenue is deposited into the general fund. The pool pass revenue helps offset the wages of pool staff employed by the Recreation Department, as well as expenses for the maintenance and supplies for its operation incurred under the Public Works budget. The current fees are listed below and were last increased in 2012.

	Resident	Non-Resident
Day Pass	\$5	\$5
Season Individual	\$20	\$40
Season Family	\$80	\$160
4 and under/62+	Free	Free

The Milford Recreation Department collected fee schedules from other municipal facilities of both beaches and pools including Concord, Antrim, Keene, Bedford, Peterborough, Exeter, Jaffrey, Merrimack and Amherst. This data is provided in the table below:

Town/City	Facility	Resident			Non-Resident		
		Day	Season		Day	Season	
			Individual	Family		Individual	Family
Concord	Pools (7)	Free			\$20 (48 hours)	\$130	
Antrim	Beach	Free	Free		\$10	\$100	
Keene	Pool	\$2	\$50	\$100	\$2	\$60	\$130
Bedford (2012-2022)	Pool	\$5	\$75	\$125	\$10	\$150	\$250
Bedford (2023 Prop.)		\$10	\$100	\$150	\$20	\$200	\$300
Peterborough	Pool	\$2	\$12	\$49	\$8		
	Pond	Free	Free	Free	\$150 for vehicle pass - Max 125		
Exeter	Pool	(17&under)\$4	(17&under) \$45	\$145	(17&under) \$6	(17&under)\$70	\$220
		(18+) \$5	(18+) \$55		(18+) \$8	(18+) \$85	
		(62+) \$4	(62+) \$35		(62+) \$6	(62+) \$55	
Jaffrey	Beach	Free - Residents only			No Access		
Merrimack	Beach	Free - Residents only			No Access		
Amherst	Beach	\$5		\$115	\$10		\$220

The current proposed 2023 budget for the Recreation Department currently includes an increase of \$3,735 for part-time wages which is comprised mostly of Aquatic Staff. This increase will allow us to be competitive in the current market which faces a shortage of employees. The following data reflects the 2022 pool pass revenue broken down by pass type. The second table reflects proposed increases for 2023 and includes anticipated revenue.

		RESIDENT			NON-RESIDENT			YEARLY
		Day	Individual	Family	Day	Individual	Family	TOTAL
CURRENT	Price	\$5	\$20	\$80	\$5	\$40	\$160	
	Sold in 2022	810	453	105	213	108	32	
	Total	\$4,050	\$9,060	\$8,400	\$1,065	\$4,320	\$5,120	\$32,015
PROPOSED	Price	\$5	\$25	\$100	\$10	\$50	\$200	
	Sold in 2022	810	453	105	213	108	32	
	Total	\$4,050	\$11,325	\$10,500	\$2,130	\$5,400	\$6,400	\$39,805

\*\*\* 4 and under/62+ are currently free and proposed to remain free

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding this subject.

# TOWN OF MILFORD

FINANCE OFFICE



*To: BOS, Mark Bender, Town Administrator*

*From: Paul Calabria, Finance Director*

*Date: 1/17/23*

*Re: Returned Check Fees*

***The Finance Department would like to increase the Town's Returned Check Fee to \$35 from \$25.***

***The Town of Milford has not increased this fee in decades and industry standards now are at \$35 to \$40.***

*Thank you!*

*Paul Calabria*

## 5:55 Request to re-name the Public Works Building - Jay Duffy

Dear Chairman Dargie, Vice-chair Finan, Selectman Daniels, Selectwoman Duziak and Selectman Freel,

I would like to take a moment to encourage and educate each of you with regard to naming Our Milford D.P.W. Building to:  
"The Robert E. Courage Milford Department of Public Works Building."

Mr. Bob Courage has dedicated his life to the betterment, improvement and honor of Our Great Town of Milford!! He continues to serve in the capacity of Vice- chairman of the Water Commission to this day.

Mr. Courage has worked and/ or volunteered for our great Town in some shape or form for 65 plus years. He began his career at the DPW as a Laborer in 1954. He worked hard and rose through the "ranks" until he was promoted to Director. A position he honorably held until his retirement in 1998.

It has always been well known that Mr. Courage's Leadership and Character was not only respected by the Townspeople of Milford, but he was extremely respected by his employees also.

After retirement in 1998 Mr. Courage has served in many elected and appointed positions. Mr. Courage has been a Selectman. He served 3 terms on the Budget Committee. He served as a Cemetery Trustee. He currently serves as a Water Commissioner. A position he has held for 18 years.

This expression of Respect and Gratitude for Mr. Courage is a great thing!

But an accomplishment such as the many, many years Bob has given to the Town most certainly enriches All of Us as Citizens of Milford!

This also shows Our young people by example, of what an honorable Adult can accomplish through dedication, teamwork and hard work!

I feel this is an Honor he most certainly deserves.

Sincerely,

Jay W. Duffy

Town Hall  
1 Union Square  
Milford, NH 03055-4240  
(603) 249-0628  
Fax (603) 673-2273  
[www.milford.nh.gov](http://www.milford.nh.gov)  
conservation@milford.nh.gov

## 6:05 Armory Road/Granite Town Rail Trail Crossing Improvement Project - Conservation Commission Member, Chris Costantino

### Town of Milford CONSERVATION COMMISSION



January 23, 2023  
Milford Board of Selectmen

### Armory Rd/Granite Town Rail Trail Crossing Improvement project

Dear Board,

The Armory Rd crossing project improvement is identified in the Granite Town Rail Trail Long Range Plan, developed by the Milford Conservation Commission. The MCC has spent several years investigating solutions to improve the safety of the Armory Rd crossing. The best solution, were it not too expensive, would be to re-establish the bridge that was there decades ago. However, another excellent alternative used in many other urban road crossings with rail trails, is a lighted signal crossing using a rectangular rapid-flashing beacon (RRFB).

Historically, Armory Rd passed under the Fitchburg Rail Line bridge, which was removed in the mid-1900s, leaving a bit of a scramble for hikers and bikers to drop elevation to cross the road and then climb back up to resume their travel on the trail. The crossing is located at a tight curve which limits visibility for motorists to see trail users in the road.



The Milford Conservation Commission intends to improve the Granite Town Rail Trail crossing at Armory Road this year (2023). This project will reduce the elevation differential and add a signalized crosswalk to address the safety concerns associated with hikers and bikers crossing a very busy road with limited site distance and accessibility issues. The Plan identifies the project area on Armory Road as a primary network connection to the rail trail, mobile home park, and surrounding mixed-use neighborhood.

This trail provides recreational opportunities for those who want to bike and run in a quiet wooded environment. It is a transportation alternative for commuters who are traveling to the center of Milford. In addition to the steady stream of hikers and bikers, the trail is used by many for training purposes, including the NH Army National Guard Mountain Infantry Unit, local cross-country and track teams, and the Ghost Train Trail Race, a major fundraiser for the Milford Conservation Commission.

The project will be paid from the Granite Town Rail Trail Revolving Fund which consists:

- \$20,000 from the Kaley Foundation
- \$20,000 private donations (residents, Eagle Scout project surplus funds, and the annual Ghost Train Rail Trail Race revenues)
- The MCC will use these funds as a match for a Recreation Trails Program grant application
- This project is not requesting any tax dollars



## GTRT Armo



- 1.: Stop signs asking trail users to stop and cyclists to
- 2.: Brightly marked (painted) crosswalk
- 3.: Pedestrian Detection Photo-Sensor Bollards (<http>
- 4.: LED Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon & Sign Sy

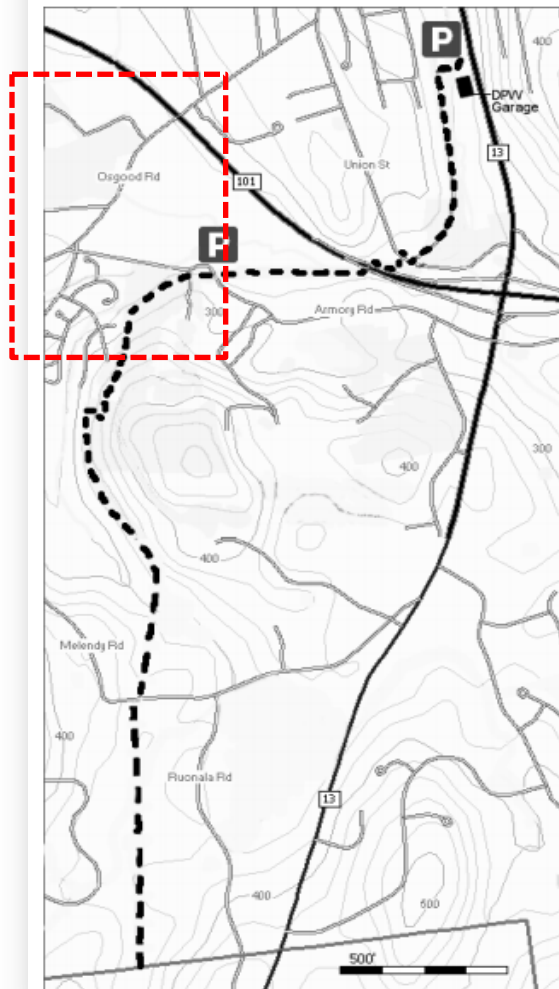
**Granite Town Rail Trail -**  
 Approximately 2.7 of the more than 7 miles of the rail trail lies in Milford.

Respectfully,

Chris Costantino,

Milford Conservation Commission

## Granite Town Rail-Trail, Milford, NH



Surface: Cinders/organic debris

Use: Foot, bike, ski

Trailhead: West side of Rt. 13, ¼ of a mile south of Milford's downtown, at the Public Works Garage.

Contact:  
 Conservation Commission,  
 1 Union Square, Milford, NH  
 603-249-0628,  
[concomm@milford.nh.gov](mailto:concomm@milford.nh.gov)

What to Expect:

Mile 0.0 - DPW Garage – Cross the bridge in the parking area, the trail starts behind the fence, crossing over Great Brook on a old dam.

Mile 0.53 - After crossing Union St. you will come to a concrete span over Great Brook.

Mile 0.66 - Trail users cross under Rt. 101 in a tunnel 110' long and 6'6" high. We have heard three very differing reasons for this 'tunnel': an over-flow culvert for Great Brook, a snowmobile passage and a bunny tunnel.

Mile 1.2 - South of Armory Rd. the trail leaves the RR grade and passes through private property on a trail easement. Please respect the rights of the landowner and stay on the trail.

Mile 2.17 - The trains used to pass under Melendy Rd. The road cut was filled sometime in the 1940's.

Mile 2.95 - Town Line. The rail-trail continues another 4 miles in Brookline.

Last Updated 2009

**4. a) 1 & 2. Acceptance and Appropriation of Unanticipated Revenues under \$10,000**

Board of Selectmen  
 Agenda Date: 1/23/2023

**Acceptance and Appropriation of Unanticipated Revenues Under \$10,000 (31:95(b))**

Source	Amount	Purpose
Granite Town Festivities Committee	\$2,000.00	Donation to support the Bandstand Upkeep/Restoration Special Purpose Fund. See attached memo.
Milford Lions Charities (Milford Lions Club)	\$ 2,000.00	Donation to support the Bandstand Upkeep/Restoration Special Purpose Fund. See attached memo.
Milford Historical Society	\$ 325.00	Donations from on-line credit donations to support the Bandstand Upkeep/Restoration Special Purpose Fund. See attached memo.
Sue Carita	\$ 100.00	Donation to support the Bandstand Upkeep/Restoration Special Purpose Fund. See attached memo.
Federal Grant - 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant through NH Dept of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management from FEMA	\$ 5,000.00	Funding for updating the Local Emergency Operations Plan. This is a 50/50 grant with a match of \$5,000 from the Fire Dept. budget.

