

# Excerpts from the minutes of the 223<sup>rd</sup> Town Meeting of the Town of Milford – 2016

January 30, 2016 – Deliberative Session  
March 8, 2016 – Elective Session  
Total Registered Voters: 9906  
Number of Voters at Deliberative Session: 89  
Total Votes Cast: 2711

(Full minutes available from the Town Clerk and Administration Offices during normal business hours).

## ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The results of the voting for Town Officers and School Officers is as follows:

### TOWN OFFICERS:

#### Selectman – 3 Year Term

*Kevin Federico	1578
Christopher Skinner	624

#### Town Clerk – 3 Year Term

Bobbi Schelberg	544
Nancy Deslauriers	765
*Joan Dargie	994

#### Town Moderator – 3 Year Term

Denise Hennessey	569
*Peter Basiliere	1689

#### Cemetery Trustee – 3 Year Term

*Stephen Trombly	2209
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#### Library Trustee – 3 Year Term

*David Rysdam	1435
*Judy Gross	1829

#### Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Year Term

*Janet Spalding	2138
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#### Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 Year Term

*Polly Cote	2119
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#### Water-Wastewater Commissioner – 3 Year Term

*Dale White	2035
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\* Deemed elected by the Moderator.

## ARTICLE 2 – BALLOT VOTE – ZONING CHANGES

To vote on Planning Board proposed zoning changes and amendments.

The Planning Board SUPPORTS all Amendments:

### Ballot Vote No. 1

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #1: Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article VI Overlay Districts, Section 6.04.0 Open Space and Conservation District by replacing it in its entirety with revised language and renumbering sections accordingly.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendments replace and insert new language to further clarify the protection of natural and cultural resources, scenic views, and the Town’s rural character through the creation and design of open space. In addition, the amendments insert new section, Section 6.04.5 Review Process to align the review process of Open Space Subdivision with the Milford Development Regulations. The Planning Board supports Amendment #1 by a unanimous vote 7-0.

Ballot Title: Zoning Ordinance Definitions

**The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #1) is as follows:**

**YES: 1974 NO: 515 passed**

**Ballot Vote No. 2**

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT #2: Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article X, Administrative Relief, Section 10.02.3.A.3. by deleting the subsection and replacing in its entirety with a revised maximum square foot area for a home occupation and Article IV Definitions, Section 4.01.0 by inserting a definition for Floor Area, Gross.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendments replace the existing Special Exception requirement for a Home Occupation involving the calculation of the maximum square foot area and adds a new definition, “Floor Area, Gross”. The purpose is to further clarify and improve the administration, review, and enforcement of a Home Occupation and streamline the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments were brought forth by the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. The Planning Board supports Amendment #2 by a unanimous vote 4-0.

Ballot Title: Home Occupations

**The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #2) is as follows:**

**YES: 1806 NO: 665 passed**

**Ballot Vote No. 3**

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Milford Planning Board for the Town of Milford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

AMENDMENT # 3: Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV Definitions, Section 4.01.0 by modifying the definition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), Article X Administrative Relief, Section 10.02.6.A.1.c by modifying the calculation for the maximum square foot area of an Accessory Dwelling Unit, and Article IV Definitions, Section 4.01.0 by inserting a definition for Floor Area, Gross.

Topical Description of Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendments further clarify the definition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit; modify the existing Special Exception requirement involving the calculation of the maximum square foot area by replacing the term “total space” with the term “gross floor area”, and adds new definition, “Floor Area, Gross”. The purpose is to clarify and improve the administration and review of an Accessory Dwelling Unit and streamline the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments were brought forth by the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. The Planning Board supports Amendment #3 by a unanimous vote 4-0.

