

# 2017 Town of Milton Warrant Articles.



## Article 3 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, Four Million Three Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,335,400.00) 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. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars and Sixty Four Cents (\$4,383,725.64) 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)***

## 2017 Proposed Operating Budget

- **Represents an increase of \$145,945 over the 2016 default budget**
- **Proposed vs. Default**
  - **Proposed is \$48,325.64 below default**
  - **Passing of the proposed budget is critical for the prudent management of the town**
- **Why the increase?**
  - **Includes the fire station bond payment of \$215,000**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **\$0.41 per thousand**
  - **Homes worth \$200,000.00 would see an increase of \$82 per year**

## Article 4 Highway Road Construction

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000) for Highway and Road reconstruction purposes. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant estimated to be One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars(\$110,000). This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. This appropriation will be non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2016.**

***(Majority vote required)***

# Highway Road Construction

- **Money annually received from Highway Block Grant**
  - **Estimated to be \$110,000.00**
  - **This money offsets the \$290,000.00 raised for the program**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **\$0.81 per thousand**
  - **Homes worth \$200,000.00 would pay \$162 per year for road construction.**
  - **There is no effect on the tax rate**

## Article 5

### Milton/Maine Bridges Capital Reserve Account

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Milton/Maine Bridges Capital Reserve Account previously established. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.**

**(Majority vote required)**

- **Utilized for the town's portion of interstate bridge repair and replacement**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **Funding will come from the unreserved fund balance in 2017**
  - **Decrease over 2016 is \$.06 per thousand**

## Article 6

### Highway Truck CRF

- **To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Milton Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.**

#### ***(Majority vote required)***

- **To be used to replace 2004 F-250 pick up truck with a plow**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **Funding will come from the unreserved fund balance in 2017**
  - **There is no effect on the tax rate (article failed in 2016)**



## Article 7 DPW Pay Plan

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$14,159.00) to fund a proposed step plan/pay plan for the employees in the Highway, Solid Waste Department and Government Buildings Department.**

***(Majority vote required).***

- **Established to become competitive with area public works departments and to retain public works employees**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **.04 cents per thousand**
  - **Homes worth \$200,000 would pay \$8.00 per year**
  - **Increase over 2016 is \$0.04 per thousand**



## Article 8

### Fire Department Equipment & Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Milton Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of replacing the department's utility truck as described in the Capital Improvements Plan. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.**

**(Majority vote required)**

- **To be used to replace 2003 GMC Utility Truck and 2009 former police cruiser with a single crew cab pick up truck**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **Funding will come from the unreserved fund balance in 2017**
  - **There is no effect on the tax rate**

## Article 9 Fire-Rescue Portable Radios

**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) for the purpose of leasing replacement portable radios for the Fire Department, as described in the Capital Improvements Plan, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Four Dollars (\$30,344.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.**

**(Majority vote required)**

- **To be used to replace 30 of the departments out dated and unsupported portable radios.**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **.08 cents per thousand**
  - **Homes worth \$200,000 would pay \$16.00 per year**
  - **Increase over 2016 is \$0.08 per thousand**

## Article 10

### Milton Ball Fields Expendable Trust Fund

**To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable Trust Fund to be known as “The Town of Milton Ball Fields Expendable Trust Fund”, for the development, renovation, maintenance and repair of any and all Town-owned Ball Fields and to cover the costs of all aspects of the field including but not limited to machinery and equipment associated with the running and maintenance of these fields. With funds coming from, but not limited to, gifts, legacies, grants and devices made to the Town on behalf of these fields, and to further name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. This fund would fall under the provisions of RSA 31:19.**

**(Majority vote required)**

## Article 11

### Milton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Milton Recreation Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of renovation and reconstruction of the Town boat ramp as described in the Capital Improvements Plan. This sum is to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.**

**(Majority vote required)**

- **To be used for repair and reconstruction of the existing boat ramp at the town beach.**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **Funding will come from the unreserved fund balance in 2017**
  - **Decrease over 2016 is \$.01 per thousand**

