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# Town of Enfield



## 2010

# Town Meeting Warrant

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**State of New Hampshire**  
**Grafton S.S.** **Town of Enfield**

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**2010 TOWN WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Enfield, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Take notice and be warned that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Enfield, New Hampshire, will be held on two days as follows:

**On Tuesday, March 9, 2010**, in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield, NH, there will be voting only by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and Amendment to the Enfield Zoning Ordinance. Note: By law, the meeting must open before the voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for the consideration of all ballot articles. At 12:00 NOON the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open.

Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There will be no opportunity to vote by ballot on Articles 1 through 2 at the second session of the Town Meeting. After the polls close at 7:00 p.m., the ballots will be counted.

The meeting will reconvene **Saturday, March 13, 2010**; Articles 1 through 2 will be presented and articles 3 through 16 will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Enfield Elementary Village School, 271 US Route 4, Enfield, NH.

**Article 1.** To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

For Two Years:     One Moderator  
                          One Supervisor of the Checklist

For Three Years:   One Selectman  
                          One Trustee of Trust Funds  
                          One Cemetery Trustee  
                          One Fire Ward  
                          One Library Trustee  
                          Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members  
                          Three Budget Committee Members

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For Six Years:        One Supervisor of the Checklist

**Article 2.**        Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1**, as proposed by the Enfield Planning Board, for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the Town of Enfield, N.H. will adopt the provisions of N.H. RSA Section 674:21:VI of Title LCIV, Planning and Zoning, Chapter 674 Local Land Use Powers as they relate to applying the “Village Plan Alternative” as an integral part of the Town of Enfield, New Hampshire’s Zoning Ordinance.

**The Planning Board recommends passage of this article by a vote of 4-3.**

**Article 3:**        To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s and Selectmen’s recommended sum of four million, eight hundred seventy-six thousand, three hundred sixty-seven dollars, **(\$4,876,367)**, for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (Estimated tax impact \$5.51 per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 4:**        To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars **(\$190,000)** to purchase the following Public Works vehicles/equipment:

| <b>Vehicle/Equipment</b> | <b>Appropriation</b> | <b>Estimated Tax Impact Per \$1,000 Valuation</b> | <b>Estimated Tax Impact on \$200,000 Home</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Backhoe                  | \$140,000            | 25.455 cents                                      | \$51  |
| F550 1-Ton Dump Truck    | \$50,000             | 9.091 cents                                       | \$18  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$190,000</b>     | <b>34.546 cents</b>                               | <b>\$69</b>                                   |

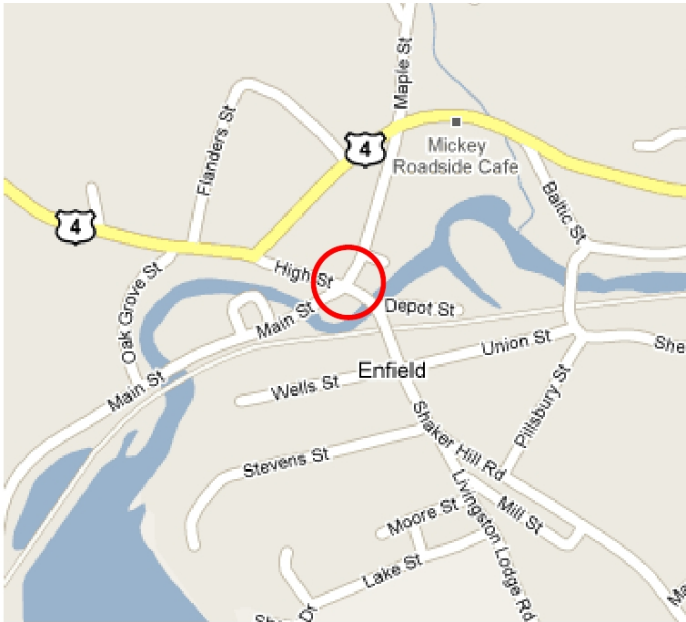
**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 6-2.**

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**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District Plan Section V. District Plan, Project List by adding Huse Park/Community Building site plan improvements.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District Plan, Section V. District Plan, Project List by adding the extension of the sewer main along Main Street.

**Article 7:** (*By Petition*) Shall the Town of Enfield submit a request to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to install STOP signs at the Main Street approaches to the Main Street/High Street/Shaker Hill Road intersection in downtown Enfield, creating a four way stop? This intersection has known safety issues arising from poor sight distances and deficient alignment.



