

# RCL 2023 VOTER PREPARATION

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## Warrant Articles

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<b>1 Board of Selectmen (3 years)</b>	Kathy Hodson, Bob McGrath, Bruce Valley
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 years)	Donna DeCotis
Budget Committee (2 seats, 3 years)	Jeff Ross, Steven Borne
1 Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Roger Philbrook
2 Library Trustees (2 Seats, 3 years)	Mike Moody, Dania Sieglie
1 Trustees of the Trust Funds (3 years)	Jeff Balboni
Planning Board (1 seats, 3 years)	JM Lord
1 Planning Board (1 seat, 1 years)	Kathryn Garcia
2 Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 seats, 3 years)	Sandra Chororos, Shawn Crapo
Sewer Commission (3 years)	Dave Kohlhase
<b>School Board (2 seats, 3 years)</b>	Matt Curtin, Michelle Wheeler, Bruce Valley, Danielle Maxwell

**Rye Zoning Ordinances Over 100 pages**

[Amendment 01 Article 3:](#) Adds wording to include environment and conservation

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**Article 3 Amendment 2**

~~(4)~~**(3) *The unreasonable*** ~~Any use or thing which is injurious, noxious, or offensive~~ ***use of property, which through smell, noise, glare, excessive lighting, dust, particulates, pollution, blight, sight, or other conditions, causes or has a tendency to cause a diminution of property values, degradation of environs, or alteration of the character of the neighborhood.***

## Article 3 Amendment 9; Giving more authority to Administrators

Changing around who explains and says what has to happen.

### *§190-8.4. Administrative Decisions.*

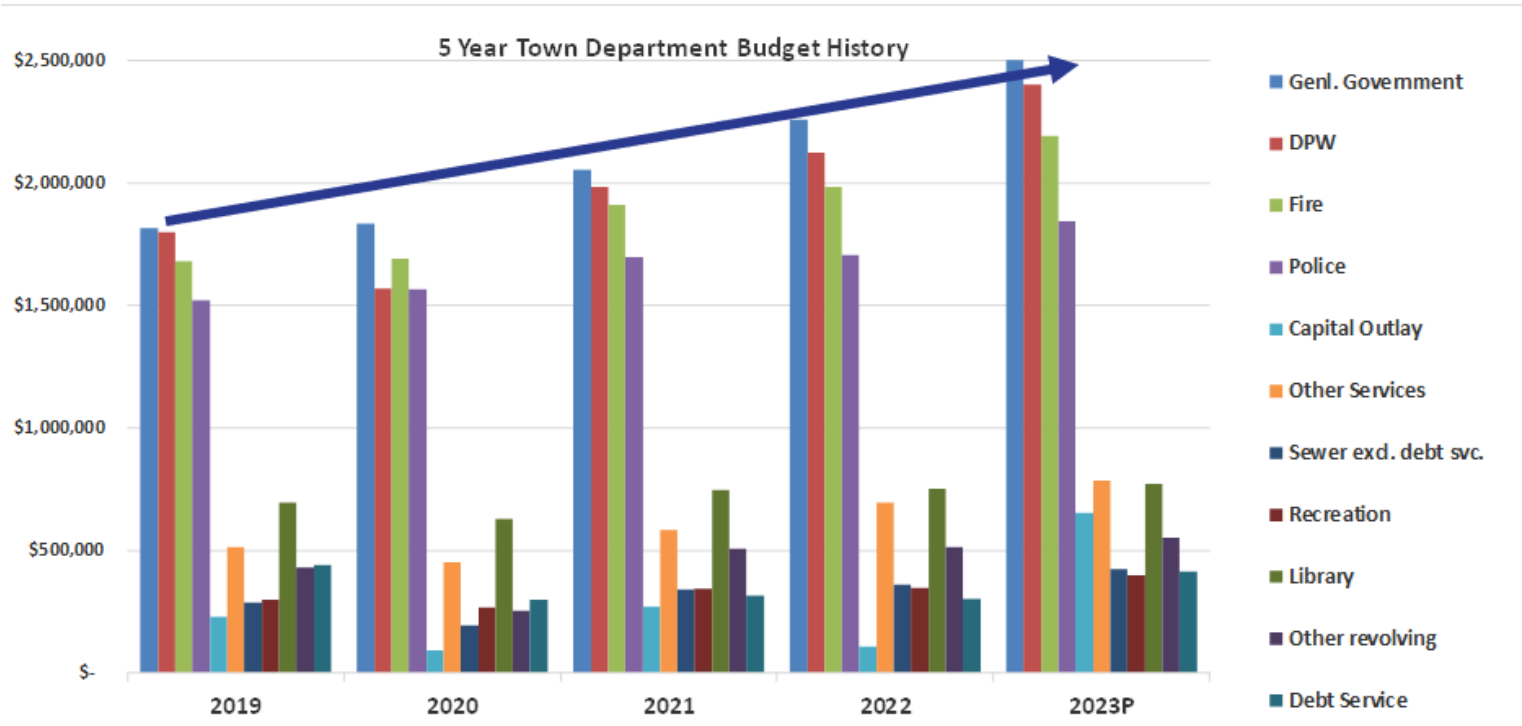
- A. In addition to the foregoing, this Chapter may be administered, applied and enforced by the Planning and Zoning Administrator, or such other individual that may be designated by the Select Board. The Planning and Zoning Administrator shall, in addition to such other officials of the Town authorized to enforce this Chapter, be considered an administrative officer pursuant to RSA 676:5, II(a).*
- B. As an administrative officer, the Planning and Zoning Administrator is authorized, upon the request from prospective applicants for variance relief, special exceptions, conditional use permits, or such other permits and approvals authorized by this Chapter, to issue administrative decisions interpreting, constructing or applying the terms of this Chapter. The Planning and Zoning Administrator may require prospective applicants to submit sufficient information as the Planning and Zoning Administrator may, in their reasonable discretion, deem necessary for issuance of such decision. Any such decision so issued will be in writing.*
- C. Nothing in this §190-8.4 shall require the Planning and Zoning Administrator to issue an administrative decision when a prospective applicant has not supplied sufficient information for the Planning and Zoning Administrator to issue an administrative decision or when the issuance of an administrative decision would require specialized knowledge, training, or information. In such instance, the prospective applicant shall be deemed to require variance relief from the ZBA and may proceed to seek a variance and/or appeal that administrative decision.*