**Acceptance of Gifts of Property Under \$5,000 (31:95(e))**

None at this time.



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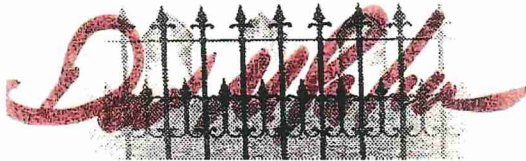
14 January 2023

The Heritage Commission is pleased and honored to accept a donation from the Granite Town Festivities Committee to the Save the Bandstand fund. The attached represents a donation totaling \$ 2,000. Check # 317 was received on January 13<sup>th</sup> .

The Heritage Commission is requesting that the Town of Milford, Board of Selectmen approve this donation and restrict these funds to the effort of restoration of the Oval Bandstand aka the Pillsbury Band Stand.

Thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully



David Palance  
Chairman  
Milford Heritage Commission

Ref:  
Check # 317 dated 13Jan2023 for \$2,000  
from the: Granite Town Festivities Committee  
P.O. Box 847  
Milford, NH 03055

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00PM  
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9 January 2023

The Heritage Commission is pleased and honored to accept the donation from the Lions Charities for the Save the Bandstand Fund. Please accept this donation for the purpose stated in the letter from the Lions dated January 9<sup>th</sup> for \$2,000. The Milford Lions Club has a long history of supporting the restoration, repair, and promotion of this historical and visible part of Milford's heritage.

The Heritage Commission is requesting that the Town of Milford, Board of Selectmen approve this donation and restrict these funds to the effort of restoration of the Oval Bandstand aka the Pillsbury Band Stand.

Thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully

David Palance  
Chairman  
Milford Heritage Commission

Ref:  
Lion's Club aka Milford Lions Charities, Inc check #1917  
Milford Lions Charities, Inc. letter by Paul Dargie, Secretary/Treasurer of 9Jan2023

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00PM  
Milford Town Hall  
Banquet Room



**Milford Lions Charities, Inc.**

P.O Box 274, Milford NH 03055-0274

Tax ID # 80-0813419

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Milford  
1 Union Square  
Milford, NH 03055

January 9, 2023

The Milford Lions Club is pleased to donate \$2,000.00 to the Town of Milford for the purpose of renovating or repairing the Pillsbury bandstand located on the Oval.

The Milford Lions Club has a long history of interaction with the bandstand. For decades we have been installing holiday decorations and lighting on the bandstand and the rest of the Oval, and we hold the annual "Santa on the Oval" event on the first weekend in December. This year there were about 120 children that sat with Mr. and Mrs. Claus on the bandstand and they also had the opportunity to write letters to Santa.

Best regards,

Paul Dargie  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Milford Lions Club/Milford Lions Charities  
PO Box 274  
Milford, NH 03055



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Board of Selectmen  
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9 January 2023

The Heritage Commission is pleased and honored to accept a check from the Milford Historical Society who has entered into an agreement with the town to accept on-line and credit card donations to the Save the Bandstand fund. The attached represents six (6) separate donations totaling \$ 325.00. A copy of check # 823 is included with an accounting provided and highlighted in yellow.

The Heritage Commission and Milford Historical Society acting on an MOA of 18Sep2022, are requesting that the Town of Milford, Board of Selectmen approve this donation and restrict these funds to the effort of restoration of the Oval Bandstand aka the Pillsbury Band Stand.

Thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully

David Palance  
Chairman  
Milford Heritage Commission

Ref:  
Milford Historical Society check #823, dated 31Dec2022  
Accounting of donations received from individuals  
MOA between the Milford Historical Society and the Heritage Commission

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Milford NH 03055

9 January 2023

The Heritage Commission is pleased and honored to accept the gift of \$100.00 from a resident of Milford, Ms. Sue Carita to be used toward upkeep and restoration of the iconic Oval Bandstand. This generous donation provides a restriction that no part of this money is to be used for the general fund. The commission recommends the entering of these funds into the Bandstand Restoration line item and to be restricted for the purpose so stated.

Thank you for the consideration.

Respectfully

David Palance  
Chairman  
Milford Heritage Commission

Ref:  
Sue A. Carita  
16 James St. #103  
Milford NH  
Check #3235 for \$100.00 dated 29Dec2022 & received by Tina Philbrick on 5Jan2023

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00PM  
Milford Town Hall  
Banquet Room



**Fire Department  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Board of Selectmen, Finance Department**

**FROM: Milford Fire Department**

**DATE: 01/19/2023**

**SUBJECT: Grant Approval**

**The Town of Milford has received notice from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Homeland Security, and Emergency Management that we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$5000.00 to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan. We ask this be approved by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Regards,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Flaherty", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Kenneth Flaherty  
Chief of Department**



**4. a. 3) Approval of Report of Wood Cut, Map 2 Lot 28-2**

**ORIGINAL WARRANT  
YIELD TAX LEVY  
January 23, 2023  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**COUNTY OF:** Hillsborough

Kathy Doherty, Collector of Taxes for Town of: Milford, in said County.

In the name of said State, you are hereby directed to collect on or before thirty (30) days from the date of bill from the person(s) named herewith committed to you, the Yield Tax set against their name(s), amounting in all to the yield tax due, below, with interest at eighteen (18%) percent per annum from the due date and on all sums not paid on or before that day. We further order you to pay all monies collected to the treasurer of said town, or treasurer's designee as provided in RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily when receipts exceed \$1,500.00, or more often when directed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration.

Given under our hands and seal at *ENTER TOWN or CITY NAME*,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Dargie Chair Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Finan Co-Chair Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Daniels Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Dudziak Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Freel Date

**DATE OF BILLING: January 23, 2023**

NAME & ADDRESS	TAX MAP & LOT	OPERATION #	YIELD TAX DUE
MacLellan, Paula A Trustee MacLellan, Paula A Rev Trust 28 Ravine Rd Amherst, NH 03031	Map 2 Lot 28-2	22-303-06-T	\$418.73
<b>DATE YIELD TAX DUE:</b>			<b>February 22, 2023</b>

**CERTIFICATION OF YIELD TAXES ASSESSED**  
**INTENT FILED DURING TAX YEAR: April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022**

**TOWN / CITY OF:** Milford  
**COUNTY OF:** Hillsborough  
**DATE OF BILLING:** January 23, 2023

**SEND SIGNED COPY TO:** NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION  
PO BOX 487  
CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
or E-mail to [timber@dra.nh.gov](mailto:timber@dra.nh.gov)

Paul Dargie Chair	1/23/2022
Tim Finan Co-Chair	1/23/2022
Gary Daniels	1/23/2022
Laura Dudziak	1/23/2022
David Freel	1/23/2022

# 1	# 4	# 5	# 6	# 6	# 7	# 8	# 9	# 10
NAME OF OWNER	SPECIES	NUMBER OF BOARD FEET (In Thousands)	NUMBER OF TONS	NUMBER OF CORDS	STUMPAGE VALUE	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE	TAX AT 10 %	
MacLellan, Paula A Trustee MacLellan, Paula A Rev Trust 28 Ravine Rd Amherst, NH 03031	WHITE PINE	9.440			\$133.00	\$1,255.52	\$125.55	<b>Subtotal of TAXES Due (Col. #9)</b>
	HEMLOCK	2.010			\$38.20	\$76.78	\$7.68	
	RED PINE				\$38.20			
	SPRUCE & FIR				\$109.70			
# 2	HARD MAPLE				\$252.60			
<b>DESIGNATED ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT</b>	WHITE BIRCH				\$69.80			<b>\$418.73</b>
	YELLOW BIRCH	1.320			\$116.25	\$153.45	\$15.35	
	OAK				\$332.50			
<b>MAP &amp; LOT NUMBER</b>	ASH				\$132.75			<b>Less bond or amount previously paid, if applicable</b>
Map 2 Lot 28-2	SOFT MAPLE	0.540			\$104.70	\$56.54	\$5.65	
	BEECH/PALLET/TIE LOGS	4.290			\$44.85	\$192.41	\$19.24	
	PINE BOX / PALLET				\$44.85			
	OTHER:							
# 3	OTHER:							
<b>OPERATION NUMBER</b>					<b>TONS</b>	<b>CORDS</b>		
22-303-06-T	SPRUCE & FIR				\$ 0.50			<b>Total Amount Due</b>
	HARDWOOD & ASPEN		9.62		\$ 2.50	\$24.05	\$2.41	
	PINE		22.65		\$ 0.25	\$5.66	\$0.57	
	HEMLOCK				\$ 1.50			
<b>ACCOUNT OR SERIAL #:</b>	BIOMASS CHIPS				\$ 0.50			<b>\$418.73</b>
	HIGH GRADE SPRUCE		90.19		\$ 25.00	\$2,254.75	\$225.48	
	CORDWOOD			12	\$ 14.00	\$168.00	\$16.80	
						<b>\$4,187.16</b>	<b>\$418.73</b>	

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
REPORT OF WOOD OR TIMBER CUT  
RSA 79:11  
See instructions on back of form

**RECEIVED**  
JAN 04 2023

OPERATION # 22-303-06-T

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
For Tax Year April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

Mailing Address:

PAULA A MACLELLAN  
PAULA A MACLELLAN TEE/ PAULA A  
MACLELLAN REV  
28 RAVINE RD  
AMHERST NH 03031-2609

1. City/Town of: MILFORD
2. Tax Map/Lot # or USFS sale name/unit #: 2 / 28 / 2
3. Exact Acreage of Cut: 1
4. Is the cutting complete ? Yes  No
5. If yes, date cutting was completed ? 10/17/22
6. Names of ALL purchasers that the forest products were sold to:

PRL

NAME  
PR Russell  
NAME  
Wilkins Lumber, Pleasant View Gardens  
NAME  
HHP  
NAME

7. I hereby report the wood or timber cut under penalty of perjury.  
(If a corporation, an officer must sign)

\*\*\*\*\* Paula A Maclellan 1-3-23  
SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF OWNER(S) OR CORPORATE OFFICER DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF OWNER(S) OR CORPORATE OFFICER DATE

Paula A Maclellan TEE/Paula A Maclellan Rev  
CORPORATE OFFICER NAME AND TITLE DATE

Paula A Maclellan  
PRINT OWNER(S) NAME - (Attach a signature page for additional owners).

28 Ravine Road  
MAILING ADDRESS

Amherst, NH 03031-2609  
CITY / TOWN STATE ZIP CODE

TELE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Description of Wood or Timber Cut

SPECIES	EXACT SCALE CUT USE INTERNATIONAL 1/4 RULE LOG SCALE			
	MBF = (THOUSAND BOARD FEET)			
White Pine		9	4	4 0
Hemlock		2	0	1 0
Red Pine				
Spruce & Fir				
Hard Maple				
White Birch				
Yellow Birch		1	3	2 0
Oak				
Ash				
Soft Maple			5	4 0
Beech/ Pallet/ Tie Logs		4	2	9 0
Others (Specify)				
<b>PULPWOOD</b>		<b>TONS</b>		
Spruce & Fir				
Hardwood & Aspen		9	6	2
Pine		2	2	6 5
Hemlock				
Biomass Chips		9	0	1 9
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>				
High Grade Spruce/Fir =TONS				
Cordwood & Fuelwood =CORDS			1	2

9. Species and Amount of Wood or Timber for Personal Use or Exempt. See exemptions on back of form.

Species:	Amount
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10. Under penalty of perjury, I (the logger/forester or person responsible for cutting) declare that all information in Sections 6, 8, & 9 are true and correct.