**The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of 2-1.**

**Article 8:** (*By Petition*) Shall the Town of Enfield raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, four hundred seven-two dollars (**\$3,472**) in support the Tri-County Cap Community Contact Office? This is \$16.00 per household

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Tri-County CAP uses to assist with Fuel & Electric Assistance and Homeless Outreach. (Estimated tax impact is less than .631 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.  
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 9:**     *(By Petition)* Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand nine hundred dollars (**\$13,900**) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the **Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH?** In 2009, the VNA & Hospice of VT and NH made 2,256 homecare visits to 220 residents and provided approximately \$141,561 of uncompensated care to Enfield residents. (Estimated tax impact 2.527 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.  
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 10:**     *(By Petition)* Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand two hundred fifty-eight dollars (**\$7,258**) for the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council for services for Enfield residents in 2010? These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, adult in-home care, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. In 2009, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 166 Enfield residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 88 residents, and the cost of providing these services was \$126,979.84. (Estimated tax impact 1.320 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.  
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 11:**     *(By Petition)* To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand two hundred fifty dollars (**\$5,250**) for Advance Transit for the 2010 calendar year. Advance Transit provides Enfield residents free rides to hospitals, shopping centers, schools, and regional agencies in the Upper valley. The service reduces traffic congestion, improves access to jobs and employment opportunities, and enhances mobility and transportation options for residents with disabilities. Support for the Advance Transit program will help to sustain this free service for the benefit of the community. (Estimated tax impact is .955 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

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**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 12:**     *(By Petition)* Shall the Town of Enfield raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand four hundred ninety one dollars (**\$5,491**) for the support of professional mental health services provided by West Central Behavioral Health? This appropriation will be used to pay West Central Behavioral Health for services provided to uninsured and underinsured Enfield residents who use West Central Behavioral Health’s psychological, psychiatric, case management and emergency mental health services. Last year one hundred and thirty nine (139) Enfield residents were patients of West Central Behavioral Health. Of the 139 served 69 were Enfield’s children. Enfield’s appropriation will only be used to support services to Enfield residents. (Estimated tax impact is .998 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 13:**     *(By Petition)* Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (**\$7,000.00**) for Headrest, Inc. for services for Enfield residents in 2010. These services include 24-hour Hotline, substance abuse counseling, residential detox, transitional living, NA meetings, and more. Headrest has always provided these services to the citizens of Enfield regardless of the ability to pay. (Estimated tax impact is 1.273 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 14:**     *(By Petition)* Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars (**\$2,300**) to help support the crisis intervention and support services and community outreach and violence prevention program at WISE (Women’s Information Service) located in Lebanon, NH and serving the Town of Enfield as well as twelve additional towns in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire. (Estimated tax impact is .418 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.**  
**The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

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**Article 15:** (*By Petition*) Shall the Town of Enfield raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand four hundred sixty three dollars (**\$3,463**) for the support of public health program services provided by Mascoma Valley Health Initiative in 2010? This appropriation represents an allocation of 75 cents per capita. This appropriation will be used to pay Mascoma Valley Health Initiative for services provided to adult, youth and child residents of Enfield who use Mascoma Valley health Initiative's public health immunization, youth alcohol and drug prevention, after school program, outreach and referral services. In 2009, Mascoma Valley Health Initiative conducted a seasonal flu clinic in Enfield and immunized more than 500 individuals. This appropriation will be used to support MVHI's work to protect and promote the health of Enfield residents. (Estimated tax impact is .630 cents per \$1,000 valuation.)

**The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.  
The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0.**

**Article 16:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

A true copy of warrant attest



Donald J. Crate, Sr.



John W. Kluge



B. Fred Cummings  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
ENFIELD NH

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## Warrant Articles Approved Until Rescinded

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**The following articles were approved, until rescinded, by the voters at Town Meeting. The voters may reverse these decisions by a majority vote at a subsequent Town Meeting, provided an article is included on the warrant. An article may be placed on the warrant by the Board of Selectmen or by petition [RSA 40:13, II-a (b)].**

Adopted March 10, 1998: 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?

Adopted March 10, 1998: Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority the Public Library Trustees 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?

Adopted March 10, 1998: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-e providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose? The selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gift, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of any such personal property.

Adopted March 10, 1998: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property?

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Adopted March 10, 1998: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

Adopted March 10, 1998: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of RSA 80:80 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to administer, sell or otherwise dispose of any tax lien or real estate acquired by tax title or otherwise, by public auction, by advertised sealed bids, or to otherwise dispose of as justice may require, providing that if such property is to be sold at public auction, then the same shall be advertised sixty (60) days in advance of sale and again forty-five (45) days in advance of sale with notice posted in three public places and two local newspapers of wide circulation for two consecutive weeks?

