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Hampton, NH 2017 Warrant Articles

This document is intended to help Hampton voters understand the Warrant Articles that will appear on the ballot on March 14, 2017. Each Article is explained, and there is a short statement about what those in favor say about it, and what those opposed say. A separate document can be used to jot down your decision on each Article. You may bring your notes about your choices to the Ballot Box with you to save time. There is a link to a sample ballot on our home page. You can print that, fill in your choices and bring it with you to the voting booth to save time.

Article 1: Election of Officers

Note: There are 2 contested races, outlined in yellow. All other positions have candidates equal to the number of openings. You have the option to write in the name of a candidate.

Position	Term	# Open	# of Candidates	Candidate Names		
Selectman	3 Yrs	2	3	Mary Louise Woolsey	Rusty Bridle	Rick Griffin
Treasurer	3 Yrs	1	1	Ellen M Lavin		
Trustee of Tr. Funds	3 Yrs	2	2	Stephen Falzone	John P Troiano	
Library Trustee	3 Yrs	2	2	Deborah Knowlton	Robert Lamothe	
Planning Board	3 Yrs	2	2	Ann J Carnaby	Alex Loiseau	
Cemetery Trustee	3 Yrs	1	2	MaryRae Preston	Matthew J. Shaw	
Budget Committee	3 Yrs	2	2	Stephen LaBranch	David H. Maurer	
Budget Committee	1 Yrs	1	1	Steven Henderson		
Zoning Board	3 Yrs	2	2	Thomas M. McGuirk	Ed St.Pierre	

Articles 2-9 are Zoning Articles

Article 2: Zoning – Provide local parameters for the Accessory Dwelling Unit Law

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

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Amend Article I – General. Section 1.6 Definitions to add a definition for “Accessory Dwelling Unit”.

Amend Article III – Use Regulations. Section 3.1 to provide that a single-family dwelling may only include one accessory dwelling unit, subject to the requirements of other applicable Articles of the Zoning Ordinance.

Add New Article III-A – Accessory Dwelling Units to Single-Family Dwellings which includes new sections addressing the following: Location and Quantity, Permits Required, Provisions for Living Facilities, Occupancy Requirements, Site Location and Size, Provisions for Water Supply and Sewage Disposal, Dimensional Requirements, Sprinkler Systems, Condominium Conversion, Impact Fees, and Removal of an Accessory Dwelling Unit.

Amend Article VI – Parking. Section 6.3 – Parking Requirements to specify that the parking requirements for dwelling units under 6.3.1 shall also apply to accessory dwelling units.

Amend Article VII – Exterior Design. Sections 7.1 and 7.5 to add reference to accessory dwelling units attached to single-family dwellings, and to add New Section 7.8 to provide exterior design requirements specific to accessory dwelling units that are added to a single-family dwelling.

Recommended by the Planning Board

What it means: This Article was prepared in response to Senate Bill 146, which was signed into law in March, 2016. Any community that has not adopted zoning for ADU’s by June 1, 2017 must allow an attached ADU in any single-family zoning district with only a Building Permit. There would be no local standards for ADUs. The proposed Article provides the necessary local safeguards and consistency with other town requirements via a definition of ADUs, related modified allowances for parking and exterior design, and specific local requirements for the permitting and construction of ADUs.

Those in favor say: This Article provides for local safeguards and planning stipulations consistent with those for other structures in Hampton. ADUs will be allowed with or without these standards, so creating the standards will enable Hampton to ensure that ADUs fit the flavor of Hampton neighborhoods.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 3: Zoning – Definitions of “Lot Area” and “Percentage of Impervious Coverage”

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article I – General, Section 1.6 to add definitions of “Lot Area” and “Percentage of Impervious Coverage”.

Amend Article IV – Dimensional Requirements, Sections 4.8, 4.8a, and 4.8b to replace references to “sealed surface” with “Percentage of Impervious Coverage” for consistency purposes.

Recommended by the Planning Board

What It Means: This Article provides guidance for the calculation of impervious coverage. The proposed definition of “Lot Area” clarifies that wetlands and poorly or very poorly drained soils are excluded. The proposed definition of “Percentage of Impervious Coverage” includes a formula to perform the calculation: Percentage of Impervious Coverage = (Total Area of Impervious Surfaces ÷ “Lot Area”) X 100. General consistency changes are also included under Article IV - Dimensional Requirements in the Ordinance.

NOTE: The allowed percentage of impervious coverage is an existing component part of Hampton’s ordinances. This Article provides more clarity for the definitions.