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE (IN INK) OF LOGGER/FORESTER RESPONSIBLE FOR CUTTING  
DATE: 11/30/22

PENALTY: Pursuant to RSA 21-J:39, a person who fails to file a Report of Wood or Timber Cut with the proper assessing officials or fails to send copies to the Department of Revenue administration, in accordance with RSA 79:11, may be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
DOOMAGE: If an owner neglects to file a report or willfully falsifies a report, the assessing officials shall assess doamage which is two times what the tax would have been if the report has been properly filed. Refer to RSA 79:12 for the complete statute on doamage.

TOWN / CITY:

Milford

COUNTY:

Hillsborough

OWNER:

MacLellan, Paula A Trustee

COMPANY / OWNER 2:

MacLellan, Paula A Rev Trust

ADDRESS:

28 Ravine Rd

TOWN / STATE / ZIP:

Amherst, NH 03031

INTENT FILED DURING TAX YEAR: April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

ACCOUNT & SERIAL #:

TAX MAP & LOT #:

Map 2 Lot 28-2

OPERATION #:

22-303-06-T

DATE OF BILLING:

January 23, 2023

SPECIES	LOW MBF	HIGH MBF			RANGE DIFFERENCE	RATING %	STUMPAGE VALUE*	BOARD FEET (In Thousands)			
WHITE PINE	\$100.00	\$200.00			\$100.00	0.33	\$ 133.00	9.440			
HEMLOCK	\$25.00	\$65.00			\$40.00	0.33	\$ 38.20	2.010			
RED PINE	\$25.00	\$65.00			\$40.00	0.33	\$ 38.20	0.000			
SPRUCE & FIR	\$80.00	\$170.00			\$90.00	0.33	\$ 109.70	0.000			
HARD MAPLE	\$180.00	\$400.00			\$220.00	0.33	\$ 252.60	0.000			
WHITE BIRCH	\$50.00	\$110.00			\$60.00	0.33	\$ 69.80	0.000			
YELLOW BIRCH	\$75.00	\$200.00			\$125.00	0.33	\$ 116.25	1.320			
OAK	\$250.00	\$500.00			\$250.00	0.33	\$ 332.50	0.000			
ASH	\$75.00	\$250.00			\$175.00	0.33	\$ 132.75	0.000			
SOFT MAPLE	\$75.00	\$165.00			\$90.00	0.33	\$ 104.70	0.540			
BEECH/PALLET/TIE LOGS	\$30.00	\$75.00			\$45.00	0.33	\$ 44.85	4.290			
PINE BOX / PALLET	\$30.00	\$75.00			\$45.00	0.33	\$ 44.85	0.000			
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0.33	\$ -	0.000			
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0.33	\$ -	0.000			
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	0.33	\$ -	0.000			
TONS & CORDS	TONS LOW	TONS HIGH	CORDS LOW	CORDS HIGH	TONS	CORDS	RATING %	STUMPAGE VALUE TONS	STUMPAGE VALUE CORDS	#TONS	#CORDS
SPRUCE & FIR	\$0.00	\$1.00			\$1.00		0.50	\$ 0.50		0.000	
HARDWOOD & ASPEN	\$1.00	\$4.00			\$3.00		0.50	\$ 2.50		9.620	
PINE	\$0.00	\$0.50			\$0.50		0.50	\$ 0.25		22.650	
HEMLOCK	\$0.00	\$3.00			\$3.00		0.50	\$ 1.50		0.000	
BIOMASS CHIPS	\$0.00	\$1.00			\$1.00		0.50	\$ 0.50		0.000	
HIGH GRADE SPRUCE	\$20.00	\$30.00			\$10.00		0.50	\$ 25.00		90.190	
CORD WOOD/FUELWOOD			\$8.00	\$15.00		\$12.00	0.50		\$ 14.00	\$ -	12

\* STUMPAGE VALUE = % RATING X RANGE DIFFERENCE + LOW RANGE VALUE

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## 4. a) 4) Approval for the Conservation Commission to Accept Donations

### **Town of Milford** CONSERVATION COMMISSION



January 17, 2023

To: Board of Selectmen

### **Re: Donations for the Granite Town Rail Trail Revolving Fund**

The Conservation Commission wishes to apprise the Board of Selectmen that it has accepted a \$20,000 grant from the Kaley Foundation. The funds are directed to the Granite Town Rail Trail Armory Rd crossing improvement project.

In addition, the MCC has accepted a \$500.00 donation from the Richey family for the Granite Town Rail Trail.

Respectfully,

Chris Costantino,  
Milford Conservation Commission (Alt) | Coordinator

## 6. 1) Town Operating Budget

### Town of Milford

2023 Budget Reduction in the amount of \$260,000

Prepared: January 19, 2023

<b>Current '23 Budget</b>	<b>17,457,068</b>
<b>Increase over '22 Budget</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>\$ increase over '22 Budget</b>	<b>1,084,708</b>

#### Recommended by Administration

<u>Department:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reductions</u>
Police	1 Sgt. not filled until 5/1/23	39,000
	2 Patrol not filled until 7/1/23	80,000
Community Development	1 Asst. Planner not filled until 5/1/23	35,000
	NRPC Planning Board coverage	(17,000)
Deputy Town Clerk	1 Deputy T/C not filled until 5/1/23	21,000
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>		
	Training & Training Supplies	
	Clothing	
	Dues & Memberships	
	Books & Periodicals	
	Fire Prevention	
	General & Office Supplies	
	Travel	
	<b>Total Miscellaneous-----&gt;</b>	<b>8,000</b>
	<b>Administrative Recommended Reductions-----&gt;</b>	<b><u>166,000</u></b>

<b>Revised '23 Budget</b>	<b>17,291,068</b>
<b>Increase over '22 Budget</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>\$ increase over '22 Budget</b>	<b>918,708</b>

Supported by Administration

#### Not Recommended by Administration

Ambulance	32 hours Weekend coverage not filled	68,000
Non-Union Cola	1 Month Deferral to 5/1/23	26,000
	<b>Budget Reductions Not Recommended-----&gt;</b>	<b><u>94,000</u></b>

<b>Revised '23 Budget</b>	<b>17,197,068</b>
<b>Increase over '22 Budget</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>\$ increase over '22 Budget</b>	<b>824,708</b>

Not Supported by Administration

#### Additional Details on reduced Ambulance weekend coverage:

32-hours represents 29% of weekly second ambulance coverage (16-hours per day x 7 days equals 112 hours)

The second ambulance responded to 371 calls in 2022

29% of 371 calls equates to 108 calls

Only 75% of calls are transported which equals 81 transports

Using \$600 as the average transport in revenue equals \$48,600

# Town of Milford Warrant & Financials DRAFT BUDGET AND BOND HEARING

January 9, 2023

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 4, 2023, at 9:00 am, to transact all business other than voting, and on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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 14, 2023, 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

## ARTICLE 2 – BALLOT VOTE – ZONING CHANGES

**WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WWTF) UPGRADE PROJECT – \$23,953,000 BOND (Loan Forgiveness \$3,592,950) (Wilton NH Portion \$3,031,611.45) Remaining amount \$17,328,438.55.**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,953,000 for the purposes of constructing a new advanced treatment process to comply with the Town's recently activated EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and to complete other age-related improvements throughout the WWTF, in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen, as applicable, to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgement; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, as applicable, to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, grants or other funds, which may be available for such project that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds or notes; to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) per RSA 486:14, established for this purpose; and, to allow the Board of Selectmen, as applicable, to expend such monies that become available; and, to take such other action or to pass any other votes relative thereto? The WWTF improvements will meet new, more stringent permit limits and upgrade aging equipment to improve operator safety, energy efficiency and operational efficiency to provide uninterrupted essential operations at the WWTF. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 with the total repayment paid for by the sewer users and the taxpayers. Note: as this is for the issuance of long-term debt, this vote under state law requires a ~~60% affirmative vote to pass~~ **3/5 Ballot Vote requirement for passage**. The Board of Commissioners recommends this Article (3-0). The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). (NOTE: Beginning in 2026, this article has an estimated tax impact of \$25.10 based on (55% rate payers/45% taxpayers), on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

#### **WARRANT ARTICLE 4 - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$ 17,457,068**

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 **\$17,457,068**? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$17,041,768** 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 (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (8-0-1). Voting YES on this article has an estimated tax impact of \$19.01 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 when compared to voting NO on this article.**

#### **WARRANT ARTICLE 5 - WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$2,677,050**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,677,050** 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 **\$2,565,859** 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 (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0).**

#### **WARRANT ARTICLE 6 - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$2,083,269**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,083,269** 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 **\$1,775,670**, 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 (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0).**

#### **WARRANT ARTICLE 7 - FIRE ENGINE REPLACEMENT - 7-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$755,000 Gross Purchase Price (Annual Lease Payment \$124,665)**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$755,000 for the lease-purchasing of a fire engine/pumper with appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (to replace the current 1993 Pierce Saber Engine/pumper)? Furthermore, to raise and appropriate \$124,665 for the first year's payment for this purpose. This article includes a provision for a Fiscal Funding Clause and under state law requires a simple majority vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is Non-Lapsing until the Fire Engine is purchased or by 12/31/2028, whichever comes first. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). (NOTE: Beginning in 2025 or the year we take delivery this article has an estimated tax impact of \$6.02 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000), This article has an estimated tax impact of \$6.02 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

#### **WARRANT ARTICLE 8 - 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 (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0).** This Article has an estimated tax impact of **\$19.32** on an assessed valuation of **\$100,000**.



**WARRANT ARTICLE 9 - ONE REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE (5 YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE) (Annual Payment \$60,820 ~~\$52,857~~/Total Purchase Price \$409,000 ~~\$371,922~~)**

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for \$409,000 for the purpose of lease-purchasing one ambulance with the appropriate equipment for Ambulance Department operation to (replace the current 2013-A (3A) Life Line ambulance) and to raise and appropriate \$125,800 from the Ambulance Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as a down payment to reduce the lease/purchase price. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate \$60,820 for the first year's payment for this purpose. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is Non-Lapsing until the Ambulance is purchased or by 12/31/2028, whichever comes first. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (5-4). (NOTE: Beginning in 2025 or the year we take delivery this article has an estimated tax impact of \$2.94 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000), ~~This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$2.55 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.~~**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 10 - AFSCME/POLICE CONTRACT - \$175,398**

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) for contract years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,398 for fiscal year 2023? Said sum represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budget. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$8.47 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

**COST ITEMS:**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<b>Wages</b>	76,400	55,008	42,907	10,727
<b>Benefits</b>	<u>98,998</u>	<u>67,346</u>	<u>61,248</u>	<u>22,812</u>
<b>Total</b>	175,398	122,354	104,155	33,539

**NOTE:**

The Contract calls for an 8% increase as of April 1, 2023, a 4% increase as of April 1, 2024, and a 3% increase for 2025. These figures represent the estimated increases for the first three months of 2026 to cover salary increases to contract termination date of March 31, 2026.