Adopted March 10, 1998: Shall the Town vote to authorize indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to accept the dedication of any street shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided such street has been constructed to applicable town specifications as determined by the selectmen and their agent?

Adopted March 10, 1998: Shall the Town vote to accept the provisions of RSA 31:19 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose?

Adopted March 13, 2001: Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept for the Town parcels of land, which authority shall continue until rescinded, formerly the property of the Northern Railroad or state owned rights-of-way, that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation considers surplus to its needs?

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# Town Warrant Narrative 2010

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This narrative, provided in concert to the Town Meeting Warrant, is intended to be informational in nature, and states the purpose and rationale of the articles. The State of New Hampshire Budget Reporting Form identified as the **MS-7**, which is printed in your Town Report, provides details as to prior year's appropriations and expended end of year totals for both the operational aspects and capital acquisitions together with proposed 2010 requests.

## **B** *allot Article*

Article 1 is a ballot-voting article, which will require action, either by voting in person at the election or by absentee ballot. All absentee ballots should be directed through the office of the Town Clerk. Voting will take place:

**Where:** Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield  
**When:** Tuesday, March 9, 2010  
**Polls Open:** 8:00 a.m.                      **Polls Close:** 7:00 p.m.

*NOTE: If you have not yet registered to vote, you may register on the actual day of voting. Please bring the following identification items with you: birth certificate or passport, AND driver's license or non-driver's identity card. If your driver's license does not list your Enfield address you must also bring proof of your residence, such as your auto registration, lease agreement, or utility bill.*

**Article 1:** Election of Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**Article 2:** Zoning amendment to adopt the provisions of RSA 674:21:VI as follows:

VI. (a) In this section, ""village plan alternative" means an optional land use control and subdivision regulation to provide a means of promoting a more efficient and cost effective method of land development. The village plan alternative's purpose is to encourage the preservation of open space wherever possible. The village plan alternative subdivision is meant to encourage beneficial consolidation of land development to permit the efficient layout of less costly to maintain roads, utilities, and other public and private infrastructures; to improve the ability of political subdivisions to provide more rapid and efficient delivery of public safety and school transportation services as community growth occurs; and finally, to provide owners of private property with a method for

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realizing the inherent development value of their real property in a manner conducive to the creation of substantial benefit to the environment and to the political subdivision's property tax base.

(b) An owner of record wishing to utilize the village plan alternative in the subdivision and development of a parcel of land, by locating the entire density permitted by the existing land use regulations of the political subdivision within which the property is located, on 20 percent or less of the entire parcel available for development, shall grant to the municipality within which the property is located, as a condition of approval, a recorded easement reserving the remaining land area of the entire, original lot, solely for agriculture, forestry, and conservation, or for public recreation. The recorded easement shall limit any new construction on the remainder lot to structures associated with farming operations, forest management operations, and conservation uses, and shall specify that the restrictions contained in the easement are enforceable by the municipality. Public recreational uses shall be subject to the written approval of those abutters whose property lies within the village plan alternative subdivision portion of the project at the time when such a public use is proposed.

(c) The submission and approval procedure for a village plan alternative subdivision shall be the same as that for a conventional subdivision. Existing zoning and subdivision regulations relating to emergency access, fire prevention, and public health and safety concerns including any setback requirement for wells, septic systems, or wetland requirement imposed by the department of environmental services shall apply to the developed portion of a village plan alternative subdivision, but lot size regulations and dimensional requirements having to do with frontage and setbacks measured from all new property lot lines, and lot size regulations, as well as density regulations, shall not apply.

(1) The total density of development within a village plan alternate subdivision shall not exceed the total potential development density permitted a conventional subdivision of the entire original lot unless provisions contained within the political subdivision's land use regulations provide a basis for increasing the permitted density of development within a village plan alternative subdivision.

(2) In no case shall a political subdivision impose lesser density requirements upon a village plan alternative subdivision than the density requirements imposed on a conventional subdivision.

(d) If the total area of a proposed village plan alternative subdivision including all roadways and improvements does not exceed 20 percent of the total land area of the undeveloped lot, and if the proposed subdivision incorporates the total sum of all proposed development as permitted by local regulation on the undeveloped lot, all existing and future dimensional requirements imposed by local regulation, including lot size, shall not apply to the proposed village plan alternative subdivision.

(e) The approving authority may increase, at existing property lines, the

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setback to new construction within a village plan alternative subdivision by up to 2 times the distance required by current zoning or subdivision regulations, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c).

