

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WINDHAM, NH
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Budget and Warrant for 2022 on Monday, **January 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm** at the Community Development Department, in accordance with RSA 32. A second hearing, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm, at the Community Development Department. The proposed budget figures are as follows:

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| General Government | \$ 2,907,315.00 |
| Public Safety | \$ 9,230,050.00 |
| Highways, Streets and Bridges | \$ 1,223,330.00 |
| Sanitation | \$ 1,391,010.00 |
| Health and Human Services | \$ 52,925.00 |
| Welfare | \$ 45,540.00 |
| Culture and Recreation | \$ 1,823,485.00 |
| Debt Service | \$ 529,512.58 |
| Capital Outlay - Roads | <u>\$ 380,000.00</u> |
| Total Proposed Budget | <u>\$17,583,167.58</u> |

Note that the Default Budget for 2022 would be \$17,071,004.58

The Selectmen will also address all Petition and Special Warrant Articles including those appearing below:

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| (1) | \$ 6,200,000 | For the purpose of purchasing conservation land. The funding would be through either a 10 year or 15 year bond with estimated annual payments of \$501,000 based on the full \$6.2M at 15 years; however the article will limit the borrowing to no more than \$2.0M per year. The payments for 15 years at the \$2.0M level are estimated to be \$223,000 annually. |
| (3) | \$ 75,000 | To add to our Property Maintenance Trust. |
| (4) | \$ 32,500 | For the Coordination, Marketing and Maintenance associated with the Searles Building. Funding to come from Searles Revenue Fund. Article has no additional impact on Tax Rate. |
| (5) | \$ 98,579 | For the purpose of repairing the flooring structure and upper interior walls of the Tower. Funding for this article would come from the remaining 2020 bond proceeds, which were approved for repairs to the roof and stone exterior of the Tower. Article has no additional impact on Tax Rate. |
| (6) | \$ 58,070 | For the purpose of hiring a new, full-time police officer effective July 1, 2022 |
| (7) | \$ 20,000 | For the purpose of repairs and renovations to the Town Hall, to include but not limited to, siding repairs and or painting, drainage improvements, moisture control, insulation, and window improvements. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Program. |
| (8) | \$ 100,000 | For the purpose of purchasing a small excavator for the Highway Department and ancillary equipment for said vehicle. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan. |
| (9) | \$ 185,000 | For the purpose of purchasing a five-ton six-wheel plow truck for the Highway Department and ancillary equipment for said vehicle. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan. |
| (10) | \$ 7,500 | For improvements within the McIlvaine Town Forest. Funding to come from the Forest Fund established for this purpose. Article has no additional impact on tax rate. |

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| (11) | \$ - | To authorize the Selectmen to convey an easement in favor of Brian Harvey, over a portion of the Town's Recreational Trail, lot 9-A-770, in the area between Shamrock Road and Anderson Road, for the purpose of allowing a driveway easement to Lot 9-A-825 for a single-family residence. |
| (12) | \$ - | Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 79-H which allows the Town to "find it to be in the public interest to authorize municipalities to allow a chartered public school to be able to rent or lease its building or facilities from a property owner which is not exempt from property taxes, and not have the property taxes attributable to the chartered public school facilities be taxed to the owner at the full market value of the facilities? |
| \$ 6,776,649 | | Subtotal Special Articles |

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>\$ Inc/(Dec)</u> | <u>% Inc/(Dec)</u> |
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| Operating Budget | \$ 17,583,167.58 | \$ 16,766,922.82 | | |
| Special Articles | \$ 6,776,649.00 | \$ 1,146,370.00 | | |
| Gross Appropriation | \$ 24,359,816.58 | \$ 17,913,292.82 | \$ 6,446,523.76 | 35.987% |
| Less: Revenues | \$ (6,338,579.00) | \$ (782,500.00) | | |
| Total Budget (Net) | \$ 18,021,237.58 | \$ 17,130,792.82 | \$ 890,444.76 | 5.198% |

As exhibited above, if all special articles are approved (total \$6,776,649), the gross appropriation will increase by \$6,446,523.76 or 35.987% over 2021. The total gross budget for 2022 would then be \$24,359,816.58 before use of other revenue sources.

The 2022 net budget, on which the tax rate is set, would be \$18,021,237.58 which represents a total net budget increase of \$890,444.76, or 5.198% after taking into account the use of \$6,200,000 in Bonds for the Conservation Lands, \$98,579 in Remaining Bond Proceeds from the 2020 Searles Bond, \$32,500 from the Searles Trust for coordination, marketing and maintenance costs, and \$7,500 from the Forest Maintenance Fund. Total of \$6,338,579.

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