Ballot Title: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

**The voting on this amendment (Ballot Vote #3) is as follows:**

**YES: 1799 NO: 659 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 3 - LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT – BOND - \$5,618,000**

Warrant Article #3 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the gross project budget sum of Five Million Six Hundred Eighteen Thousand (\$5,618,000) Dollars for the construction and equipping of a new Library building and expanded parking lot, associated site work, demolition of existing library building and other structures and to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by accepting a donation from Library Trustee Trust Funds in the amount of \$500,000 as well as additional funds raised – a minimum of \$10,000 - and borrowing not more than \$5,108,000 in bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine conditions and the rate of interest thereon, with such funding to be repaid from general taxation, and to authorize the Selectmen and/or Library Trustees to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid that may be available for this purchase, and to authorize the Selectmen and/or Library Trustees to take all other necessary action to carry out this project, said actions to include anything necessary to prepare said land so that it would be available for the construction of such a facility and expanded parking lot including due diligence, site assessments and demolition of existing structures? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. The Board of Library Trustees supports this Article (7-0). The Board of Selectmen **does not** support this Article (1-4). The Budget Advisory Committees **does not** support this Article (3-6). **This Article has an estimated tax impact beginning 2017 of \$0.329 or (\$32.90 on a home value of \$100,000).**

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #3 is as follows:

**YES: 981 NO: 1680 failed**

**Article #3 failed.**

#### **WARRANT ARTICLE 4 – STORM SEWER VIDEO INSPECTION – BOND - \$216,000**

Warrant Article #4 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand (\$216,000) Dollars to perform an inspection of the Town's Stormwater System with the assistance of video observation equipment, and to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than \$142,800 in bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine conditions and the rate of interest thereon, it being further understood that the anticipated source of \$142,800 of said funding will be a loan from the State Revolving Fund, with the further understanding that the Board of Selectmen are authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to accept 33.9% or \$73,200 forgiveness of the project cost upon completion of the project? Information thus obtained will be assessed and incorporated within the Town's Asset Management System to assist with planning for future repairs and maintenance decisions. Federal stormwater permit requirements, in addition, necessitate an evaluation of discharges to the stormwater system which can be performed more efficiently and cost-effectively with data obtained from this program. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. Note: As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.025 or (\$2.50 on a home value of \$100,000).**

The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #4 is as follows:

**YES: 1574 NO: 1001 passed**

**Article #4 passed**

#### **WARRANT ARTICLE 5 – WASTEWATER UV DISINFECTION REPLACEMENT – BOND \$950,000**

Warrant Article #5 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$950,000) Dollars (to replace the current 1991 UltraViolet Disinfection System) and to authorize the Selectmen to raise this appropriation by borrowing not more than \$950,000 in bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes therefore in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33) and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, bond anticipation notes, or notes and to determine conditions and the rate of interest thereon, such funding to be repaid from income received from wastewater users provided that such bonds or notes shall be the general obligation of the Town and to authorize the Water and Sewer Commissioners and or the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal or State aid that may be available for this project and to take all other necessary actions to carry out this project? This critical process disinfects treated wastewater prior to discharging into the Souhegan River. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. **Note:** As this is for issuance of long-term debt, this vote requires, under State law, sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote to pass. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-0-1).

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #5 is as follows:**

**YES: 1808 NO: 782 passed**

**Article #5 passed**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 6 - TOWN OPERATING BUDGET - \$13,993,310**

Warrant Article #6 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town 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 in an amount totaling Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Three Hundred Ten (\$13,993,310) Dollars? Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred Four Thousand, Four Hundred Eleven (\$13,804,411) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions 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. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (7-2). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.245 over the 2015 Budget (\$24.50 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #6 is as follows:**

**YES: 1321 NO: 1379 failed**

**Article #6 failed.**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 7 - WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,393,595**

Warrant Article #7 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Five (\$1,393,395) Dollars to operate and maintain the Water Department, said appropriation to be offset by income received from the water user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be One Million Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred Nine (\$1,417,309) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions 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. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the water user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-0-1).

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #7 is as follows:**

**YES: 1897 NO: 668 passed**

**Article #7 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 8 - WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATING BUDGET - \$1,913,465**

Warrant Article #8 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Nine Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Five (\$1,913,465) Dollars to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, said appropriation to be offset by income received from wastewater user charges, or take any other action relative thereto? Should this Article be defeated, the operating budget shall be One Million, Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred Sixteen (\$1,920,616) Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions 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. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32 and is paid for by the wastewater user fees. The Board of Commissioners supports this Article (3-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-0-1).