**WARRANT ARTICLE 11 - BANDSTAND RENOVATION - \$90,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$90,000** for the purpose of renovating the Pillsbury Bandstand on the Milford Oval. There will be an expected \$30,000 in private donations to offset this expenditure. The Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project, to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (7-2). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$2.90 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 12 - 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 (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.93 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 13 - TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING CENTER / REVOLVING FUND - \$40,000**

Shall the Town vote to establish a Transfer Station/Recycling Center /Revolving Fund, and dedicate all income from the sale of recyclables for the purpose of repairs, supplies, building needs, and equipment that is used for the purpose of storage, processing, and redistribution of recyclable materials for the Transfer Station/Recycling Center, as allowed pursuant to RSA 31:95-h (II)? The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from 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 upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This authorization will stay in effect until rescinded. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this Article (0-8-1). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.93 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 14 - 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) 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? **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.55 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 15 - MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ELDERLY EXEMPTION CRITERIA - \$30,000**

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for persons 65 years of age up to 75 years \$83,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$124,000; for persons over 80 years of age \$200,500; and to modify the maximum asset limit for both individual and married persons to \$125,000 (excluding the value of the person(s) residence)? To qualify, the person must satisfy all of the conditions of RSA 72:39-a&b that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute including without limitation, that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, that they own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such persons spouse, that they must have been married to each other for at least 5 years, and that they reside at the property as their primary residence. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$40,500, or if married a combined net income of not more than \$46,000. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.45 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 16 - WADLEIGH LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the Library Maintenance and Upkeep Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future library building repairs and improvements of the existing facility for the benefit of the Town approved by voters in 2022? The Library Trustees have been appointed as agents to expend from this fund. The \$25,000 builds upon the Wadleigh Library Maintenance and Upkeep Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2022. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (7-2). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.21 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 17 - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FIREWORKS - \$14,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,000** 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. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this Article (0-9). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.68 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 18 - 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 12/31/24. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.43 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 19 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION SUPPORT - \$8,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** 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 12/31/24. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.39 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 20 - ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE SUPPORT - ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 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 (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (9-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.14 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 21 - RE-ADOPT THE OPTIONAL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT WITH EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY - \$2,000**

~~Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 II – Optional Veteran's Tax Credit of \$400 which, if re-adopted, must be expanded to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces and meet eligibility as described in revised RSA 72:28 and 21:50? This credit was most recently increased and re-adopted by town vote in 2020 and is currently available to any resident of Milford, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident who (1) served not less than 90 days of active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. The current Veteran's property tax credit is \$400. If re-adoption fails with the expanded eligibility, then the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit will default for April 1, 2023 to the \$50 Standard Veteran's Tax and must include the expanded eligibility for all individuals who have not yet been discharged from service provided they meet eligibility requirements as described in the revised RSA 72:28 in effect by April 1, 2023.~~ Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$400? Majority vote is required. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0-1). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.10 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 22 - RE-ADOPT ALL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT WITH EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY - \$2,000**

~~Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 b— All Veteran's Tax Credit of \$400, which, if re-adopted, must be expanded to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces and meet eligibility as described in revised RSA 72:28 b and 21:50? This credit was adopted by town vote in 2018 and is currently available to any resident of Milford, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident who (1) served not less than 90 days of active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. The current credit is \$400, the same amount as the standard or optional veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28. Per a recently revised Veterans Tax Credit Statute (RSA 72:28), if the re-adoption fails with the expanded eligibility, then this All Optional Veteran's Tax Credit will expire by April 1, 2023 and the \$50 Standard Veteran's Tax Credit will be in place for the April 2023 tax year.~~ Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28? Majority vote is required. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0-1). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.10 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 23 - MILFORD COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION - \$0**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the Milford Standard Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan pursuant to RSA 53-E:7, which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to develop and implement Standard Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan as described therein? Under this Community Power Plan, the Town is authorized to buy electricity in bulk for its residents and businesses. The Plan's goal is to help ratepayers save money on their electric bills, while also getting more energy from renewable sources. The Plan will be self-funding, with no amount to be raised from taxation. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this Article (1-7-1). This Article has no tax impact.**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 24 - HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OF THE TOWN OF MILFORD'S FIRE HORN (by petition)**

Shall the voters of the Town of Milford N.H. direct the Board of Selectmen to preserve, maintain in good repair, to replace parts and systems as needed, Milford's historic Fire Horn in perpetuity? To additionally direct the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, or any other municipal department, to reinstate and then continually operate the Fire Horn in its regular and historic daily use in perpetuity. **The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article (1-4). The Budget Advisory Committee takes no position on this warrant article.**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 25 - 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)? **The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article (0-5). The Budget Advisory Committee takes no position on this warrant article.**

Tina Philbrick

Warrant article 7

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**From:** Ken Flaherty  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2023 2:42 PM  
**To:** BOS Members  
**Subject:** Engine/pumper

Good afternoon,

I spoke with the representatives from the dealerships and they are advising that the lead time for a new engine/pumper is almost three years. I would like you to consider the option of not pre-paying for the truck and support payment on delivery.

That would allow us to get today's pricing and would have no tax impact for 2023, 2024, and possibly the 2025 budget years. The difference between the pre-payment discount of \$26,244.00 and the projected 7-9 % (@ 7% is \$52,500.00) increase in the cost of building a truck in 1 year also supports placing it on this year's warrant and not paying for it before delivery.

As I stated I believe with this purchase and the purchase of Rescue/Pumper we can reduce the overall fleet by one engine/pumper. Removing one engine/pumper does not affect our insurance rating or response, but would reduce the CIP and vehicle maintenance budget. This would put us on track with the current CIP replacement schedule.

Kenneth Flaherty  
Chief of Department  
39 School street  
Milford, NH 03055  
603-249-0680  
603-673-0657

**Mark Bender**

Warrant article 9

**From:** Eric Schelberg  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 2:32 PM  
**To:** Paul Calabria  
**Cc:** Mark Bender; Lincoln Daley; Eric Schelberg  
**Subject:** Ambulance Replacement - Warrant Article  
**Attachments:** AMBULANCE ORDER ADVICE - 2023-01-12.docx

Paul,

In follow up to your question regarding the proposed ambulance replacement Warrant Article, specifically if the vehicle could be ordered this year without a down payment and payment delayed until delivery, one vendor to date has replied – Sugarloaf Ambulance & Rescue Vehicles (SARV), the vendor of record for the last ambulance purchase in 2020.

The answer is YES. Attached is a letter from SARV containing said information and encouraging department's to order a vehicle now to get a vehicle in queue as Ford has severely curtailed allocations of chassis'. This option does not require a down payment, nor does it bind the town to the purchase. The department does have a Ford FIN CODE as noted in the letter so that criteria is met.

The department has used a Ford chassis since the late 1970s - 9 ambulances, with relatively few issues. According to SARV regarding other chassis manufacturers – Chevrolet/GMC and Dodge, Chevrolet/GMC discontinued the DuraMax diesel motor and the gasoline replacement is underpowered. Dodge does offer a chassis at a price \$20K greater than the Ford chassis price.

As for pricing, the figure for the ambulance in the proposed warrant article is based on SAVR latest estimate of an ambulance with a similar build specification to the 2020 ambulance. This number is subject to change and will only be 'firmed up' when the chassis arrives at their factory. A contingency factor for the ambulance that cover the cost of upfitting the vehicle, (not durable equipment), and a one-time chassis increase is estimated at 10% or \$27K. The additional durable equipment items included in Warrant may increase another 10% or \$10K bringing the possible total increase to \$37K. The grand total to be raised could be \$409,000.

In light of this information, I propose the ambulance warrant article be rewritten to include the new estimated price and modifying the language to include a "not to exceed" price of \$409,000 and the cost impact is \$0.00 in 2023.

Lastly, As noted in the attached letter, the chassis delivery is 18- to 24-months from order date, plus an additional 3-month build time thereby looking at a delivery time of 21- to 27-months, or receipt in late 2024 or early 2025. With this in mind, I request consideration of authorizing the department to enter into a contract with SAVR, and any other vendor who would bid on the Warrant who offers a no down payment and a non-penalty walk-away clause, to get in the 'queue' for a vehicle chassis. This will reduce the delivery time of a replacement ambulance. SAVR noted the longer we wait, the longer it will take to receive a replacement ambulance.

The department would follow the current town policy of obtaining multiple bids for the ambulance. Additionally, we can include in the RFP a no down payment and a non-penalty walk-away clause.

I look forward to discussing this with all of you.

Eric

**Eric Schelberg**



Speaking to you as your trusted representative of Sugarloaf Ambulance / Rescue Vehicles... By now, you have probably heard about the chassis shortages because of Micro Chip Shortages and other parts, we are on an anticipated delivery of chassis to P L Custom of 18-24 months.

The best advice I have for you today... Order your vehicle now, if you want it within the next two years, because the order banks are getting filled up and the ability to produce new ambulances is getting longer. Even if you don't have the funding right now, you will have plenty of time to get it before your new vehicle arrives.

We (At SARV) have about 55 vehicles on order and deliveries are well into 2024. Your vehicle ordered today will not deliver until 2024 or even 2025.

It takes about a month to six weeks to process an order through engineering at PL and the data that we write in is increasing monthly. Don't delay, Order today. Proposals are only good for a budget number. The pricing will change and is not guaranteed until the chassis has arrived and the vehicle is in production. That is "The Best" advice for today!

As previously advised, Ford has changed the rules for ordering Super Duty Chassis for the 2023 Model Year. In addition to requiring an End User Customer Name, Govt Fleet Identification Number (FIN) Code and a Purchase Order – they have now added an allocation criterion. This allocation is assigned to the end user FIN CODE. It is not just for emergency vehicles or ambulance chassis. The allocation will be applied to all Ford products ordered by this customer/town/FIN code.

Ford has used a five year look back for purchases, averaged them and then cut that number by 50%. So far, most of the customer orders we have submitted have come back with -0- allocation. The next step is for the Ford Dealer to appeal the -0- allocation with documentation and the most Ford will then offer would be ONE – for that FIN Code, not just to us for the ambulance chassis spec we have submitted, but for all ordered units.

Respectfully,

***Ron Morin***

Your Ambulance Facilitator

## 9. Approval of Final Minutes - January 4, 2023

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### MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING

January 04, 2023

**PRESENT:** Paul Dargie, Member  
Tim Finan, Member  
Gary Daniels, Member  
Chris Gentry, Videographer  
Laura Dudziak, Member  
Dave Freel, Member

**1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS:**  
Chairman Dargie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members, and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. APPOINTMENTS – (Approximate times)

##### 5:30 p.m. – NHDOT Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Application – Letter of Support Nashua Street and Ponemah Hill Road Sidewalk Improvement Project

The previous meeting on this topic resulted in a 2/2 vote. This is a follow-up meeting to discuss the subject with the full Board present.

The Office of Community Development is seeking Board of Selectmen support to submit a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) application to the NH Department of Transportation seeking funding to expand and link the municipal sidewalk network systems along a prominent section Nashua Street and Ponemah Hill Road. The application requires local letters of support from municipal officials and boards and other stakeholders.

The CMAQ funds, if awarded, will allow for needed pedestrian improvements, improve traffic mitigation, and reduce the congestion within the project area and greater community. The sidewalks will serve the residents and general public by providing non-vehicular linkages and access to housing, employment, services, and public facilities along the Town's primary commercial and multi-family corridor.

The CMAQ program is a federally funded reimbursement program administered within NH by the Department of Transportation that provides up to 80% of funds for projects that improve air quality by reducing the number of vehicular emissions. The Town would be required to provide the 20% match. The anticipated cost to engineer and then construct the pedestrian improvements is approximately \$989,000. The Town would be responsible for approximately \$197,800.

Selectman Daniels asked who was applying for the application. Terrey Dolan, Town Planner, said the Town. Selectman Daniels noted that the letter states that the NRPC is submitting the application.

Selectman Daniels had concerns as he has yet to see the application; he was told that it wasn't complete and he would have it sometime this week. He is confused as to the role of NRPC in this. Mr. Dolan said the Town is the lead for this application, and NRPC was the lead for the transit application project.

Janet Langdell, Planning Board Member and NRPC Representative, said the letter is a cut-and-paste issue made in error and should say, "Submitted by the Town of Milford".