**Article 5: \$12,965,904 Town Budget (was \$11,151,534 last year)**

See Full Presentation on Town Budget. [Click Here](#) Budget table from the Town [Click Here](#)

If the budget fails, the town uses the Default budget that is based on last year and mandatory increases. The Town has been operating on the 2022 budget limits since January 1<sup>st</sup>. \$11,651,885 is the 2023 Default Budget

Voters can make changes to the budget (no more than 10%). Go to the MS-7 to identify the account number and include that in the amendment to change a budget line time. [Click Here](#)





## **Article 6: This year and next year agreement for Fire Fighters**

New Agreement:

2023 ( 9 mos. at 5%) \$50,023

2024 (12 mos. at 3.75%) \$46,812

Two year agreement that??? (yes, we don't know why this is good for the town, what was modified from the past agreement)

[Click here](#) to see the current staff on web page or the next slide.

**Yes:** Increases pay

**No:** Would not increase pay, must move to Special meeting.

Article 7: Call a special meeting to address Article 6.

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**RYE FIRE RESCUE**  
 555 Washington Road  
 Rye, New Hampshire 03870  
[www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)



**"A" SHIFT**  
**Lt/Paramedic Wunderly**  
 Fire Prevention/inspections  
 Station Supplies  
 Capital Planning  
 Inventory Control  
**FF/EMT John Klanchesser**  
 Emergency Reporting Software  
 E911  
 Public Eye  
 I Am Responding  
 Fire Alarm

**"C" SHIFT**  
**Lt/EMT-A Chuck Gallant**  
 Vehicle Maintenance  
 Fire Training  
 Call Department Coordinator  
 Vehicle Equipment Coordinator  
 Community Education  
 Fire Prevention/inspections  
 Kenwood Radios  
**FF/Paramedic Mike Rivet**  
 Jet Ski Program  
 Ocean Rescue  
 CQI