## Article 12

### Technology Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund

**To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town of Milton Technology Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing technology equipment for the Town as described in the capital improvements plan and to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to be placed in this fund. This sum is to come from the 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)**

- **To be used for computer/software, hardware and other technological items used in municipal government**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **Funding will come from the unreserved fund balance in 2017**
  - **There is no effect on the tax rate**

## Article 13

### RSA 31:95b Provisions

**Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any Town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town meeting, unanticipated money from a State, Federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town meeting. In addition to compliance with the provisions of RSA 31:95-b, the Selectmen shall each year include in the annual report of the Town an account of all monies received and expended pursuant to this article. If adopted all gifts and donations would have to go into a trust account if held for a period of time.**

**(Majority vote required)**

## Article 14

### RSA 72:28b Provisions

**Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans Property Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on 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 or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the property tax credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), the same amount as the standard veteran's credit voted by the Town of Milton under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Milton Town House Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0); Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0). ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purposes of eradicating the invasive plant species, European Naiad, from the water bodies in the Town of Milton. This is a special warrant article.**

**(Majority vote required)**



## Article 15

### Milton Town House Capital Reserve

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be placed in the Milton Town House Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This is to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation**

***(Majority vote required)***

- **To be used for future maintenance of the Town House building**
- **Estimated Tax Impact**
  - **Funding will come from the unreserved fund balance in 2017**
  - **There is no effect on the tax rate**



## What Will this Cost Us?

- **Estimated Tax decrease if all proposed warrant article pass \$0.59 or a \$118 per year decrease on an average Milton home of \$200,000.**
- **Total Estimated Tax decrease \$0.18 or \$36 per year decrease on the average Milton home. (includes budget and warrant articles)**
- **The BOS has the ability buy down the increase in the fall of 2017 utilizing the unreserved fund balance.**

2017 Town of Milton Warrant Article's Effect on the Tax Rate									
2016 Article #	2017 Article #	Description	2016	2017	Increase-Decrease	Amount from fund balance	2016 Cost per \$1,000	2017 Cost per \$1,000	2017 Effect on the tax rate
3	3	Operating Budget	\$4,189,455.00	\$4,335,400.00	\$145,945.00	\$0.00	\$11.72	\$12.12	\$0.41
4	4	Road Construction	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.81	\$0.81	\$0.00
2	-	Fire Station Bond Payment	\$235,924.00	\$0.00	-\$235,924.00	\$0.00	\$0.66	\$0.00	-\$0.66
6	-	Library Bldg Repair Trust Fund	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	-\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.07	\$0.00	-\$0.07
5	5	Bridge CRF	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.06	\$0.00	-\$0.06
-	6	Truck CRF	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	7	Highway Step Plan	\$0.00	\$14,158.08	\$14,158.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.04
-	8	Fire Equip & Apparatus CRF	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
-	9	Fire Radio	\$0.00	\$30,344.00	\$30,344.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.08	\$0.08
9	-	Cemetery Expendable Trust	\$24,961.00	\$0.00	-\$24,961.00	\$0.00	\$0.07	\$0.00	-\$0.07
11	11	Recreation CRF/Boat Ramp	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.01	\$0.00	-\$0.01
-	12	CIP Town Hall Tech	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	-	Cemetery Operating Costs	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	-\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.03	\$0.00	-\$0.03
-	14	Veterans Tax Credit					\$0.00	\$0.17	\$0.17
12	15	Town House CRF	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
-	16	European Naiad	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.01
Total Warrant Articles less Budget			\$610,385.00	\$431,002.08	-\$179,382.92				
Total Warrant Article with Budget			\$4,799,840.00	\$4,766,402.08	-\$33,437.92	\$91,500.00	\$13.42	\$13.24	-\$0.18

\*The Fire Station Bond is now included and represented in the 2017 proposed operating budget.

\* Articles 5,6,8,11,12,and 15 will be funded from the unreserved fund balance and therefore represent no increase or a decrease in the tax liability.

\* Effect on tax rate is estimated based on current data

\* 2016 warrant article data is based only on the articles that passed at 2016 town meeting, not the requested items.