Selectman Daniels referenced a sentence stating that this has been discussed by the Town for over 10 years and remains a priority. He disputes that statement because in 2013 this was not supported by the Board of Selectmen 1/3 and it was rejected by voters. In 2020, the Selectmen chose not to put this on the warrants so it was submitted by petition and was opposed by the Board 2/3 this was also rejected by voters. In 2021 this was again submitted by petition and the Board opposed the warrant by 2/3 and it was rejected by voters a third time. Chairman Dargie said it's a priority for some people. Selectman Daniels said it's misleading.

Selectman Finan said if the Planning Department continues to bring it back it is a priority to the Board. Selectman Freel said it should say that the Planning Board feels it's a priority. Selectman Daniels said it infers that the Milford Board of Selectman is in favor and that isn't correct. Selectman Finan said the majority vote of any Board is the position of that Board, then that is a correct statement. Selectman Dudziak suggests taking out the sentence that references priority. Chairman Dargie said it could be changed to a majority of the Board of Selectmen, although it doesn't change anything.

Selectman Daniels asked if Milford had access to the FTP website. Mr. Dolan said he would have to get back to him on that question. Selectman Daniels said a supporting letter can be attached to the application, but it doesn't say anything about non-supporting letters if someone wanted to submit one.



DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 01/04/2023

64 Selectman Freel said he can't figure out how having sidewalks will reduce vehicle emissions. He also has concerns about  
65 raising the money. He isn't saying it isn't a good idea. He feels the money should be spent on something else that reduces  
66 emissions. Just because it's free money doesn't mean we need to use it. He doesn't feel a need for this.

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68 Selectman Finan said his support for this has nothing to do with emissions. He supports connectivity and safety in this  
69 town. Using money like this is the same as taking over \$600,000 from the state to pave roads. There was additional dis-  
70 cussion about why this would reduce emissions and whether or not the sidewalks would be used. Selectman Daniels is  
71 concerned about the upkeep and maintenance of the sidewalks.

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73 Selectman Daniels said this money is normally in the 10-year plan and it was withdrawn from that plan. Ms. Langdell said  
74 federal people who create these grants are doing their homework on what is allowed. They know what is allowed and not  
75 allowed and accepted. This would improve pedestrian safety and safety on those two streets. It would have a public health  
76 benefit and complete a connection between our downtown and the east side retail area.

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78 Selectman Finan said he is in support due to the timing of the big developments coming to that area. We could potentially  
79 get contributions. Selectman Daniels said it would be better to negotiate and find out what the businesses could contribute  
80 to the projects first.

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82 Selectman Daniels said that he was told that all sidewalk money has been removed from the 10-year plan. He didn't find  
83 that in the 10-year plan. Ms. Langdell asked if Selectman Daniels was talking about the fact that this project was in the 10-  
84 year plan before but was removed at the last hearing by Councilman Wheeler in favor of some other plan. This money was  
85 granted to us in the last CMAQ cycle. It wasn't supported and after that, the project was removed. We are now starting up  
86 the 10-year cycle again and this money is there. There are also other sidewalk projects in the 10-year plan.

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88 Selectman Freel asked if anyone from Milford has reached out to see if this money was available. Selectman Finan said  
89 Lincoln Daley specifically asked if we should be doing this and he was told yes. Chairman Dargie said the message that  
90 Mr. Daley received was that the application would be looked upon favorably. Not that it would be approved, but go ahead  
91 and apply. This would be a 2024 vote, but it would be decided what programs were funded before that time.

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93 Ms. Langdell said all 13 communities can apply for CMAQ grants. There are twice as many submittals of inquiry as there  
94 is money available, the money is there. This is reviewed and scored extensively and ranked and the top ones go to Concord  
95 for additional review. Nothing underhanded is going on. The group reviewing everything is a cross-board panel and  
96 doesn't include any staff members from NRPC.

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98 There was additional discussion on who was completing applications and some confusion about two sets of requests. There  
99 also was a discussion on the process of going after grants.

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101 Selectman Finan moved to support the submission of a letter of support for the sidewalk CMAQ program with changes  
102 suggested. Seconded by Selectman Dudzkak. The motion passed 3/2 with Selectman Daniels and Selectman Freel op-  
103 posed.

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105 Selectman Daniels said the minority will be submitting a letter of non-support to be included with the supporting letter and  
106 application. Chairman Dargie asked that it be sent to Community Development.

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108 **3. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Dudziak moved to adjourn at 6:20. Seconded by Selectman Daniels. All were in**  
109 **favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

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Paul Dargie, Chairman

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Tim Finan, Vice-Chairman

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Gary Daniels, Member

## 9. Approval of Final Minutes - January 9, 2023

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### MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

January 09, 2023

**PRESENT:** Paul Dargie, Member  
Tim Finan, Member  
Gary Daniels, Member  
Laura Dudziak, Member  
Dave Freel, Member  
Mark Bender, Excused  
Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant  
Andy Kouropoulos, Videographer

**1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS:**  
Chairman Dargie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members, and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. APPOINTMENTS – (Approximate times)

##### 5:30 p.m. – Announcement of New Town Administrator

Chairman Dargie announced that Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director, will be the new Town Administrator starting February 12, 2023.

Mr. Daley is a Professional Municipal Planner with 20 years of experience, proficient in long-term comprehensive planning, master planning, and community and economic development with land use and community long-scale projects. This background will be extremely helpful as a Town Administrator. Mr. Daley previously worked for the town in Community Development. He has worked in three other towns and has been back in Milford since 2015.

##### 5:35 p.m. – Approval as a Full Member to the Milford Community Power Committee – Eric Fischer (Term Expires 2025)

In Summary, Mr. Fischer has an excellent background in CyberSecurity, Data Security, and Data Loss Prevention and has worked with Federal agencies including; the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, and civilian agencies. Currently, Mr. Fischer is an on-call Emergency Medical Technician for the Town of Lyndeborough.

Mike Thornton pointed out a survey for the Energy Plan. A link to the survey is on the Towns website.

**Selectman Freel made a motion to approve Eric Fischer as a full member of the Milford Community Power Committee with a term expiring in 2025. Seconded by Selectman Daniels. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

##### 5:40 p.m. – Downtown Improvement Presentation Preliminary Concept – Community Development Director, Lincoln Daley, and Greg Bakos, Engineering Consultant.

Mr. Daley said this is an update to the Board regarding the status of the Milford Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Improvements project and to present the initial design concepts for both the downtown Oval area and Nashua Street (between Tonella Road and Clinton Street). The Board had previously expressed a strong desire to be involved in the design stage for both project areas. This represents the first opportunity for members to ask questions/provide needed guidance and a precursor to the required public stakeholder meeting to occur later this month. This was approved by voters in 2007 and 2009. It passed both times. The amount of \$155,000 was raised as 25% of the Town's required remaining match of \$620,000 to obtain the full Federal transportation earmarked funding of \$2,400,000. There will be 4 phases to complete the project in about 3 to 4 years. This is the first of many public meetings.

The conceptual design for both areas of the project was presented by Greg Bakos. Mr. Bakos said this is an unscheduled meeting. The next public meeting will be presented to the public. The engineering study has not been completed. They are in the conceptual stage so there is room for refinement.

##### **Project considerations:**

- Traffic circulation and truck maneuverability
- ADA compliance and pedestrian safety
- Parking demotions will be considered
- Aesthetics
- Lighting, with a focus on where the crosswalks are

##### **Proposed Oval Improvements:** Cost would be around \$1.2 million

- Removal of a non-conformant parking spot
- Raised turn lane like what is on South Street
- Input bump outs for better visibility
- Expanding the triangle towards the Post Office
- Proposing moving a crosswalk next to Union St.
- Possibly converting Middle Street to one way

63 There was additional discussion about parking spaces and curb safety. Some curbs are too high and some are too low, both  
64 can cause tripping hazards. There could be pushback on the historical curbing of the Oval.  
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66 **Proposed Nashua Street considerations:**

- 67 • Traffic Operations and Safety
- 68 • ADA compliance and pedestrian safety
- 69 • Multimodal Accommodations
- 70 • Right of Way constraints
- 71 • Expanding sidewalk
- 72 • Dual use turn lane
- 73 • Addition of a left turn lane at Tonella Road

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75 Chairman Dargie feels that alternative 2 won't work.  
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77 Lynn Coakley, a Milford resident, asked if they would be reconfiguring the County Stores parking lot because of the diffi-  
78 culty of seeing traffic when leaving that lot.  
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80 Chip Polick, a Milford business owner, said we all want more safety but we are going to lose parking spots. He has con-  
81 cerns about eliminating a crosswalk due to traffic safety concerns. He will get together with Lincoln Daley with other ques-  
82 tions.  
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84 Dean Chappel, a Milford resident, drives tractor-trailers through the oval a lot. Adding anything to those islands will hinder  
85 getting the trucks through. He also has concerns about removing the crosswalk on the oval and closer to the school.  
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87 Ammy Rice, a Milford resident, said you can't get to Mont Vernon and Lyndeborough without going through the oval. She  
88 also has concerns about trucking.  
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90 Janet Langdell, a Milford resident, said she would hope before the next public hearing that VHB and Community Devel-  
91 opment will take into consideration of the potential impact and increased traffic on Bridge Street and School Street. She  
92 also has concerns about future bus stops with the possibility of public transit and the current bus that drops people off in  
93 front of Town Hall.  
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95 Aaron Caplan, a Milford business owner, also has concerns about the raised curbing in the oval and the loss of parking  
96 spots. Mr. Daley said it won't be raised. Selectman Freel said it would be flush brick. It will be similar to South Street.  
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98 **At this point, the Board went into the Bond hearing.**  
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100 **6:30 p.m. – Budget and Bond Hearing (see separate minutes)**  
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102 **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (regarding items that are not on the agenda)** There were no comments at this time.  
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104 **4. DECISIONS**

105 **a. CONSENT CALENDAR**

106 1. Approval of two (2) Polling Notification Forms for the Deliberative Session and Town Vote.  
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108 **Selectman Freel made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Selectman Daniels. All were in favor.**  
109 **The motion passed 5/0.**  
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111 **b. OTHER DECISIONS**

112 1. N/A

113 **5. TOWN STATUS REPORT – N/A**  
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115 **6. DISCUSSIONS**

116 1. Warrant Article Votes  
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**DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 01/09/2023**

118 **WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WWTF) UPGRADE PROJECT – \$23,953,000 BOND**  
119 **(Loan Forgiveness \$3,592,950) (Wilton NH Portion \$3,031,611.45) (20% SAG Grant \$3,465,687.71) Remaining amount**  
120 **\$13,862,750.84.**

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122 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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124 **WARRANT ARTICLE 4 - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$ 17,457,068**

125  
126 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 4/1 with Selectman Daniels opposed.

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128 **WARRANT ARTICLE 7 - FIRE ENGINE REPLACEMENT - 7-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$755,000 Gross Purchase Price**  
129 **(Annual Lease Payment \$124,665)**

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131 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3/2 with Selectman Daniels and Freel opposed.

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133 **WARRANT ARTICLE 8 - RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS - \$ 400,000**

134  
135 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 4/1 with Selectmen Daniels opposed.

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137 **WARRANT ARTICLE 9 - ONE REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE (5 YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE) (Annual Payment**  
138 **\$52,857/Total Purchase Price \$371,922)**

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140 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3/2 with Selectman Daniels and Freel opposed.

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142 **WARRANT ARTICLE 10 - AFSCME/POLICE CONTRACT - \$175,398**

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144 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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146 **WARRANT ARTICLE 11 - BANDSTAND RENOVATION - \$90,000**

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148 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3/2 with Selectman Daniels and Freel opposed.