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #8 is as follows:**

**YES: 1919 NO: 655 passed**

**Article #8 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 9 – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE – \$350,000**

Warrant Article #9 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$350,000) Dollars to be placed in the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? This fund was identified in the May 2014 Hoyle, Tanner Associates, Inc. study that identified needed rehabilitation for 18 Town bridges. The \$350,000 builds upon the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve approved by voters in 2015. Currently nine bridges have been identified by the Department of Public Works as high priority projects for either replacement or repair in place. This will be a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-1). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.270 or (\$27.00 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #9 is as follows:**

**YES: 1522 NO: 1099 passed**

**Article #9 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 10 - SIDEWALK TRACTOR PLOW WITH SANDER – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$41,000 (Annual Payment \$41,000/Total Purchase Price \$185,000) -**

Warrant Article #10 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause that will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a sidewalk tractor plow with sander (it will replace the 2000 "Holder" tractor plow with sander that has exceeded its useful life by five years), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand (\$41,000) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose? The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand (\$185,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.032 or (\$3.20 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #10 is as follows:**

**YES: 1171 NO: 1406 failed**

**Article #10 failed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 11 - DUMP TRUCK (8 CUBIC YARD) – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$41,000 (Annual Payment \$41,000/Total Purchase Price \$185,000)**

Warrant Article #11 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a dump truck (8 cubic yard), with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the 2000 Sterling dump truck which will be 16 years old upon replacement), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand (\$41,000) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose? The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand (\$185,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.032 or (\$3.20 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #11 is as follows:**

**YES: 1099 NO: 1450 failed**

**Article #11 failed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 12 – TRACTOR/BACKHOE/LOADER – 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE - \$32,100(Annual Payment \$32,100/Total Purchase Price \$145,000)**

Warrant Article #12 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement, subject to a fiscal funding clause which will protect the Town in the event of non-appropriation, for the purpose of lease/purchasing a tractor/backhoe/loader, with the appropriate equipment for Highway Department operation (it will replace the 2001 tractor loader backhoe) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred (\$32,100) Dollars for the first year's payment for this purpose? The total purchase price of this vehicle is One Hundred Forty Five Thousand (\$145,000) Dollars. If this article passes, future years' payments will be included in the operating budget. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.025 or (\$2.50 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #12 is as follows:**

**YES: 1154 NO: 1395 failed**

**Article #12 failed**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 13 – KINDER MORGAN PIPELINE LEGAL FEES - \$40,000**

Warrant Article #13 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars to be expended at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen in opposition to the proposed Northeast Energy Direct high pressure gas pipeline and/or to minimize the impact thereof on the land and people of the Town, including, but not limited to, expenditures for legal representation and consultants, land use planning and consultation, public information purposes, administrative and court filing fees, participation in multi-town coalitions, and any and all other expenses reasonably related to opposing said pipeline project and/or mitigating the effects thereof? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2017. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.031 or (\$3.10 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #13 is as follows:**

**YES: 1480 NO: 1107 passed**

**Article #13 passed**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 14 – SOCIAL SERVICES - \$35,000**

Warrant Article #14 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand (\$35,000) Dollars for the purpose of providing funding to Social Service agencies for Milford residents or take any other action relative thereto as proposed by the Social Services Committee and submitted to the Board of Selectmen? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.027 or (\$2.70 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #14 is as follows:**

**YES: 1880 NO: 700 passed**

**Article #14 passed**

## **WARRANT ARTICLE 15 – NON-EMERGENCY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES - \$27,700**

Warrant Article #15 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred, (\$27,700) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Town's share of funding to the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC) in order to continue operating a regional, non-emergency, wheelchair-accessible transportation service providing rides within the designated service area to seniors, people with disabilities, and the general public, or take any other action relative thereto? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.021 or (\$2.10 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #15 is as follows:**

**YES: 1950 NO: 652 passed**

**Article #15 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 16 – ARCHITECT FEES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPANSION  
PROJECT - \$25,000**