(f) Within a village plan alternative subdivision, the exterior wall construction of buildings shall meet or exceed the requirements for fire-rated construction described by the fire prevention and building codes being enforced by the state of New Hampshire at the date and time the property owner of record files a formal application for subdivision approval with the political subdivision having jurisdiction of the project. Exterior walls and openings of new buildings shall also conform to fire protective provisions of all other building codes in force in the political subdivision. Wherever building code or fire prevention code requirements for exterior wall construction appear to be in conflict, the more stringent building or fire prevention code requirements shall apply.

## **D**eliberative Session

Meeting will reconvene:

**When: Saturday, March 13, 2010**  
**Place: Enfield Elementary School, 271 US Route 4, Enfield**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

## **O**perational Budget

**Article 3:** This article is indicative of the operational appropriations for the Town Departments, including Sewer and Water, as depicted on the Form **MS-7 Budget of the Town.**

No Public Works vehicles are included in the operating budget, but instead are presented as a separate warrant article. Funding for regional organizations have also been removed from the 2010 budget. Petitioned warrant articles were submitted for funding of some regional organizations and are presented as separate warrant articles. Efforts were made to keep employee compensation at 2009 levels. Employee health insurance plans have been changed to save on the cost of premiums.

**Article 4:** No funding was provided in the operating budget for Public Works vehicles and equipment. This article provides funding for a Backhoe (\$140,000) and an F550 1-Ton Dump Truck (\$50,000) to replace the existing

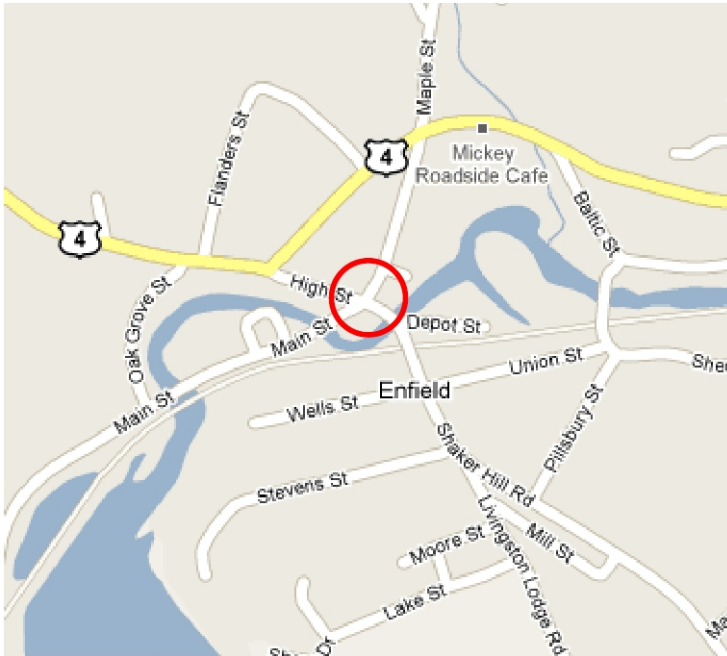
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1999 backhoe and 1997 1-Ton Dump Truck that are at the end of their useful lives.

**Article 5:** This project seeks to finish the site plan changes for the Community Building and Huse Park properties. The goal is to improve parking, site layout and lighting. The Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Advisory Committee has sought out community input in developing the final product. Visit the Town website, [www.enfield.nh.us](http://www.enfield.nh.us), for further details.

**Article 6:** The Tax Increment Finance Advisory Committee proposes a change to the TIF Plan to include a sewer line extension on Main Street.

**Article 7:** *(By Petition)* Should the voters approve this article and the State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation approve the request, installation of stop signs on Main Street would create a 4-way stop at the Main Street, High Street, Shaker Hill Road intersection.



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**Articles 8 - 15: (By Petition)** The 2010 operating budget provides no funding for regional organizations. Articles 8 - 15 are petitioned warrant articles requesting funding for Tri-County CAP (\$3,472), Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH (\$13,900) and Grafton County Senior Citizens Council (\$7,258), Advance Transit (\$5,250), West Central Behavioral Health (\$5,491), Headrest (\$7,000.00), WISE (Women's Information Service) (\$2,300) and Mascoma Valley Health Initiative (\$3,463). These articles are self explanatory.

**Article 16:** This article allows voters to transact any other business that may legally come before Town Meeting. Items brought up for discussion can only be advisory or informational in content and nature. Any items requesting the Town to raise and appropriate money cannot come before the meeting under this article.