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150 **WARRANT ARTICLE 12 - SOCIAL SERVICES - \$40,000**

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152 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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154 **WARRANT ARTICLE 13 - TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING CENTER / REVOLVING FUND - \$40,000**

155  
156 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 4/1 with Selectman Dargie opposed.

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158 **WARRANT ARTICLE 14 - NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES –**  
159 **\$32,000**

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161 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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163 **WARRANT ARTICLE 15 - MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ELDERLY EXEMPTION CRITERIA - \$30,000**

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165 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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167 **WARRANT ARTICLE 16 - WADLEIGH LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000.**

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169 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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171 **WARRANT ARTICLE 17 - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FIREWORKS - \$14,000**

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173 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 4/1 with Selectman Daniels opposed.

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175 **WARRANT ARTICLE 18 - ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE SUPPORT - \$10,000**

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177 The Selectmen voted to not recommend this warrant article 2/3 with Selectman Daniels, Dudziak and Freel opposed.

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 01/09/2023**

179 Later in the meeting, Selectman Daniels made a motion to decrease the amount from \$10,000 to \$3,000 because there is  
180 over \$13,500 already in the account, and the average parade costs around \$15,000. Selectman Freel seconded. All were in  
181 favor. The motion passed 5/0

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183 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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185 **WARRANT ARTICLE 19 - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS SUPPORT - \$9,000**

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187 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/3 with Selectman Daniels and Selectman Freel opposed.

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189 **WARRANT ARTICLE 20 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION SUPPORT - \$8,000**

190  
191 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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193 **WARRANT ARTICLE 21 - RE-ADOPT THE OPTIONAL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT WITH EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY -**  
194 **\$5,000**

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196 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 4/0/1 with Selectman Daniels abstaining.

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198 **WARRANT ARTICLE 22 - RE-ADOPT ALL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT WITH EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY - \$5,000**

199  
200 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 4/0/1 with Selectman Daniels abstaining.

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203 **WARRANT ARTICLE 23 - MILFORD COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION - \$0**

204  
205 The Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 5/0.

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207 **WARRANT ARTICLE 24 - HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OF THE TOWN OF MILFORD'S FIRE HORN by Petition**

208  
209 The Selectmen voted to not recommend this warrant article 1/4 with Selectman Dargie, Selectman Finan, Selectman Dan-  
210 iels and Selectman Dudziak opposed

211  
212 An additional petition warrant article came into the Town Clerks office late today.

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214 **WARRANT ARTICLE 25 – ELECT MEMBERS OF THE MILFORD PLANNING BOARD by Petition**

215  
216 The Selectmen voted to not recommend this warrant article 0/5.

217  
218 Selectman Finan asked Selectman Daniels what it would take for him to vote yes on warrant article 4, Town Operating  
219 Budget. Selectman Daniels said he would like to see the percentage go down to 5%,

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221 **2. Designation of Majority and Minority Report Authors 2023**

**Majority                  Minority**

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223 **WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**  
224 **(WWTF) UPGRADE PROJECT – \$23,953,000 BOND**  
225 **(Loan Forgiveness \$3,592,950) (Wilton NH Portion \$3,031,611.45)**  
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Selectman Finan

227 **WARRANT ARTICLE 4 - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET**  
228 **- \$ 17,457,068**

Selectman Dargie                  Selectman Daniels

229 **WARRANT ARTICLE 7 - FIRE ENGINE REPLACEMENT - 7-YEAR LEASE**  
230 **/PURCHASE - \$755,000 Gross Purchase Price (Annual Lease Payment \$124,665)**

Selectman Dudziak                  Selectman Freel

231 **WARRANT ARTICLE 8 - RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS - \$ 400,000**

Selectman Dargie                  Selectman Daniels

232 **WARRANT ARTICLE 9 - ONE REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE (5 YEAR**  
233 **LEASE/PURCHASE) (Annual Payment \$52,857/Total Purchase Price \$371,922)**

Selectman Dudziak                  Selectman Freel

234 **WARRANT ARTICLE 10 - AFSCME/POLICE CONTRACT - \$175,398**

Selectman Dargie

235 **WARRANT ARTICLE 11 - BANDSTAND RENOVATION - \$90,000**

Selectman Dargie                  Selectman Daniels

236 **WARRANT ARTICLE 12 - SOCIAL SERVICES - \$40,000**

Selectman Dudziak

237 **WARRANT ARTICLE 13 - TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING CENTER /**  
238 **REVOLVING FUND - \$40,000**

Selectman Daniels                  Selectman Dargie

**DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 01/09/2023**

239	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 14 - NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY</b>	Selectman Dudziak	
240	TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES – \$32,000		
241	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 15 - MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ELDERLY</b>	Selectman Finan	
242	EXEMPTION CRITERIA - \$30,000		
243	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 16 - WADLEIGH LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND</b>	Selectman Freel	
244	UPKEEP CAPITAL RESERVE - \$25,000		
245	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 17 - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION</b>	Selectman Dargie	Selectman Daniels
246	FIREWORKS - \$14,000		
247	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 18 - ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE SUPPORT</b>	Selectman Freel	
248	- \$10,000		
249	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 19 - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS SUPPORT - \$9,000</b>	Selectman Dudziak	Selectman Daniels
250	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 20 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS &amp; LABOR DAY</b>	Selectman Finan	
251	PARADES AND RECOGNITION SUPPORT - \$8,000		
252	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 21 - RE-ADOPT THE OPTIONAL VETERAN'S</b>	Selectman Finan	
253	TAX CREDIT WITH EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY - \$5,000		
254	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 22 - RE-ADOPT ALL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT WITH</b>	Selectman Finan	
255	EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY - \$5,000		
256	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 23 - MILFORD COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY</b>	Selectman Freel	
257	AGGREGATION - \$0		
258	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 24 - HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OF THE</b>	Selectman Dargie	Selectman Freel
259	TOWN OF MILFORD'S FIRE HORN by petition		
260	<b>WARRANT ARTICLE 25 – ELECT MEMBERS OF THE MILFORD</b>	Selectman Finan	
261	PLANNING BOARD by petition		
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263 In reference to Selectman Daniels wanting to reduce Town Operating Budget Warrant Article down to 5%, Mr. Calabria  
264 said the budget would have to be reduced by \$260,000 to get to the number Selectman Daniels wants.

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266 Mr. Calabria reminded the Board that they already signed off on wages and the 2022 COLA for the non-union employees  
267 to retain employees. This accounts for 77% of the increase in the 2022 budget.

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269 Selectman Finan asked when the Warrants have to be posted before Deliberative. Tina Philbrick, the Executive Assistant,  
270 said the warrants have to be posted by January 30, 2023.

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272 Selectman Daniels asked what we would cut if we went into a default budget. Mr. Calabria said we would cut training that  
273 was not already mandated by the state. Departments with open positions would be asked to not fill those positions. We  
274 would delay cost of living adjustments for non-union employees. An example he used was DPW, everyone is worried  
275 about the streets in this town, and DPW's budget would be on the list to be cut. We are hoping for a 50.1% vote in March  
276 and a 5/0 recommendation by the Board. The BAC has strongly indicated a vote because they know that keeping staff in  
277 this town is a huge issue.

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279 Chairman Dargie asked Finance to make a list of cuts we would have to make to get down to the 5% with the number of  
280 \$260,000 quoted.

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282 **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (regarding items that are not on the agenda)**

283  
284 Andrea Kokko, asked where we were in this process for the Downtown Improvements. She and others have concerns. She  
285 is also concerned with the narrowing of the oval, that we won't be able to have the Pumpkin Festival because the oval  
286 needs two lanes when the festival is held. Mr. Daley said we are in the beginning stages and anyone can e-mail him with  
287 questions. We intend to have a required public hearing later this month people will be allowed to voice their concerns and  
288 he will make Mr. Bakos aware of the Pumpkin Festival concerns.

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290 **8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS**

- 291 a) **FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**
- 292 b) **OTHER ITEMS (that are not on the agenda)**

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294 **9. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES - Selectman Dudziak moved to approve the minutes of December 27, 2022, as**  
295 **amended. Seconded by Selectman Freel. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.**

297 **10. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.**

298 a. N/A

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300 **11. NOTICES.** Notices were read.

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302 **12. NON-PUBLIC SESSION –**

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304 **13. ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman Freel moved to adjourn at 9:10. Seconded by Selectman Daniels. All were in fa-  
305 vor. The motion passed 5/0.

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Paul Dargie, Chairman

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Laura Dudziak, Member

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Tim Finan, Vice-Chairman

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Dave Freel, Member

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Gary Daniels, Member

# 9. Approval of Final Minutes - January 9, 2023 (Budget and Bond Hearing)

**DRAFT**

## MINUTES OF THE BUDGET & BOND PUBLIC HEARING

January 9, 2023

**PRESENT:** Paul Dargie, Chairman  
Tim Finan, Vice Chairman  
Gary Daniels, Member  
Laura Dudziak, Member  
Dave Freel, Member  
Mark Bender Town Administrator, Excused  
Andy Kouropoulos, Videographer  
Department Heads & Senior Staff:  
Members of the Public

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

Chairman Dargie opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. thanking everyone in attendance. Chairman Dargie introduced members of the Board of Selectmen. Karen Mitchell, Budget Advisory Committee, introduced the Budget Advisory Committee Members. Dale White introduced the Water Commissioners and Water Utilities Director.

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

**Chairman Dargie opened the Bond hearing.**

## BOND HEARINGS

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### WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WWTF) UPGRADE PROJECT – \$23,953,000 BOND (Loan Forgiveness \$3,592,950) (Wilton NH Portion \$3,031,611.45) (20% SAG Grant \$3,465,687.71) Remaining amount \$13,862,750.84.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,953,000 for the purposes of constructing a new advanced treatment process to comply with the Town's recently activated EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and to complete other age-related improvements throughout the WWTF, in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen, as applicable, to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and other conditions in their judgement; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, as applicable, to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, grants or other funds, which may be available for such project that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds or notes; to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) per RSA 486:14, established for this purpose; and, to allow the Board of Selectmen, as applicable, to expend such monies that become available; and, to take such other action or to pass any other votes relative thereto? The WWTF improvements will meet new, more stringent permit limits and upgrade aging equipment to improve operator safety, energy efficiency, and operational efficiency to provide uninterrupted essential operations at the WWTF. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 with the total repayment paid for by the sewer users and the taxpayers. Note: as this is for the issuance of long-term debt, this vote under state law requires a 60% affirmative vote to pass. **The Board of Commissioners recommends this Article (3-0). The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). (NOTE: Beginning in 2026, this article has an estimated tax impact of \$19.50 based on (55% ratepayers/45% taxpayers), on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

Chairman Dargie gave a brief overview of the Bond project. It's roughly \$24 million for the entire project. The facility is 40 years old and needs to be updated. There is a new permit for discharging into the river that requires adding a tertiary portion of it to the system. Jim Pouliot, Water Utilities Director said it's to remove metals and phosphorus and they have to meet compliance by 2025. Chairman Dargie said we have to meet the EPA's new requirement for the permit. This project is needed. The bond will start after the project is completed in 2026. After all the grants, loan forgiveness, and the Town of Wilton's share, the remaining to be funding is \$13.8 million.

Mr. Pouliot said they don't have the SAG grant yet. They will be applying for it in June, so the language shouldn't be on the warrant article. Chairman Dargie asked Mr. Pouliot to work with Finance to get the correct numbers put on the warrant. The Selectmen and Commissioners have agreed that the ratepayers will pay 55% of the cost and the taxpayers will pay 45%.

