

Article XX: FY 2019 Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate through taxation 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, Seven Million One Hundred Twenty-four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$7,124,725)? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million Nine Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$6,991,630), 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 Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-3

Article XX: All Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town of North Hampton vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' 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 credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Proposed Fire Department Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in a three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the International Fire Fighters Association Local 3211 which calls for the following increases in salaries, fringe and other cost items at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Total of Cost Items	Estimated Increase
2019	\$1,313,518	\$34,827
2020	\$1,400,028	\$25,737
2021	\$1,455,406	\$21,481

And further, to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$34,827) for Fiscal Year 2019, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, fringe and other cost items required in year one of the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Replace 6-Wheel DPW Dump Truck With Plow And Wing

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a seven-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$203,000) for the purpose of leasing and equipping a 6-Wheel dump truck with plow and wing for the Department of Public Works; and to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) for the first year's payment on said lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause. This item has been identified as the number 2 priority in the approved capital improvements plan.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Road Resurfacing

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000) for the purpose of resurfacing and reconstructing approximately 3 miles of road, by withdrawing Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the previously established Municipal Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, and raising through taxation Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Replace Fire & Rescue Department Command Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) from the Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Fund for the purchase of a Command Vehicle for the Fire & Rescue Department. This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Purchase of a Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000) from the Police Detail Revolving Fund for the purchase of a police cruiser. This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Resurfacing Dearborn Park Parking Lot

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from unassigned fund balance for the purpose of repair, reconstruction and resurfacing of the Dearborn Parking Lot. The Town Fund Balance Policy allows the Select Board to use fund balance in excess of the designated target percentage (8% of total budget including school) for capital improvements. The current balance is 11.9%. This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Replace Septic System at Town Hall

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) from unassigned fund balance for the installation of a new septic system at the Town Hall of adequate size to handle consistent use if the Town Hall is needed as a warming center during emergency events. The Town Fund Balance Policy allows the Select Board to use fund balance in excess of the designated target percentage (8% of total budget including school) for the purchase of capital items. The current balance is 11.9%. This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Contributions to Health Agencies

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,250) for the cost of contributions to two (2) health agencies in the Seacoast in the amounts corresponding to the agencies requests in the right hand column as follows:

<u>Health Agency</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>
Seacoast Mental Health Center	\$3,500	\$3,500
Lamprey Health Care	\$ 750	\$ 750

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Contribution to the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) from unassigned fund balance for deposit into the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to limit the Town's unfunded accrued leave liability. The total estimated liability for unfunded accrued leave is \$210,986 of which \$87,199 is anticipated to be payable prior to July 1, 2020. The balance in the Fund, as of December 2017, is \$19,740. The Select Board is the agent to expend from the said Fund. The Town Fund Balance Policy allows the Select Board to use fund balance in excess of the designated target percentage (8% of total budget including school) for contributions to capital reserve funds, expendable trusts, or other single purpose funds. The current balance is 11.9%. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Contribution to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from unassigned fund balance for deposit in the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to perform improvement projects and regular maintenance at the various Town-owned buildings. The balance in the Fund, as of December 2017, is \$197,837. The Select Board is the agent to expend from the said Fund. The Town Fund Balance Policy allows the Select Board to use fund balance in excess of the designated target percentage (8% of total budget including school) for contributions to capital reserve funds, expendable trusts, or other single purpose funds. The current balance is 11.9%. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Contribution to the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from unassigned fund balance for deposit in the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to plan and prepare for future Town building projects. The balance in the Fund, as of December 2017, is \$162,479. The Select Board is the agent to expend from the said Fund. The Town Fund Balance Policy allows the Select Board to use fund balance in excess of the designated target percentage (8% of total budget including school) for contributions to capital reserve funds, expendable trusts, or other single purpose funds. The current balance is 11.9%. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Modify the Purpose of the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town modify the purpose of the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to allow for funding to comply with the State of New Hampshire's requirement to perform property revaluation every five (5) years? This fund was established in 2011 specifically to comply with the New Hampshire State Constitution and carry out a Town revaluation in FY2013. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Modify the Purpose of the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town modify the purpose of the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund to plan and prepare for future Town building projects, including new buildings and renovations to existing buildings, not covered as part of normal routine maintenance. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Close the Fire Department Equipment Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Department Equipment Fund created in 2006 to account for and restrict ambulance billing and collection to expenditures for the purpose of Fire Department capital equipment. In 2013, two new revolving funds were created to account for revenues and expenditures from ambulance services and the Fire Department Equipment Fund was not closed at that date. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Purchase of a Recreation Van (By Citizens Petition)

Upon petition of at least 25 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of no more than Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) from unassigned fund balance for the purchase of a recreation passenger van. The cost of the van will be partially offset by the trade-in value of the existing recreation van. The van will be used primarily, but not exclusively, for transportation incident to Programs for Active Senior Adults (“PASA”). Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X

Article XX: Changes to Property Tax Exemptions and Credits

Shall the Town vote to change the Exemptions and Tax Credits as permitted by RSA 72:39-a to lower the property taxes of some of its most needy citizens, specifically: to increase the amounts for Elderly Exemptions, Elderly Income Limits and Elderly Asset Limits as shown in the following table:

	Elderly Exemption Amount 65-74	Elderly Exemption Amount 75-79	Elderly Exemption Amount 80+	Elderly Income - Single	Elderly Income - Married	Elderly Asset - Single	Elderly Asset - Married
Current	\$120,000	\$160,000	\$200,000	\$40,000	\$55,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
Proposed	\$125,000	\$165,000	No Change	\$40,800	\$59,000	\$190,000	\$190,000

In addition, to increase the Disabled Exemption, Disabled Income Limits and Disabled Asset Limits as shown in the following table:

	Blind Exemption Adopted	Blind Exempt Amount	Disabled Exemption Adopted	Disabled Exemption Amount	Disabled Income Limit - Single	Disabled Income Limit - Married	Disabled Asset Limit - Single	Disabled Asset Limit - Married
Current	YES	\$25,000	YES	\$50,000	\$40,000	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Proposed	No Change	No Change	No Change	\$100,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$125,000	\$150,000

The estimated cost to the Town in the form of an amount of lost tax revenue for fiscal year 2019 is estimated at \$7,400, or less than one cent per thousand on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: X-X