**Member Responsibilities**

6/1/2022

**"B" SHIFT**  
**Lt/Paramedic MacGlashing**  
 EMS Coordinator  
 CQI  
 EMS Training  
 Ambulance Billing  
 Lifeguard Program  
 Fire Prevention/inspections  
**FF/EMT John Cots**  
 Tools and small engines (E1,E3,L1)  
**FF/EMT-A Peter Anania**  
 Emergency Reporting Software  
 IT

**"D" SHIFT**  
**Lt/EMT-A DiBartolomeo**  
 Fire Prevention (Lead)  
 Inspections, Plans review, FP Projects and administration  
 Investigation  
 Motorola Radios  
 Hose  
 Star Island  
 Firehouse Software supervisor  
**FF/Paramedic Chris Bohling**  
 Asst. EMS Coordinator  
 Small Engines (portable pumps/gensets, forestry)  
 Tool Room

**CALL MEMBERS**

**Bob Whittet**  
 Chaplain  
  
**Bryan Yeaton**  
 CQI  
  
**Lexie Gorski**  
 CQI  
  
**Katelyn Pigeon**  
 Asst. EMS Coordinator

**Article 8: Three year agreement for Police**

New Agreement:

2023 ( 9 mos. at 5%) \$34,681

2024 (12 mos. at 4.5%) \$36,304

2025 (12 mos. at 2%) \$30,327

[Click here](#) to see the current staff.

Three year agreement that ??? (yes, we don't know why this is good for the town, what was modified from the past agreement)

**Yes:** Increases pay

**No:** Would not increase pay, must move to Special meeting.

Article 9: Call a special meeting to address Article 8.

**Article 10: Three year agreement for Town Union employees**

2023 Budget does have a COLA for the non-union employees.

New Agreement:

2023 ( 9 mos. at 5.5%) \$52,875

2024 (12 mos. at 4.5%) \$55,889

2025 (12 mos. at 2%) \$34,850

Three year agreement that ??? (yes, we don't know what is different from the current agreement).

**Yes:** Increases pay

**No:** Would not increase pay, must move to Special meeting.

Article 11: Call a special meeting to address Article 10.

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## **Article 12   \$370K New Ambulance**

It takes two years to order and get a new ambulance. As this is in the CIP for 2025 we need to start now to have it then. Orders need to be placed 18 to 24 months in advance.

Rye has two Ambulances.

- 1) Ambulance 1 2008 Chevrolet C-4500 w/ Advanced Life Support (will be replaced)
- 2) Ambulance 2 2017 Ford F550 4-wheel drive w/ Advanced Life Support 80,000 miles

**Yes:** Purchase a new ambulance with all funds coming for the Reserve Account that had \$385,77 in October 22

**No:** Will not allow the purchasing process for a new ambulance to start

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This scheduled 2008 ambulance replacement is being moved up from FY25 to FY23 due to extended delivery estimates of 18-24 months from order date. Our frontline ambulance currently has over 80,000 miles thus we need to manage our delivery dates to ensure this truck remains dependable. We propose this project be funded through the capital reserve.



What do we already own:

- 1) Ambulance 1 2008 Chevrolet C-4500 w/ Advanced Life Support
- 2) Ambulance 2 2017 Ford F550 4-wheel drive w/ Advanced Life Support
- 3) Engine 3 2003 Emergency 1 Typhoon
- 4) Engine 1 1994 KME Navstar Pumper
- 5) New Pumper/Ladder
- 6) Utility 1 2006 4X4 Chevrolet Pick-up
- 7) Air 1 – Breathing Air Unit – One of three units in the 42-town district
- 8) 1931 Ford Antique engine

