

Town of Milton  
Town Deliberative Session  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Nute High School

Board of Selectmen Attendance: Chairman Ryan Thibeault, Vice Chair Erin Hutchings, Andy Rawson, Town Administrator Ernie Creveling, Recording Clerk Danielle Marique, Town Attorney Keriann Roman, Town Clerk, Michelle Beauchamp, Town Moderator Chris Jacobs.

Meeting call to order

The agenda of this meeting was under the direction of the Town Moderator.

R. Thibeault moved to vote to the amendments made to the warrant articles as follows.

- Warrant Article #3: School Resource Officer  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Fifty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars (\$59,528) to be added to the Milton Police Department General Operating Budget to Fund a School Resource Officer. This sum will be for half a year for 2020 and will then become a full year position in 2021 and will become a new line in the Police Department General Operating Budget. This sum will be for Salary, FICA, Retirement, Medicare, Workers Comp, and Insurance cost. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.12 (Twelve Cents per thousand)  
E. Hutchings seconded article 3 amendment. 3-0
- Warrant Article #4: Contingency Fund  
To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Forty-one Thousand One Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$41,166) to go into the fund, in accordance with [RSA 31:98-a](#). A detailed report of all expenditures from the contingency fund shall be made annually by the Board of Selectmen and published with their report. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. This appropriation will be funded by transfer from the unassigned fund balance and no additional amount will be raised by taxation. Further if this article passes the operating budget shall be reduced by \$18,000. (Majority Vote Required).  
E. Hutchings seconded article 4 amendment. 3-0
- Warrant Article #5: Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Disability  
Shall the Town vote to adopt [RSA 72:35, I-a](#) for an optional tax credit of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) on residential property for a service-connected total One Hundred Percent (100%) disability on residential property occupied as the principal place of abode by the disabled person or the surviving spouse? The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability shall replace the standard tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

The current tax credit amounts to \$1,400 for a qualified total (100%) service-connected disability. Approval of Article 5 will replace that amount entirely with the new tax credit in the amount of \$2,500.

E. Hutchings seconded article 5 amendment. 3-0

- Warrant Article #8: Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Milton Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2020-2025 Capital Improvements Program, with adjustments made for capital items alternatively funded. This appropriation will be funded by transfer from the unassigned fund balance and no additional amount will be raised by taxation.

E. Hutchings seconded article 8 amendment. 3-0

- Warrant Article #13: Technology Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Technology Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2020-2025 Capital Improvements Program. This appropriation will be funded by transfer from the unassigned fund balance and no additional amount will be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.00

E. Hutchings seconded article 13 amendment. 3-0

- Warrant Article #14: Geographic Information System  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of continued upgrades of the public web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Town as described in the recommended 2020-2025 Capital Improvements Program. This appropriation will be funded by transfer from the unassigned fund balance and no additional amount will be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.00

E. Hutchings seconded article 14 amendment. 3-0

- Warrant Article #16: Eradicate Invasive Species  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purposes of eradicating invasive plant species from Bodies of Water in the Town. This is a special warrant article as described in the recommended 2020-2025 Capital Improvements Program and will be a non-lapsing appropriation per [RSA 32:7, VI](#) and will not lapse until the invasive plant species eradication from bodies of water in Town is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.

E. Hutchings seconded article 16 amendment. 3-0

- Warrant Article #20: Land or Roof Solar Lease Agreement AMENDMENT Ratification  
To see if the Town will vote to ratify, pursuant to [RSA 41:11-a](#), a “First Amendment to the Land or Roof Lease Agreement” (“Lease Amendment”) dated January 23, 2020 between the Town and Milton Town Solar, LLC (“Tenant”) which amends the 2016 twenty (20)-year Land or Roof Lease Agreement dated September 1, 2016 to add an additional five (5)-year extension at the option of the Tenant for a total of three (3) five (5)-year renewal provisions and which clarifies that the annual rent amount paid to the Town is Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars (\$10,757) and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a one-time Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) payment to the Town from Milton Town Solar, LLC in exchange for the additional 5-year option extension. A copy of the Lease Amendment is available for review at the Town Hall.

E. Hutchings seconded article 20 amendment. 3-0

- Warrant Article #23: Optional Tax Exemption: Solar, Wind Powered, Woodheating Systems (Submitted by petition)  
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of [RSA 72:61](#) through [RSA 72:72](#) inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Majority Vote Required). Estimated tax impact is \$0.74 (Seventy-four Cents) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2,1,0)

E. Hutchings seconded article 23 amendment to printed recommendation count.3-0

R. Thibeault moved to adjourn. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

Respectfully submitted;  
Recording Clerk,  
Danielle Marique

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Chairman Ryan Thibeault

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Erin Hutchings

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Andy Rawson