Warrant Article #16 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand, (\$25,000) Dollars for the purpose of hiring an Architect to review the upgrades needed to the downtown Fire Station? The Town's Capital Improvement Plan proposes upgrades/repairs to the Fire Station that include: electrical upgrades, building renovations, space efficiency improvements, and additional parking. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (4-1). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.019 or (\$1.90 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #16 is as follows:**

**YES: 1194 NO: 1421 failed**

**Article #16 failed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 17 – CONSERVATION LANDS FUND - \$20,000**

Warrant Article #17 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for the purpose of adding it to the Conservation Lands Fund created in accordance with RSA 36-A, said lands fund being allowed to accumulate from year to year and to be available for the acquisition of property, conservation easements and other RSA 36-A allowable purposes, or take any other action relative thereto? Contributions further the protection of the town's natural resources. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (2-3). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (8-1). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.015 or (\$1.50 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #17 is as follows:**

**YES: 1363 NO: 1256 passed**

**Article #17 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 18 – PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AND PLANTINGS -  
\$20,000**

Warrant Article #18 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for purposes of Pumpkin Festival support by Public Works, Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments; with the remaining balance for the purchase and planting of flowers for the Oval and Stone Bridge areas; purchase of lights, garland, etc. for holiday decorations; or to take any other action relative thereto? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee does not support this Article (4-5). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.015 or (\$1.50 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on Article #18 is as follows:**

**YES: 1581 NO: 1072 passed**

**Article #18 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 19 - SUMMER BAND CONCERTS - \$9,000**

Warrant Article #19 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) Dollars for the purpose of holding the annual summer evening Band Concerts (bands, sound system, crossing detail), or take any other action relative thereto? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 or (\$0.70 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #19 is as follows:**

**YES: 1596 NO: 1052 passed**

**Article #19 passed**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 20 - FIREWORKS - \$8,500**

Warrant Article #20 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred (\$8,500) Dollars for the purpose of providing the Independence Day celebration fireworks display at a time and location to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (6-3). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.007 or (\$0.70 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #20 is as follows:**

**YES: 1333 NO: 1307 passed**

**Article #20 passed**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 21 - FUNDING OF THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE – \$7,500**

Warrant Article #21 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars for the purpose of funding bands, musicians and other allied expenses directly attributed to the annual Labor Day Parade? This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.006 or (\$0.60 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #21 is as follows:**

**YES: 1675 NO: 966 passed**

**Article #21 passed**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 22 - MEMORIAL, VETERANS & LABOR DAY PARADES AND RECOGNITION - TOWN SUPPORT - \$6,000**

Warrant Article #22 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars for the purpose of town support relative to the observance of Memorial, Veterans and Labor Day? These funds shall be used to cover parade costs incurred by Public Works, Police Department and other Town departments, and to purchase flags to be placed on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day. Departmental support costs and materials associated with the provision of these services will be charged against this appropriation. This is a Special Warrant Article in accordance with RSA 32. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has an estimated tax impact of \$0.005 or (\$0.50 on a home value of \$100,000).**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #22 is as follows:**

**YES: 1893 NO: 742 passed**

**Article #22 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 23 - - GRAVEL PIT RECLAMATION/RESTORATION & SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF RESOURCES - \$0**

Warrant Article #23 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to reclaim/restore/revegetate a majority of the existing fully excavated gravel pit area and sell or otherwise dispose of any existing mineral interests, earth materials or other natural resources located on that portion of the Town owned property that is commonly known as the BROX property, that is currently zoned Residential "R", (said property currently zoned as Residential "R" being known solely as Tax Map 38, Lot 58, on such terms and conditions, as the Selectmen deem appropriate for such sale or other disposition and generally consistent with the Brox Property Community Land Master Plan (August 2014), the 2014 Brox Community Lands Mining Feasibility Study produced by Fieldstone Land Consultants and the associated Resources Plan map, dated January 4, 2016. Material excavation, for sale and town use, will take place in the Marketable Gravel Resource Area (approximately 43 acres). Materials in Town Gravel Resource Area (approximately 17 acres) shall be reserved in perpetuity for future town use. All revenue received from the sale of such materials shall be deposited in the General Fund. This authorization shall NOT permit any such sale or other disposition to allow for the transfer of an interest in such materials unless the same is, by its terms, limited to a period of not more than six (6) years in duration. This authorization to the Board of Selectmen will expire 20 years after approval. The Milford Planning Board will review the proposed plan. Any agreement entered into by the Selectmen relative to the sale or other disposition of said materials shall contain language which shall require the compliance with any statutes, land use codes or their regulations which governs such activity. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (0-0). **This article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #23 is as follows:**