[Click Here](#) to see this table

**Table produced by Steven Borne for the Select Board October 10, 2018**

Category	Rye	N. Hampton	Greenland	New Castle	4 Town Total	Portsmouth II	Hookset	Windham	Exeter	Milford
Population	5,440	4,456	4,035	979	14,910		14,175	14,562	15,082	15,449
Ambulance (Rescue)	2	1	1	1	5	1	3	2	2	1
Engine - Pumper	2	2	2	2	8		4	2	4	3
Ladder	1	1			2	2	1	1	1	1
Pumper/Tanker		2	1		3		1	2		
Command Vehicle	1	2	1		4			3	3	2
Utility Vehicle	1	1	1		3	2	1	1	2	
Forestry Unit		1		1	2	1	2	1		1
Air Unit	1				1		1			
Marine - Boat				1	1		1	1		
Hose Truck				1	1					
John Deere Gator							1			
Resue or Maintenance Truck								1	1	
HazMat Truck						1				

**Article 13 DPW Highway Equipment Capital Reserves (\$200K)****DPW:**

- Shift in strategy. Not holding on to vehicles to the end of life as there is no re-sale value. Replacing sooner may help reduce the overall costs to the town.
- Historically this had been \$100K per year and is expected to ramp down to this amount
- ~ \$1.7M of DPW trucks/equipment used for the transfer station and road maintenance. Lifetimes vary. Rolling
- Rolling replacement rotates out the oldest equipment as maintenance costs and inconveniences increase; and smooths taxes with contributions each tax year to this capital equipment reserve.
- DPW staff plans on purchasing one vehicle a year, each purchase consumes a fair amount of DPW time and effort, so multiple purchases in a year should be avoided

Current Fund Balance is **\$73,810**

**Yes:** Add \$200K to the reserve fund to support the rolling replacement plan. Keep tax rate steady despite periodic large ticket items purchased

**No:** Leave the reserve fund balance as is with no additional funds this year.

**Article 13: DPW Highway Equipment 2023**

<b>Department Designation</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>	<b>Replacement Cost</b>	<b>Service Life</b>	<b>Replacement Life</b>	<b>Replacement Year</b>
<b>204</b>	1996	Cat.	IT28F	Wheel Loader	\$111,900	\$200,000	25	26	<b>2022</b>
<b>114</b>	2012	Ford	F450	One Ton Rack	\$63,748	\$70,000	10	11	<b>2023</b>
<b>107</b>	2008	International	7400	Six Wheel Dump	\$70,664	\$180,000	15	16	<b>2024</b>
<b>116</b>	2014	Ford	F450	One Ton Dump	\$65,569	\$70,000	10	11	<b>2025</b>
<b>206</b>	1989	Woodchuck	W/C-17	Chipper	\$10,000	\$30,000	30	38	<b>2027</b>
<b>117</b>	2015	Ford	F350	3/4 Ton Pick Up	\$61,882	\$70,000	10	11	<b>2026</b>
<b>115</b>	2014	International	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	\$148,009	\$180,000	15	15	<b>2029</b>
<b>120</b>	2020	Ford	F450	One Ton Dump	\$69,260	\$75,000	10	10	<b>2030</b>
<b>118</b>	2016	International	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	\$175,000	\$180,000	15	15	<b>2031</b>
<b>119</b>	2017	International	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	\$175,000	\$180,000	15	16	<b>2033</b>
<b>210</b>	2018	John Deere	316GR	Skid Steer	\$39,876	\$40,000	15	16	<b>2034</b>
<b>209</b>	2018	John Deere	5075M	Mow/Tractor	\$45,000	\$45,000	15	17	<b>2035</b>
<b>208</b>	2014	Volvo	L60G	Wheel Loader	\$177,839	\$200,000	25	25	<b>2039</b>
<b>211</b>	2021	John Deere		Backhoe		\$200,000	10	11	<b>2032</b>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,213,747</b>	<b>\$1,720,000</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>AVERAGE</b>
					<b>Minimum Yearly Cost</b>		<b>\$109,455</b>	<b>\$102,178</b>	

DPW Director is proposing to not wait until Vehicles are End of Life (EOL) and have \$0 Resale value.

