

Town of Milton

Annual Town Meeting

2017 Warrant

State of New Hampshire

First Session (Deliberative Session)

Saturday, February 11, 2017

1:00 pm

Nute High School

(Snow date Sunday, February 12, 2017, 1:00 pm)

Second Session (Voting Session)

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Milton Assembly of God Church

370 White Mountain Highway

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 11, 2017, 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 14, 2017, at the Milton Assembly of God Church at 370 White Mountain Highway. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

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.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – 1 for 1 year, 2 for 3 years

CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 1 for 3 years

FIRE CHIEF – 1 for 1 year

LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 1 for 3 years, 1 for 1 year

PLANNING BOARD – 2 for 3 years

SELECTMAN – 1 for 3 years

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST – 1 for 1 year

TREASURER - 1 for 1 year

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS – 1 for 3 years; 1 for 2 years

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – 2 for 2 years, 1 for 3 years

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Milton Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance Official Map as follows: This Amendment eliminates all areas that were double zoned in error by warrant in 1988 as both High Density Residential (HDR) and Commercial Residential along the NH Rte. 125 corridor by removing the High Density Residential (HDR) in those areas. This amendment, reverses a change in the Zoning Map approved in 1988 and amended in 2007 and 2015. All other areas zoned High Density Residential (HDR) shall remain in effect and as shown on the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Milton. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0).

ARTICLE 3

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). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0); Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-1).

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000.00) 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 (\$110,000.00). 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, 2018. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0); Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0).

ARTICLE 5

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). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0); Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0).

ARTICLE 6

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). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0); Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0).

ARTICLE 7

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

ARTICLE 8

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

ARTICLE 9

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

ARTICLE 10

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

ARTICLE 11

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

ARTICLE 12

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

ARTICLE 13

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

ARTICLE 14

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

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

Board of Selectmen,

Tom F. Gray, Selectman, Chairman

J. Michael Beaulieu, Selectman

Andrew O. Rawson, Selectman