**YES: 1669 NO: 887 passed**

**Article #23 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 24 - MODIFY SOLAR EXEMPTION - \$0**

Warrant Article #24 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town elect to modify, in accordance with RSA 72:62 the Solar Energy Systems Exemption, approved in 1976, to be applied as exemption for the assessed value applied to the solar energy system located on real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61, with a maximum exemption amount not to exceed \$10,000? Currently the exemption has been applied as the amount of the cost of the solar energy system, which is in excess of its contributory value and outside the parameters of statute. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #24 is as follows:**

**YES: 1912 NO: 612 passed**

**Article #24 passed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 25 - ADJUSTMENT TO EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTION - \$0**

Warrant Article #25 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town, pursuant to RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b, modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Milford, based on assessed value for the qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$69,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years - \$103,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$137,000? To qualify, the applicant must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute, including without limitation that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, that they own the real estate individually or jointly or, if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, that they must have been married to each other for at least five years and that they reside on the property. In addition, the taxpayer must have a income in each applicable age group of not more than \$38,600 if single, or if married, a combined income of not more than \$46,000; and own net assets of not more than \$85,000, excluding the value of the person's primary residence. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #25 is as follows:**

**YES: 2219 NO: 311 passed**

**Article #25 passed**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 26 – DISCONTINUANCE OF LINDEN STREET EXTENSION - \$0**

Warrant Article #26 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town, pursuant to the authority in RSA 231:43, vote to discontinue and abandon only that portion of the Linden Street Extension laid out by the Board of Selectmen on August 22, 1914, pursuant to a petition filed on July 22, 1914, which connects the north line of Riverview Street to a point 10 feet from the south bank of the Souhegan River, so that any right which the Town has in and to said portion of said roadway as a consequence of the vote on said petition is extinguished? The intent of this article is to insure that title to the fee interest in the land under said roadway be hereafter unencumbered by any right of the general public to use said portion of said extension as a public highway. This vote shall NOT be construed to alter, in any way, the legal status of any other portion of the Linden Street Extension nor is it intended to nor shall it be interpreted to effect any easements or other interests which the Town may have over any part of said extension relating to the maintenance of sewer, water or other utilities. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #26 is as follows:**

**YES: 2130 NO: 348 passed**

**Article #26 passed**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 27 – DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF SCARBOROUGH LANE - \$0**

Warrant Article #27 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town, pursuant to the RSA 231:43, vote to discontinue that portion of Scarborough Lane, so called, consisting of the westernmost portion of the existing cul-de-sac located at the terminus of Scarborough Lane as the same as depicted on the subdivision plan recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds as plan #38585, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute any documents necessary to implement this action and to convey any interest that the Town may have in said portion of said cul-de-sac to the owner(s) of Tax Map 6 Lot 42-5, said premises being shown on said Plan? The intention is to remove from public servitude that portion of the depicted cul-de-sac upon the Town acceptance of the extension of Scarborough Lane as depicted on said Plan. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #27 is as follows:**