If they replace them with a few years left, there can be resale value to be used in a trade in



**Article 13: DPW Highway Equipment 2023 Jumping to \$200K for this year and next. Then two years at \$150K**

\$200,000 DEPOSIT

**RESERVE FUNDS**

<u>Action Year</u>	<u>Start Principal</u>	<u>Start Interest</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Mid Year Total</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>End Principal</u>	<u>End Interest</u>	<u>End Year Total</u>
2009	\$21,583.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,583.63	\$10,000.00	\$73.76	\$31,583.63	\$73.76	\$31,657.39
2010	\$31,583.63	\$73.76	\$0.00	\$31,583.63	\$10,000.00	\$67.32	\$41,583.63	\$141.08	\$41,724.71
2011	\$0.00	\$41,583.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$41,583.63	\$141,755.00
2012	\$141,724.71	\$0.00	(\$65,000.00)	\$76,724.71	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$176,724.71	\$0.00	\$176,724.71
2013	\$176,724.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176,724.71	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$276,724.71	\$1,486.29	\$278,211.00
2014	\$278,211.00	\$0.00	(\$215,000.00)	\$63,211.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$163,211.00	\$0.00	\$163,211.00
2015	\$163,211.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163,211.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$263,211.00	\$0.00	\$263,211.00
2016	\$263,211.00	\$0.00	(\$168,119.11)	\$95,091.89	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$170,091.89	\$0.00	\$170,091.89
2017	\$170,091.89	\$0.00	(\$170,000.00)	\$91.89	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,091.89	\$2,501.32	\$77,593.21
2018	\$77,593.21	\$0.00	(\$45,000.00)	\$32,593.21	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$132,593.21	\$0.00	\$132,593.21
2019	\$132,593.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,593.21	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$232,593.21	\$4,832.39	\$237,425.60
2020	\$237,425.60	\$0.00	(\$70,000.00)	\$167,425.60	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$267,425.60	\$0.00	\$267,425.60
2021	\$267,425.60	\$0.00	(\$160,000.00)	\$107,425.60	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$207,425.60	\$0.00	\$207,425.60
2022	\$207,425.60	\$0.00	(\$200,000.00)	\$7,425.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,425.60	\$0.00	\$73,809.00
2023	\$73,809.00	\$0.00	(\$105,000.00)	(\$31,191.00)	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$168,809.00	\$0.00	\$168,809.00
2024	\$168,809.00	\$0.00	(\$225,000.00)	(\$56,191.00)	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$143,809.00	\$0.00	\$143,809.00
2025	\$143,809.00	\$0.00	(\$120,000.00)	\$23,809.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$173,809.00	\$0.00	\$173,809.00
2026	\$173,809.00	\$0.00	(\$95,000.00)	\$78,809.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$228,809.00	\$0.00	\$228,809.00

Note: 2022 Corrected Actual End Year Total Highway Capital Reserve Fund Balance \$73,809.00

**Article 14 \$105,000 One Ton Truck**

Truck #114 is a Ford F450 Rack Body, purchased in 2012. 50,000 miles.

**Yes:** Allow DPW to replace the 1 Ton Rack Body

**No:** DPW will continue to maintain the current 10 year old vehicle.

Truck # 114 is a Ford F450, Rack Body truck, purchased in 2012. It is currently 10 years old and has 50,000 miles on it. Its service life expectancy is 10 years. This truck is scheduled for replacement in 2023. Replacement cost with chassis, dump body, central hydraulics, frame, plow, spreader, two-way radio, and tailgate liftgate is anticipated to be \$105,000.



**Article 15: Fire and Ambulance Capital Reserve fund****Fire & Ambulance:**

- Request \$100K for this year
- The separate Ambulance & Fire Vehicle Fund is funded through Grove Rd. Cell Tower at \$50K a year now goes into this fund. Conservation land.
- Port Way Cell Tower is on Town Land and goes to the Town General Fund
- T-mobile tower is on a Water Tower and goes to RWD

Current Balance of Fund: **\$385,077 (as of 10/31/22) \$370K coming out for the new Ambulance**

**Yes:** Add \$100K to the reserve fund to support future equipment purchases

**No:** Leave the reserve fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

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**Article 16:** Town Accumulated Leave Fund: \$50,000

Current Balance: **\$312,895 (as of 10/31/22)**

Estimated liability: \$677,092

Fund created in 1990 to fund Town Employee's Accumulated Leave Accounts

Fund should have 50% of the liability, 2022 had \$100K added.