Pete Basiliere, a Milford resident, asked that the (55% ratepayers/45% taxpayers) section at the end of the warrant article be embedded into the warrant article. Tina Philbrick, Executive Assistant said they can send it to the DRA. They are strict as to what can and can't be placed in a warrant article.



61 Dale White, Water Commissioner, said they don't have the SAG Grant yet. They can't apply for it until the warrant article  
62 is approved and voted on. We don't know if we will be approved or not but we have been told that there is a very high  
63 chance that we will be approved for it.  
64

65 Bob Courage, Water Commissioner, said they were fortunate to borrow the money from the state revolving fund at 2.5%  
66 interest on a 20-year bond. The temporary borrowing that we will need during the financing of the project is at 1% interest  
67 and that will be until we start making our bond payment. The first payment will be due one year after completion which  
68 might be around 2027 or 2028 due to delays in materials for the project. It isn't anything that will be coming soon.  
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70 Selectman Freel asked how much would be expended during the project before the final payment. Mr. Pouliot said there  
71 would be a monthly disbursement amount which can vary. The final check doesn't get disbursed until the Engineering firm  
72 signs off on the project.  
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74 **There were no other comments.**  
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76 **Chairman Dargie closed the Bond hearing.**

77 **TOWN BUDGET HEARING**  
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80 **WARRANT ARTICLE 4 - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$ 17,457,068**  
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82 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles  
83 and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts outlined in the budget for the purposes set forth herein, totaling  
84 \$17,457,068? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$17,041,768 which is the same as last year with  
85 certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meet-  
86 ing in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. **The Board of Se-**  
87 **lectmen recommends this Article (3-1). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). Voting**  
88 **YES on this article has an estimated tax impact of \$19.01 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 when compared to**  
89 **voting NO on this article.**  
90

91 Finance Director, Paul Calabria, gave a brief overview of the town budget. The proposed budget includes a 7% increase for  
92 town non-union employees. Also included in the budget are the three firemen that were approved last year. Also included  
93 were wage adjustments that the Board unanimously approved for DPW in May and Ambulance, Fire, and various staff in-  
94 creases that were approved in October. These adjustments with benefits make up 77% of the budget increase between 2022  
95 and 2023. It also includes debt service, utilities cost, MACC Base increase, etc. The budget represents a 6.6% increase  
96 from last year. We are trying to retain our current employees and fill unfilled positions. We have averaged a 21% turnover  
97 of salary employees in each of the last three years. The hourly employee turnover in the last three years is 29%. If this  
98 passes it will result in a \$66 increase in taxes on a home valued at \$350,000 over your taxes from last year to maintain the  
99 level of services that we have right now.  
100

101 Chris Labonte, a Milford resident, said the original budget proposed was 8.8% and the difference was \$350,000 which was  
102 spent down with 2022 surplus money. So in the numbers game, it's showing a 6.8% increase now so in truth there is another  
103 \$300,000 there. Surplus money that was due back to the taxpayer was purchased ahead of the 2023 budget. The increase in  
104 the 2023 budget is higher. He wants to make sure that the numbers are correct taking the shell game out of it. He just wants  
105 verification that the numbers are higher, he's not saying that this is a bad budget. Selectman Freel said if the public was  
106 watching, they would understand this.  
107

108 Chairman Dargie said we are not taking more money. Whether the money is left in 2022 and returned and the 2023 budget  
109 is higher, or whatever money that was left over in 2022 is used to purchase things out of the budget, as far as the taxpayers  
110 go, it's the same. When your taxes are calculated next fall, it's the same number. Mr. Labonte said he agrees and disagrees.  
111 It's not taking any more money out of the pocket by utilizing the surplus in 2022, keep in mind that when you start planning  
112 the 2024 budget, you would have spent \$300,000 and something of the 2022 money on top of the 2023 money to make  
113 those numbers all work. If there is no surplus in 2023, it will be a huge impact on the taxpayers.  
114

115 Mr. Calabria said this isn't a number or shell game. We have a deficit between our proposed budget and the default budget  
116 of close to \$700,000. If we got a default budget, the services in this town would be drastically affected. We mitigated that  
117 by taking some surplus money and buying things out of the 2023 budget. To put a default difference of \$700,000 in a war-  
118 rant article would have doomed our proposed budget and would have affected benefits. Most of the \$400,000 difference is  
119 employee-driven.  
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121 Katherine Kokko, a Milford resident, asked for the budgeted expenditure for the lease of Crown Castle. Mr. Calabria said it  
122 was in the Police Communications line item that was posted today.

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124 **There were no other comments.**

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126 **Chairman Dargie opened the Water/Wastewater Budget Hearing.**

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129 **WATER/WASTEWATER BUDGET HEARING**

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131 **WARRANT ARTICLE 5 - WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$2,677,050**

132  
133 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,677,050 to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Fa-  
134 cility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user  
135 charges, or take any other action relative thereto? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,565,859  
136 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town, or by law; or the govern-  
137 ing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operat-  
138 ing budget only. This warrant article is paid for by the wastewater user fees. **The Board of Commissioners recommends**  
139 **this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).**

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141 Andrea Chappell, a Milford resident, asked what the fee increase to the water and wastewater will be to the users. Mr.  
142 Pouliot said there will be no increase to the sewer user rate and they don't have the numbers of the increase for the water  
143 users rate increase yet. Ms. Chappell suggested that the increase be stated in the warrant article.

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145 **There were no other comments.**

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147 **WARRANT ARTICLE 6 - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$2,083,269**

148  
149 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,083,269 to operate and maintain the Water Department, said  
150 appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? Should  
151 this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,775,670, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments re-  
152 quired by previous actions of the Town, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with  
153 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  
154 user fees. **The Board of Commissioners recommends this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends**  
155 **this Article (0-0).**

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157 **There were no other comments.**

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159 Chairman Dargie opened the appropriation warrant articles portion of the hearing.

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162 **APPROPRIATION WARRANT ARTICLES**

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164 **WARRANT ARTICLE 7 - FIRE ENGINE REPLACEMENT - 7-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$755,000 Gross Pur-**  
165 **chase Price (Annual Lease Payment \$124,665)**

166  
167 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of  
168 \$755,000 for the lease-purchasing of a fire engine/pumper with appropriate equipment for Fire Department operation (it will  
169 replace the current 1993 Pierce Saber Engine/pumper)? Furthermore, to raise and appropriate \$124,665 for the first year's  
170 payment for this purpose. With the passage of this article, future payments will be included in the operating budget. This is  
171 a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This article includes a provision for a Fiscal Funding Clause and un-  
172 der state law requires a simple majority vote to pass. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0). The Budg-**  
173 **et Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This article has an estimated tax impact of \$6.02 on an as-**  
174 **essed valuation of \$100,000.**

175  
176 Karen Mitchell, BAC Member, asked if the Board would consider changing this to a 10-year bond instead of a lease. Every  
177 tax impact we see is going to be hard on the taxpayers and if we can make this a bond it would make it a zero tax impact for  
178 this coming year. Mr. Calabria said he wasn't sure we could bond equipment. Chairman Dargie said it can't be changed  
179 because we just had the bond hearing.

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181 Mr. Calabria said he will look into a longer lease, but the rate will be higher. Mr. Labonte said 2023 has a high payout for  
182 debt service and 2024 is lower. Ms. Mitchell said the Fire Truck could have been bonded. She suggests that we state that  
183 we don't pay for this until we get it. Mr. Calabria said that because of supply issues, the Fire Chief is receiving a \$30,000

184 discount to pay upfront; we did the same thing for the last ambulance we purchased. Ms. Mitchell said she understands we  
185 would not get a discount but she's more concerned about not getting the fire engine, town operating budget, and other things.  
186 If we could get the tax impact down to zero, she doesn't believe it would delay receipt of the fire engine beyond two years.  
187 Chairman Dargie said they would word it like what is being done in warrant article 3 for when the tax impact would hit.  
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189 **There were no other comments.**

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191 **WARRANT ARTICLE 8 - RECONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS - \$ 400,000**

192  
193 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 to reconstruct or repair Town roads? This will be a non-  
194 lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-1). The Budget Advisory**  
195 **Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$19.32 on an assessed valuation**  
196 **of \$100,000.**

197  
198 Karen Mitchell asked what the entire original block grant spent on this year. Leo Lessard, Public Works Director, said  
199 some of the block grant for \$328,000 was used for hot top supplies and crack filling. He didn't do the crack filling and a lot  
200 of the hot top supplies because he put the money into paving. So it was taken out but put back into the paving budget. The  
201 line item for the paving budget was \$196,000 but was increased with the paving supply money. Ms. Mitchell said that the  
202 block grant should be for pavement and equipment, not supplies. Ms. Mitchell stated that "normally the Roads article was  
203 \$300,000 and we increased it this year which increased the tax impact on this article which makes it harder to pass. The  
204 paving budget is a concern for her. She would like the paving budget increased and the roads fixed. Chairman Dargie said  
205 the roads are not just paving, other aspects go into it.  
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207 Selectman Freel said all the sidewalks are in a bad state. He thinks the warrant article should include sidewalks. Mr. Les-  
208 sard said the warrant article is set up for roads only. Mr. Calabria will ask if the article can be used for sidewalks.  
209

210 Scott Kimball, a Milford resident, said there is a line item for sidewalk maintenance for \$5,000. There are places to put  
211 money to fix this if we want. Mr. Lessard said he thought he could use the warrant article to repair what they are rebuilding  
212 but not for just sidewalks.  
213

214 Mr. Basiliere, questioned the way article 4 is written, specifically the amount of the increase in taxes. Mr. Calabria said the  
215 tax rate is based on the difference between the budget and the default budget. There was additional discussion. Selectman  
216 Freel explained how he easily interpreted it. This comment comes up every few years and it doesn't matter how its present-  
217 ed, it's going to be confusing.  
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219 **There were other no comments.**

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221 **WARRANT ARTICLE 9 - ONE REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE (5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE) (Annual**  
222 **Payment \$52,857/Total Purchase Price \$371,922)**

223  
224 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw \$125,800 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve  
225 account and enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause, which will protect the Town in  
226 the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease-purchasing one ambulance with the appropriate equipment for  
227 Ambulance Department operation to replace the current 2013-A (3A) Braun ambulance and to raise and appropriate the sum  
228 of \$52,857 for the first year's payment for this purpose? The total purchase price of this vehicle is \$371,922. If this article  
229 passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance  
230 with RSA 32. This article includes a provision for a Fiscal Funding Clause and under state law requires a simple majority  
231 vote to pass. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends**  
232 **this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$2.55 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**  
233

234 Mr. Labonte said this warrant article received a tie vote in CIP as far as putting this off to 2024.  
235

236 Ms. Seward said equipment should be in the budget, not in this warrant article. She asked about a 7-year lease. Chairman  
237 Dargie said we would pay more in interest on a longer lease.  
238

239 **There were no other comments.**

240  
241 **WARRANT ARTICLE 10 - AFSCME/POLICE CONTRACT - \$175,398**

242  
243 Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)  
244 reached between the Board of Selectmen and Local 3657 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal  
245 Employees (AFSCME) for contract years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 (1 April – 31 March) which calls for the following

246 increases in salaries and benefits, and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,398 for fiscal year 2023? Said sum  
247 represents the additional costs over those of the current appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the expiring  
248 Agreement. Upon approval of this Article, said cost allocation is to be transferred to the General Operating Budget. **The**  
249 **Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).**  
250 **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$8.47 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

251  
252 **There were no other comments.**

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254 **WARRANT ARTICLE 11 - BANDSTAND RENOVATION - \$90,000**

