

**Town of Milton
Annual Town Meeting
2012 Warrant
State of New Hampshire**

**First Session (the Deliberative Session)
Saturday, February 11th
1:00 PM
Nute High School**

**TOWN OF MILTON
2012 WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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 11th beginning at 1:00 PM at the Nute High School. 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 those 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 13th at the Emma Ramsey Center. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00am and close at 7:00pm.

Article 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law.

Article 2

Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of adopting zoning amendment # 1? This amendment establishes a Sign Ordinance which creates a sign permit process, allows for exemptions, and allows 32 square feet for signs in the Industrial Commercial (IC) and Commercial Residential (CR) zoning districts. In the IC and CR zoning districts, for highway and high value uses, the Planning Board may allow an increase to 250 SF for a related sign.

Planning Board RECOMMENDS

Article 3

Zoning Amendment # 2:

Are you in favor of adopting zoning amendment # 2? The proposed amendment includes a definition for abandonment, abutter, and subdivision which are consistent with state law and the newly adopted Subdivision Regulations and proposed changes to the Site Plan Regulations.

Planning Board RECOMMENDS

Article 4

Zoning Amendment #3:

Are you in favor of adopting zoning amendment #3? The proposed amendment is to clarify and update Article VII, Non Conforming Uses and Lots.

Planning Board RECOMMENDS

Article 5

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand dollars, (\$300,000) payable over a term of 7 years for Fire Department Pumper Truck and to raise and appropriate Forty Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Four dollars (\$47,934.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose this agreement **does not contain** an escape clause.

(3/5's Majority Ballot Vote required)

(This appropriation is a Special Warrant Article and is in addition to Warrant Article 7, the operating budget article.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Four Dollars (\$168,364) payable over a term of 7 years for one (1) Highway Department 6 Wheel Dump Truck with snowplow equipment and sander, and to raise and appropriate Twenty Four Thousand and Fifty Two dollars (\$24,052) for the first years payment for that purpose; this article **does contain** a municipal funding escape clause. This Article is contingent on Article 8, if Article 8 passes this Article is null and void.

(Majority Vote required)

(This appropriation is a Special Warrant Article and is in addition to Warrant Article 7, the operating budget article.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 7

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 Three Million, Two Hundred Forty Seven Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Three Dollars.(3,247,193.00) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million, Two Hundred Sixty One Thousand, One Hundred Forty Six Dollars, (3,261,146.00) 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 special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Majority vote required)

(Note: Warrant Article 7, the operating budget does not include special or separate warrant

articles.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectman
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 8

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty dollars (\$148,960) for the purchase of one (1) Highway Department 6 Wheel Dump Truck with snowplow equipment and sander. If this Article passes, then Article 6 is null and void.

(Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Milton Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) for Highway and Road reconstruction purposes. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00). This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. This appropriation will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2013.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Milton Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 12

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Herbert Downs Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of producing design and engineering plans for a new fire station.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectman

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Milton Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment and/or Fire Department Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Milton Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Milton Fire Department Vehicle Repairs and Improvements Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Milton Free Public Library Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectman
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 17

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Milton Townhouse Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectman
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to be placed in the Milton Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectman
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 19

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in Milton Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund, previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Milton/Maine Bridges Capital Reserve Account previously established.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to fund a proposed Step Plan/Pay Plan for all Town Employees.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sewer Commission, previously established under NH RSA 149-I:19; if approved the present Commission would dissolve no sooner than one (1) year following this vote, authority for the Sewer Department will revert to the Board of Selectmen.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 23

To see if the Town, in accordance with RSA 154:1, IV will change the form of organization of the Milton Fire Department from an Elected Fire Chief to one where the Fire Chief is Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and with the firefighters being appointed by the Fire Chief. When approved, the change from elected to appointed Fire Chief would take place no sooner than one (1) year following this vote.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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

Board of Selectmen

Bob Srnec, Chairman

Stan Nadeau, Vice-Chairman

Tom Gray