Unclear what changed to make the number say we needed this much more.

Liability was reported as \$677,092, so we are still less than half.

Town Administrator did not address why the increase this year and not in past years.

**Article 24:** Records Restoration Fund \$3,000 (nothing may have been spent last year)

Current Balance: **\$8,135 (as of 10/31/22)**

**\$5,084 (as of 10/31/21)**

**Yes:** Add the requested funds to each account to accrue funds over time

**No:** Do not add the requested funds to each account

**Article 17: \$35,000 for Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund**

Current Balance:       **\$203,845 (as of 10/31/22)**  
                                  **\$140,850 (as of 10/31/21)**

Select Board discussed projects that will extract funds from this account.

Fund is used for major repairs to municipal buildings

The similarly named Municipal Building Construction and Renovation Fund with **\$120,754** (as of 10/31/22) is used for construction and renovation.

**Yes:** Add \$35K to the maintenance fund

**No:** Leave the fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

**Article 18: Create a new fund to be used for Emergencies**

The RWD Boil Water alert required funds for some actions, like buying water. There was not a specific place for those expenditures to come from. [RSA 35-1](#)

\$25K will be pulled from the “Un-assigned Fund Balance” and held in this account each year. If it is not used, it will be returned to the “un-assigned fund balance”

**Yes:** Make it easier for the Select Board to react and spend to address emergencies

**No:** Would require funds to come from other planned accounts. Would enable more funds to be used to pay down annual taxes.

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**Article 19: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund \$15,000**

Fund was established in 2020 to fund revaluation. State law requires property revaluation at a minimum every five years. The last was completed in 2017. Next must be completed for 2022 and will start in 2021.

Total cost is estimated to be \$60,000.

**2020** \$30K was approved for this fund. (\$30,248 as of 10/31/22) – Assume we paid \$60K, for the current evaluation

**Yes:** Add \$15k to the fund Reduced the 5<sup>th</sup> year cost of funding the re-evaluation.

**No:** Leave the fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

**Article 20: Recreation Building Reserve Fund \$5K**

Current Balance is: \$15,219 as of 10/31/22

It was not made clear why the Select Board are the agents and not the Recreation Commission.

Recreation Master Plan update is in process.

**Yes:** Add \$5K to the building maintenance fund

**No:** Leave the fund balance as is with no additional funds this year



**Article 21 Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust \$10,000**

Current Balance in the fund is: \$54,445 as of 10/31/22

**Yes:** Add to this fund that was created in 2021 for maintain Goss Farm and conservation land.

**No:** Do not make an annual contribution to this fund, leaving the current balance as is.

**Article 22:** Rye Public Library HVAC Fund \$10,000

Current Balance: **\$66,228 (as of 10/31/22)**

We are working our way up \$70,000. When it fails, then we will get a new system.

**Yes:** Add the requested funds to each account to accrue funds over time

**No:** Do not add the requested funds to each account

**NO** contribution to Library Maintenance: \$45,973 (Oct. 31, 2022)

**NO** contribution to the Library Employees: \$30,146 (Oct. 31, 2022)

**Article 23: Create a new fund to be used for un-expected expenses**

Today, if there is an un-planned expense, the money needs to come from another named budget account. Normally the “best fit” is used. There may not be a good match.

\$10K will be pulled from the “Un-assigned Fund Balance” and held in this account each year. If it is not used, it will be returned to the “un-assigned fund balance”

**Yes:** Make it easier for the Select Board to react and spend to address emergencies

**No:** Would require funds to come from other planned accounts. Would enable more funds to be used to pay down annual taxes.

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**Article 25: Up to 75% of beach sticker revenue can go to Beach Cleaning**

DPW has been spending more on beach cleaning than is going into this fund and the auditors do not like this.

This was exacerbated this past year by less Beach Sticker revenue. Moving to 3 stickers and a price increase will help in 2023.

2/3 Majority vote is required.