255  
256 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for the purpose of renovating the Pillsbury Bandstand on  
257 the Milford Oval. There will be an expected \$30,000 in private donations to offset this expenditure. The Board of Selectmen  
258 are hereby authorized to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said  
259 project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project, to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote  
260 hereunder or take any other action relative thereto? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The**  
261 **Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (2-2). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).**  
262 **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$2.90 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

263  
264 **There were no comments regarding this warrant article.**

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266 **WARRANT ARTICLE 12 - SOCIAL SERVICES - \$40,000**

267  
268 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000, for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service  
269 agencies for Milford residents as proposed by the Social Services Committee and submitted to the Board of Selectmen?  
270 This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0).**  
271 **The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.93 on**  
272 **an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

273  
274 **There were no other comments.**

275  
276 **WARRANT ARTICLE 13 - TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING CENTER / REVOLVING FUND - \$40,000**

277  
278 Shall the Town vote to establish a Transfer Station/Recycling Center /Revolving Fund, and dedicate all income from the  
279 sale of recyclables for the purpose of repairs, supplies, building needs, and equipment that is used for the purpose of  
280 storage, processing, and redistribution of recyclable materials for the Transfer Station/Recycling Center, as allowed  
281 pursuant to RSA 31:95-h (II)? The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be  
282 considered part of the town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and  
283 shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body  
284 to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This authorization will stay in  
285 effect until rescinded. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-1). The Budget Advisory Committee**  
286 **recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.93 on an assessed valuation of**  
287 **\$100,000.**

288  
289 There was some discussion about recyclables. We are only taking out

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291 Ms. Mitchell asked why we were pulling this out of the operating budget, we don't pull anything else out. Selectman Freel  
292 said we received a presentation from recycling and they thought this was a good idea. Ms. Mitchell cautions doing this for  
293 some departments and not others. There was additional discussion on what other departments could be using a revolving  
294 fund.

295  
296 Selectman Daniels said the Transfer Station needs to be kept in operation. A revolving fund could take care of problems  
297 that came up during the year instead of a capital reserve fund which would have to wait a year to fix things. Selectman Fi-  
298 nan said this would be potentially self-funding.

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300 Chairman Dargie would rather set up a capital reserve and not do a revolving fund. Revolving funds are good for  
301 Recreation. Selectman Freel doesn't agree. There was additional discussion about revolving versus capital reserve.

302  
303 Ms. Langdell asked about the language of having the Board in charge of this fund instead of the Recycling Committee.  
304 Selectman Daniels said the Treasurer is the custodian of the funds and the funds are released according to the Selectmen's  
305 vote. We decided that we didn't want to leave a subcommittee in charge of the money.

306

307 Mr. Kimball said the people in the Transfer Station don't feel any appreciation for what they do. This fund allows them to  
308 address things without having to drag themselves in front of the town.

309  
310 **There were no other comments.**

311  
312 **WARRANT ARTICLE 14 - NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES –**  
313 **\$32,000**

314  
315 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding  
316 to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency,  
317 wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with  
318 disabilities, and the general public? **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0). The Budget Advisory**  
319 **Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.55 on an assessed valuation**  
320 **of \$100,000.**

321  
322 **There were no other comments.**

323  
324 **WARRANT ARTICLE 15 - MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ELDERLY EXEMPTION CRITERIA - \$30,000**

325  
326 Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax based on assessed value  
327 for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for persons 65 years of age up to 75 years \$83,000; for a person 75 years of age up  
328 to 80 \$124,000; for persons over 80 years of age \$200,500; and to modify the maximum asset limit for both individual and  
329 married persons to \$125,000 (excluding the value of the person(s) residence)? To qualify, the person must satisfy all of the  
330 conditions of RSA 72:39-a&b that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable  
331 statute including without limitation, that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3  
332 consecutive years, that they own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such persons spouse,  
333 that they must have been married to each other for at least 5 years, and that they reside at the property as their primary  
334 residence. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$40,500, or if  
335 married a combined net income of not more than \$46,000. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0). The**  
336 **Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.45 on an**  
337 **assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

338  
339 **There were no other comments.**

340  
341 **WARRANT ARTICLE 16 - WADLEIGH LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP CAPITAL RESERVE -**  
342 **\$25,000**

343  
344 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in the Library Maintenance and Upkeep  
345 Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future library building repairs and improvements  
346 of the existing facility for the benefit of the Town approved by voters in 2022? The Library Trustees have been appointed  
347 as agents to expend from this fund. The \$25,000 builds upon the Wadleigh Library Maintenance and Upkeep Capital  
348 Reserve approved by voters in 2022. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0). The Budget Advisory**  
349 **Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$1.21 on an assessed valuation**  
350 **of \$100,000.**

351  
352 **There were no other comments.**

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354 **WARRANT ARTICLE 17 - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FIREWORKS - \$14,000**

355  
356 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for the purpose of providing the Independence Day  
357 celebration fireworks display at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen? This is a Special Warrant  
358 Article in accordance with RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-1). The Budget Advisory**  
359 **Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.68 on an assessed valuation**  
360 **of \$100,000.**

361  
362 **There were no other comments.**

363  
364 **WARRANT ARTICLE 18 - ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE SUPPORT - \$10,000**

365  
366 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of funding bands, musicians and other  
367 allied expenses directly attributed to the annual Labor Day Parade? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with

368 RSA 32. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (2-2). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this**  
369 **Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.48 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

370  
371 **There were no other comments.**

372  
373 **WARRANT ARTICLE 19 - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS SUPPORT - \$9,000**

374  
375 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of holding the annual summer evening Band  
376 Concerts (bands, sound system, crossing detail)? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. This is a  
377 non-lapsing article until 12/31/24. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (2-2). The Budget Advisory**  
378 **Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.43 on an assessed valuation**  
379 **of \$100,000.**

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381 **There were no other comments.**

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383 **WARRANT ARTICLE 20 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION**  
384 **SUPPORT - \$8,000**

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386 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of town support relative to the observance of  
387 Memorial, Veterans, and Labor Day Parades? These funds shall be used to cover parade costs incurred by Public Works,  
388 Police Department, and other Town departments, and to purchase flags to be placed on the graves of veterans 30 days  
389 before Memorial Day and removed 30 days after Veterans Day. Departmental support costs and materials associated with  
390 the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance  
391 with RSA 32. This is a non-lapsing article until 12/31/24. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (4-0). The**  
392 **Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.39 on an**  
393 **assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

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395 **There were no other comments.**

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397 **WARRANT ARTICLE 21 - RE-ADOPT THE OPTIONAL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT WITH EXPANDED**  
398 **ELIGIBILITY - \$5,000**

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400 Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 II - Optional Veteran's Tax Credit of \$400 which, if re-  
401 adopted, must be expanded to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces and  
402 meet eligibility as described in revised RSA 72:28 and 21:50? This credit was most recently increased and re-adopted by  
403 town vote in 2020 and is currently available to any resident of Milford, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident  
404 who (1) served not less than 90 days of active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged  
405 or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35.  
406 The current Veteran's property tax credit is \$400. If re-adoption fails with the expanded eligibility, then the Optional  
407 Veteran's Tax Credit will default for April 1, 2023 to the \$50 Standard Veteran's Tax and must include the expanded  
408 eligibility for all individuals who have not yet been discharged from service provided they meet eligibility requirements as  
409 described in the revised RSA 72:28 in effect by April 1, 2023. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article (3-0-1).**  
410 **The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.24 on**  
411 **an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

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413 **There were no other comments.**

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415 **WARRANT ARTICLE 22 - RE-ADOPT ALL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT WITH EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY -**  
416 **\$5,000**

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418 Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b – All Veteran's Tax Credit of \$400, which, if re-adopted,  
419 must be expanded to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces and meet  
420 eligibility as described in revised RSA 72:28-b and 21:50? This credit was adopted by town vote in 2018 and is currently  
421 available to any resident of Milford, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident who (1) served not less than 90 days  
422 of active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated  
423 from services and is not eligible for receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. The current credit is \$400, the same  
424 amount as the standard or optional veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28. Per a recently revised Veterans Tax Credit Statute  
425 (RSA 72:28), If the re-adoption fails with the expanded eligibility, then this All Optional Veteran's Tax Credit will expire  
426 by April 1, 2023 and the \$50 Standard Veteran's Tax Credit will be in place for the April 2023 tax year. **The Board of**  
427 **Selectmen recommends this Article (3-0-1). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0). This**  
428 **Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.24 on an assessed valuation of \$100,000.**

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430 **There were no other comments.**

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432 **WARRANT ARTICLE 23 - MILFORD COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION - \$0**

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434 Shall the Town vote to adopt the Milford Standard Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan pursuant to RSA 53-E:7,  
435 which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to develop and implement Standard Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan  
436 as described therein? Under this Community Power Plan, the Town is authorized to buy electricity in bulk for its residents  
437 and businesses. The Plan's goal is to help ratepayers save money on their electric bills, while also getting more energy from  
438 renewable sources. The Plan will be self-funding, with no amount to be raised from taxation. **The Board of Selectmen**  
439 **recommends this Article (4-0). The Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).**

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441 **There were no other comments.**

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443 **WARRANT ARTICLE 24 - HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OF THE TOWN OF MILFORD'S FIRE HORN BY**  
444 **Petition**

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446 Shall the voters of the Town of Milford N.H. direct the Board of Selectmen to preserve, maintain in good repair, to replace  
447 parts and systems as needed, Milford's historic Fire Horn in perpetuity? To additionally direct the Board of Selectmen,  
448 Town Administrator, or any other municipal department, to reinstate and then continually operate the Fire Horn in its  
449 regular and historic daily use in perpetuity. **The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article (1-3). The**  
450 **Budget Advisory Committee recommends this Article (0-0).**

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452 Selectman Daniels asked if this means that no one in the future will be allowed to change this. Chairman Dargie said this is  
453 the intent of the people who submitted the warrant article. Ms. Langdell said this could be brought back to have it changed  
454 in a future warrant article. Mike Thornton said a current body can't dictate to a future body what they may or may not do.

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456 Mr. Kimball said the term perpetuity is to highlight the desire of the voter. There is nothing that stops this from overriding.

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458 **There were no other comments.**

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460 The following Warrant article was not in the Board package because it just came in today.

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462 **WARRANT ARTICLE 25 - ELECT MEMBERS OF THE MILFORD PLANNING BOARD - \$0 (by petition)**

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464 Are you in favor of electing the Milford planning board consisting of 7 members which includes one ex officio member with  
465 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,  
466 there after the term of planning board members shall be for three years to be filled at the end of the next regular town elec-  
467 tion pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:2, II, (b) (2)?

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469 Ms. Seward, asked about the non-lapsing comments in warrant articles 19 and 20, why do we want to carry it over a year.  
470 Chairman Dargie said it was geared towards if there is a problem and we don't actually have the parades or concerts and the  
471 money would flow into the next year. In all likely hood, the money will be spent and not carried over. Mr. Labonte said it  
472 wasn't lapsing before. Chairman Dargie said we had to take votes to encumber the funds.

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474 Mr. Calabria said he believes that the RSA referenced in the warrant articles allows you to use the funds the following year.

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476 Selectman Daniels questioned the language in the veteran's tax credit warrant articles. Chairman Dargie said Ms. Noel was  
477 trying to highlight the change in the RSA.

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479 **There were no other comments.**

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481 Chairman Dargie said the public hearing for the 2023 Bond & Budget is now complete at 8:30 p.m.

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Member, Laura Dudziak

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Vice Chairman, Tim Finan

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Member, Dave Freel

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Member, Gary Daniels