**YES: 2114 NO: 347 passed**

Article #27 passed

**WARRANT ARTICLE 28 – HITCHINER TOWN FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT – \$0**

Warrant Article #28 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer or convey such property rights in the below described parcel of town owned land as may be necessary so that the same shall be subject to a conservation easement, in perpetuity, the particular terms of the easement to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission, said authorization to include the authority to execute any and all deeds, documents or other instruments in the name of the Town that may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing? It is understood that the intent of this article is to cause the conservation easement to be held by a "qualified organization," as defined in section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, existing for the purchase of or holding of property interests or facilitating transactions relative thereto when such purchase carries out the purpose of RSA 36-A, said organization as determined by the Board of Selectmen with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission. The property to which this authorization, if approved, will apply is land known as Map 42 Lot 2, which property is commonly known as the Hitchiner Town Forest, the same having been acquired by the Town of Milford by deed of Hitchiner Manufacturing Co., Inc., dated November 25, 1985 and recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds at Book 3421, Page 0526. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (3-2). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #28 is as follows:**

**YES: 1615 NO: 896 passed**

Article #28 passed

**WARRANT ARTICLE 29 – OPEN SPACE ACCESS – \$0**

Warrant Article #29 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, at the request of the Conservation Commission, to convey a non-exclusive easement to Christopher Brown and Sarah Brown across a portion of Open Space Lot 3-5 as shown on Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds Plan #34931 for the purpose of access/egress by foot, vehicle, utilities or otherwise, to Map 3 Lot 6, said easement to be no greater than 15 feet in width and will extend from Falcon Ridge Drive, easterly from a point between Lots 3-5-5 and 3-5-6, to the western boundary of Map 3 Lot 6? In exchange for the use of the Open Space, the Browns will give to the Town an eight (8) acre conservation easement with a Trail Right of Way (ROW) for the hiking/snowmobile trail that crosses their property. Provided, nevertheless, that this authorization shall be null and void unless this conveyance is also approved by the Milford Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, the Charitable Trust Division of the NH Attorney General's office and the NH Superior Court, if necessary, with such approvals to be obtained and the matter concluded no later than March 31, 2018. The Board of Selectmen supports this Article (5-0). The Budget Advisory Committee supports this Article (9-0). **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #29 is as follows:**

**YES: 2160 NO: 368 passed**

Article #29 passed

**WARRANT ARTICLE 30 – PIPELINE AUTHORIZATION CONSENT - \$0 – By Petition**

Warrant Article #30 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the voters of the Town of Milford New Hampshire consent to the construction of the North East Direct, Gas Pipeline project being imposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline LLC, a Kinder Morgan Company? The Board of Selectmen did not take a position on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee did not take a position on this Article. **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #30 is as follows:**

**YES: 656 NO: 1883 failed**

**Article #30 failed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 31 – SALE OF A PORTION OF THE BROX PROPERTY - \$0 - By Petition**

Warrant Article #31 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town vote for the proposed sale of Town-owned, lots 38-9, 38-11, 38-12, 38-13 and 38-14 named in the Purchase and Sale Agreement entered into July 9, 2015 between the Town of Milford (seller) and Monadnock Economic Development Corporation (buyer)? The Board of Selectmen does not support this Article (0-5). The Budget Advisory Committee did not take a position on this Article. **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #31 is as follows:**

**YES: 806 NO: 1681 failed**

**Article #31 failed**

**WARRANT ARTICLE 32 – – NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION TO GET BIG MONEY OUT OF POLITICS - \$0 - By Petition**

Warrant Article #32 as presented at the Deliberative Session is as follows:

Shall the town vote to urge:

That the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the (1) Ban Super PAC's and overturn Citizens United, (2) Expose secret donors and require full transparency, (3) Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors, (4) Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections, (5) End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration, and (6) Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws?

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the "We the People" agenda.

That the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegates and to New Hampshire's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instruction from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. The Board of Selectmen did not take a position on this Article. The Budget Advisory Committee did not take a position on this Article. **This Article has no tax impact.**

**The results of the official ballot voting at the Elective Session on article #32 is as follows:**

**YES: 1994 NO: 490 passed**

**Article #32 passed**

There being no further comments or questions, the Moderator advised the assembly that the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee will be meeting this afternoon to finalize their positions. Selectman Daniels stated the BOS will be meeting in the BOS room after leaving this meeting. Matt Lydon stated the BAC will be meeting on Sunday at the Library.

The Moderator adjourned the 2016 Town Meeting Deliberative Session at 3:30 p.m.

Margaret Langell, Town Clerk