

**2020 TOWN MEETING
RESULTS
July 11, 2020**

Articles 8 – 24

Article 8: (Lease without Escape Clause) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **\$190,000** payable over a term of five (5) years for the purpose of leasing four police cruisers. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the lease.

Article 8 TABLED

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** to replace a bridge on Oak Hill Road, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$150,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first interest payment will be due in 2020. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 9 & 14 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities.

**92 votes cast, 62 required to pass
83 – Yes, 9 – No
Article 9 PASSED as printed**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900,000** to make improvements to the municipal water system (including preparation of a funding application to USDA, hydrogeological work, design and construction of a new well to increase drinking water supply, and replacing approximately 5,500 linear feet of water distribution main) to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance of the Municipal Water Fund to reduce the amount borrowed. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to make associated future principal and interest payments from the Municipal Water Fund operating budget for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 10 & 11 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities while insuring that all future principal and interest payments are made from the appropriate fund on a proportionate basis.

**93 votes cast, 62 required to pass
57 – Yes, 36 – No
Article 10 FAILED as printed**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900,000** to make improvements to the municipal sewer system (including preparation of a funding application to USDA,

improved access, infiltration and inflow removal, manhole rehabilitation, CCTV inspection, pipe rehabilitation), to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,900,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to make associated future principal and interest payments from the Municipal Sewer Fund operating budget for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 10 & 11 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities while insuring that all future principal and interest payments are made from the appropriate fund on a proportionate basis.

93 votes cast, 62 required to pass
50 – Yes, 43 – No
Article 11 FAILED as printed

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for wastewater planning related to recommended follow-up sewer system investigations from the 2019 Wastewater Asset Management Project, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$75,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; said borrowing to be from the NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Fund of which 100% of the principal is to be forgiven. There will be an interest payment due in 2020. The Municipal Sewer System Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the interest payments for the life of the loan.

89 votes cast, 60 required to pass
73 – Yes, 16 No
Article 12 PASSED as printed

Article 13: (Lease without Escape Clause) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **\$48,000** payable over a term of seven (7) years for the purpose of leasing one Public Works one-ton pickup truck. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the lease.

Article 13 TABLED

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to replace sidewalks in the village area, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$40,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first interest payment will be due in 2020. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 9 & 14 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities.

86 votes cast, 58 required to pass
69 – Yes, 17 No
Article 14 PASSED as printed

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of ~~\$6,936,460~~ \$6,727,966 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Majority vote required: 81 – Yes, 1 – No
Article 15 PASSED as amended

Article 16: To hear the report of the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee relative to the evaluation of existing facilities and an examination of alternative options and conceptual designs that meet the Town's municipal facility needs.

Article 16 TABLED

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153 to collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 per registration for the purpose of supporting a municipal transportation improvement fund. Said fund shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose and governed by the provisions of RSA 35, and the Board of Selectmen shall be appointed as agent to expend from said fund. All fees collected will be deposited in the newly created Municipal Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, and public transportation.

The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles, as defined in RSA 259:4.

Article 17 TABLED

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for community master planning with said funds to come from unassigned general fund balance.

Article 18 TABLED

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Employee and Retiree Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned general fund balance.

Majority vote required: 82 – Yes, 2 – No
Article 19 PASSED as printed

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ~~\$448,368~~ to be placed in the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority vote required: 67 – Yes, 9 – No
Article 20 PASSED as printed

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to adopt, pursuant to RSA 72:81, a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in RSA 72:80). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and county taxes are excluded from the exemption. The exemption shall be granted for a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements, and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of ten (10) years. If adopted, the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a per case basis based on the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town's tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. If approved this exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) tax years.

Majority vote required: 70 – Yes, 9 – No
Article 21 PASSED as printed

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an electricity power purchase agreement of up to 25 years with a qualified third party that will install, own and maintain a solar energy system on the Department of Public Works salt and sand shed, and to grant a lease and easement for access to the location of the system. The Town will purchase the local solar energy at a cost of not more than \$0.120/kWh the first year, with an increase of not more than 2% in each subsequent year, and includes an option to purchase the system for no more than the depreciated market rate (as determined by an independent appraiser) during the term of the agreement. The Board of Selectmen would be authorized to negotiate terms and enter into said agreement through December 31, 2020, at which time the authorization would expire and necessitate additional Town Meeting approval.

Article 22 PASSED unanimously as printed

Article 23: (By Petition) “New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution”
“We the town of Enfield hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety”

“We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we rely.”

“The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Enfield's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Enfield's Congressional Delegation, and to the

President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Enfield's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.”

Article 23 TABLED

Article 24: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 24 TABLED