**Yes:** Agree with leveraging the DES Clean Water Fund so the Sewer Department can develop an asset management plan.

**No:** Do not want to allow the Sewer Department to leverage these funds.

## Article 26 and 27: Veterans Tax credit now for currently serving military

State law has [changed](#) (HSB 1667 Chapter 121) for [RSA 72:28b](#) and this keeps us in compliance. Both measures need to pass and if it does not pass, this pushes it back to an older lever of \$50. To day it is at \$500.

State law expanded who is eligible for this credit.

**Yes:** Will continue the current Veterans Tax credit at \$500, with the expanded coverage.

**No:** Would return to the previous law amount of \$50.

1 Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit. Amend RSA 72:28, IV to read as follows:

•IV. The following persons shall qualify for the standard veterans' tax credit or the optional veterans' tax credit:

•(a) Every resident of this state who ***is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and*** served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and ***continues to serve or*** was honorably discharged or an officer ***who continues to serve or was*** honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that ~~[Title 10]~~ training for active duty by a member of ~~[a]~~ ***the*** national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph;

•(b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and

•(c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

•2 All Veterans' Tax Credit. Amend RSA 72:28-b, IV to read as follows:

•IV. A person shall qualify for the all veterans' tax credit if the person is a resident of this state who ***is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and*** served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and ***continues to serve or*** was honorably discharged or an officer ***who continues to serve or was*** honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that ~~[Title 10]~~ training for active duty ***or state active duty*** by a member of ~~[a]~~ ***the*** national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35.

•3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**Article 28:** Allows the Selectmen to sell Surplus Equipment

Note: Allows for public auction or sealed bid. Potential for surplus to be acquired at less than market value.

**Yes:** Permit the Town to sell surplus equipment through auction and receive revenue without needing to wait for Town Meeting approval.

**No:** Keep the current process

**School Article 1: Operating Budget of \$16,576,387**

See RCL Budget analysis: [Click Here](#)

School Budget Information from SAU office: [Click Here](#)  
includes line item explanations.

**Yes:** Approves the proposed budget and over the Default Budget of \$16,576,387

**No:** Rejects the proposed budget and requires School Board and administration to use the Default Budget of \$16,279,349

## **School Article 2: Support Personnel Salary Increase**

RES and RJH are both operating without enough support staff. Several staff left and recruiting is difficult as neighboring towns are paying more for similar jobs.

This increase for salaries is to help recruit and maintain support personnel for the schools.

The \$131,408 is for the 2023-2024 School Year

**Yes:** Increases the salary budget for support personnel

**No:** Will make it very difficult for the schools to hire support personnel until a new support contract is established

**Article 3:** Enables the School Board to call a special meeting if Article 2 fails.



## **School Article 4: Special Education Expendable Trust Fund**

As of June 30, 2023 if there are funds in the unassigned fund balance, then Up To \$75,000 can be put aside to fund spikes for Special Education.

Current balance of \$129,138 (as of Oct. 31, 2022)

**Yes:** Will allow the School Board to send upto this amount if there are available surplus funds

**No:** No contributions will be made

## **School Article 5: Tuition Expendable Trust Fund**

As of June 30, 2023 if there are funds in the unassigned fund balance, then Up To \$50,000 can be put aside to fund spikes in Tuition payments (can be for PHS or Special Education).

Current balance of \$81,570 (as of Oct. 31, 2022)

This amount will cover up to four PHS tuitions.

**Yes:** Will allow the School Board to send upto this amount if there are available surplus funds

**No:** No contributions will be made.

## **School Article 6: Elementary School New Roof**

The estimated cost of the new roof is \$1,000,000.

\$500,000 to be raised by taxes.

The balance or upto \$500,000 will come from the School Property Maintenance Fund and/or the retained fund balance.

The RES roof is leaking now and should be fixed.

Once fixed, then installing solar panels can be discussed.

**Yes:** Will allow add \$500,000 to be raised by taxes and provides the authority to transfer up to \$500,000 from reserve funds.

**No:** Will prevent the roof from being replaced this year.

## This Presentation

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