

Town of Milton  
2022 Warrant  
State of New Hampshire

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*To the inhabitants of the Town of Milton in the County of Strafford in the said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

**First Session**

You are hereby notified that the first session (the deliberative session) of the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 beginning at 10:30 am at the Nute High School Gymnasium. The first session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles and will also afford voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to warrant articles, except articles whose wording is prescribed by State law.

**Second Session**

The second session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town officers by official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles as they may have been amended at the first session, will be held on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Nute High School. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

**Article 1: Election of Officers**

Board of Selectmen....1 for 3 years  
Budget Committee....2 for 3 years  
Cemetery Trustee.....1 for 1 year and 1 for 3 years  
Fire Chief . . . . .1 for 3 years  
Library Trustee.....1 for 3 years  
Moderator .... . 1 for 2 years  
Planning Board .....2 for 3 years  
Supervisor of the Checklist.... 1 for 6 years  
Town Clerk / Tax Collector . . . . . 1 for 3 years  
Treasurer..... 1 for 1 year  
Trustee of the Trust Funds.... 1 for 3 years  
Zoning Board of Adjustment... 2 for 3 years

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**ARTICLE 2: Zoning-**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: adding a new Article XXIII, to establish a Gateway Business Overlay District Ordinance that pursuant to RSA 674:21, I(h) and (j) which will provide an environment that encourages efficient and attractive commercial development along southern NH Rte. 125 that is the main gateway to the village? The ordinance facilitates

development with high quality designed landscaping, low impact development, and village character building design.

**Recommended by the Planning Board (6,0,0)**

**ARTICLE 3: Zoning-**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To update the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Milton by moving the Commercial-Residential zoning district boundary to the rear property boundary of road frontage lots that are currently located in the Commercial-Residential district instead of the zone boundary located 200-ft. away from and parallel to the road right of way, thereby eliminating split zoned lots?

**Recommended by the Planning Board (6,0,0)**

**Article 4: Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling Four Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$4,723,991). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Seven Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$4,774,953) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one (1) special meeting, in accordance with NH RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated Tax Impact Town Proposed Operating Budget: \$5.60 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

**Estimated Tax Impact Town Proposed Default Budget: \$5.70 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

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**Article 5: Highway and Road Reconstruction Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of Highway and Road Reconstruction, maintenance, repairs, repaving, and reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways, as recommended in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program. It is anticipated that the Town will receive funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) from NH Highway Block Grant with the remainder to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per NH RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the road work is completed for the 2022/2023 period as determined by



Public Works Director or his/her designee, or by December 31, 2023 whichever occurs first. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.43 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

## **Article 6: Dawson Street & Silver Street Area Drainage Project – Phase 2**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$611,000) for the Dawson Street and Silver Street Area Drainage Project Phase 2, as designed by Underwood Engineers to excavate and relapse / repair the stormwater drainage system and sidewalks as phase two of the total project. Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) of this total to come from the unassigned fund balance. To further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) from the American Rescue Plan Act administered as part of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a Stormwater Infrastructure Project with a Planning Component by the NH Department of Environmental Services for this purpose. The remainder to be raised by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per NH RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2024 whichever occurs first. This article is separate from and does not include the appropriation proposed in Article 7. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.26 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (3-5-0)

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## **Article 7: Establish Dawson Street & Silver Street Area Drainage Project – Phase 2 and 3 Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, engineering, permitting, bidding, constructing, and maintaining the Dawson Street and Silver Street Area Drainage Project Phase 2 and 3 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in this fund for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the un-assigned fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article is separate from and does not include the appropriation proposed in Article 6. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

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Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)  
Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0-0)

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**Article 8: Establish Public Safety Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, engineering, permitting, bidding, constructing, purchasing and installing fixed radios, hand-held radios, repeaters and antenna systems for public safety purposes and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

(Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)  
Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0-0)

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**Article 9: Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment and / or Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment and / or Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as recommended in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such monies as they become available from the Federal and State Governments for this purpose. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)  
Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0-0)

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**Article 10: Replacement of Town Street and Parking Lot Lighting**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Affinity LED Light, LLC of Dover and Portsmouth, NH to replace all Town owned street and parking lot lights with energy efficient LED fixtures and to raise and appropriate Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$38,859). It is anticipated that the Town will receive funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Fifty dollars (\$10,550) from Eversource Energy Efficiency Incentive once the new LED fixtures are installed. This sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Nine Dollars (\$28,309) to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)  
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

### **Article 11: Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 1997. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)  
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

### **Article 12: Bridge Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as recommended in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)  
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

### **Article 13: Milton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, in 2007, for the purpose of replacing the boat ramp at the Town Beach, as recommended in the 2022-2027



Capital Improvements Program. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.  
(Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0- 0)

#### **Article 14: Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as recommended in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0- 0)

#### **Article 15: Eradicate Invasive Plant 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 recommended in the 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program and will be a non-lapsing appropriation per NH 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, 2023, whichever is sooner. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0- 0)

#### **Article 16: Historical Building – Milton Mills**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the acquisition of the land and building currently owned and occupied by the Milton Historical Society at 56 Main Street, Milton Mills, for a purchase price of One Dollar (\$1), and to appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1) for this purpose; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the building back to the Milton

Historical Society for a term of twenty (20) years with potential renewal terms of ten (10) years each on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems proper. (Majority Vote Required)

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0- 0)

### **Article 17: Establish Police Tasers Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing tasers for the police to replace the models currently used by the department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300) to be placed in this fund for the purpose of funding future capital expenditures as described in the recommended 2022-2027 Capital Improvements Program. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

(Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

Recommended by Budget Committee (8-0- 0)

### **Article 18: Conservation Commission Legal Defense Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town of Milton Conservation Legal Defense Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of accruing sufficient funds to defend town-held conservation easements and fee-owned conservation land against violations, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in this fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No additional amount is to be raised from taxation. Further to name the Conservation Commission as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority Vote Required).

**Estimated tax impact is \$0.002 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0);

Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0- 0)

### **Article 19: Appoint Selectmen as the Cemetery Trustees**

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**Article 19: Appoint Selectmen as the Cemetery Trustees**

To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 289:6, II-a. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

**Article 20: Tax Exemption for Solar, Wind and Wood Energy 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 woodheating energy systems intended for the 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 \$0.08 per thousand dollars of valuation.**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0-0)

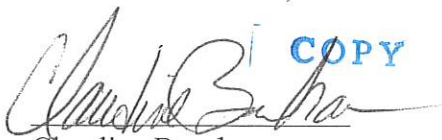
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0-0)

**Article 21: Voting and Counting Methods (Submitted by Petition)**

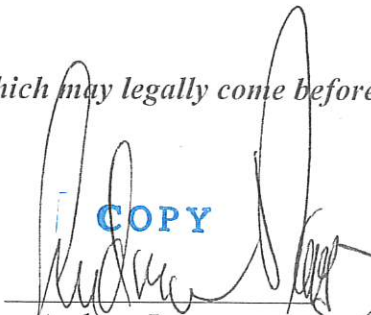
All voting shall be by paper ballot; and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices (Majority Vote Required).

*To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.*

Board of Selectman,

  
Claudine Burnham  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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