Those in favor say: This is a ‘house keeping’ Warrant Article that provides information about, and will ensure consistency in the calculation of impervious coverage.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 4: Zoning – Consolidated definition for “Parking Area” and “Parking Lot”

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article I – General, Section 1.6 to replace the current definitions of “Parking Area” and “Parking Lot” with one consolidated definition titled “Parking Lot”, to include legally designated areas of a public street within the definition of “Parking Space”, and to make minor changes to the definition of “Stacked Parking” for consistency purposes.

Amend Article III – Use Regulations, Section 3.26a to remove “and/or Parking Areas” for consistency purposes.

Amend Article VI – Parking, Section 6.4 (Parking Lots and/or Parking Areas) to remove “and/or Parking Area(s)” for consistency purposes, and to clarify the parking lot requirement under 6.4.6.

Recommended by the Planning Board

What It Means: The current definitions of “Parking Lot” and “Parking Area” have resulted in confusion, and are proposed to be replaced with one revised definition of “Parking Lot.” Additionally, an existing reference to “legally-designated” areas of a public street will be moved to the “Parking Space” definition, and minor consistency changes to the definition of “Stacked Parking” are proposed. All references to Parking Area(s) have

been removed from the Zoning Ordinance for consistency purposes, and outdated language in Article IV - Parking has been clarified.

Those In Favor Say: This is a “house keeping” Warrant Article, designed to add clarity to the references to places to park in the ordinances.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 5: Zoning – Floodplain Management Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Delete Article II – Districts. Section 2.4 Special Flood Hazard Area in its entirety and replace with New Section 2.4 Floodplain Management Ordinance. The new Floodplain Management Ordinance includes a purpose statement, definitions, language regarding authority and applicability, administrative provisions, floodplain administrator designation and responsibility, permitting requirements, floodplain development requirements, specifications for flood elevation determination, structure requirements, requirements for detached accessory structures, requirements for coastal high hazard areas, and procedure for variances and appeals.

Amend Article IV – Dimensional Requirements. Table II, Section 4.4 Maximum number of stories/feet and the Footnotes to add a New Footnote 33 specifying the maximum height (in feet) may be exceeded by not more than one foot where the lowest floor of a structure is required to be elevated.

Delete Article XI – Construction Provisions. Section 11.6 Floodplain Development Regulations in its entirety (these regulations are incorporated under the proposed New Section 2.4.)

Recommended by the Planning Board

What it means: This Article deletes current Zoning Ordinance Sections 2.4 and 11.6 and replaces those sections with new language under Section 2.4. This new language is largely based on the State’s model Floodplain Ordinance. Most of the current requirements will remain unchanged, although there are some differences in the wording. The substantive changes include: providing Administrative Provisions, organizing the floodplain development standards by type of development rather than repeating for each floodplain zone, outlining Building Permit application requirements, elevating new or substantially improved structures by one foot above the base flood elevation, and providing standards for detached accessory structures.

Those in favor say: For the most part, these are housekeeping and organizational updates. One change of note is that for every foot above base flood elevation a structure is built, it can add a foot of height, even if it puts the structure above the standard height limitation.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 6: Zoning – Modification to Aquifer Protection District Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II – Districts, Section 2.5.6 B (Administration) of the Aquifer Protection District Ordinance to state that all variance requests shall be considered by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in accordance with Section 1.4 of the Hampton Zoning Ordinance, to require the Zoning Board of Adjustment to notify the Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, or its successor of any application in the Aquifer Protection District requiring a public hearing in the same manner as it notifies abutters, and to specify that the applicant is to provide the required notification fee.

Recommended by the Planning Board

What it means: The Zoning Board of Adjustment would be required to notify the Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, or its successor of any application in the Aquifer Protection District requiring a public hearing in the same manner as it notifies abutters. It also states that the applicant is to provide the required notification fee for this purpose. Further, the Article includes general clarification that all variance requests are considered in accordance with Section 1.4 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Those in favor say: This ensures that Aquarion (or its successor) is notified in advance of any zoning variance request in the Aquifer Protection Zone so they can have an opportunity to comment on potential impact to the wells that supply the Town’s water.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 7: Zoning – Restriction to Obstruction on Corner Lots

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article IV – Dimensional Requirements, Table II – Footnote 2 to replace the existing language regarding vegetation on corners with revised language for corner lots. The revised language establishes a triangular area that is to remain free from obstruction, specifies that no structure other than a building constructed in accordance with the minimum setback requirements or a legal pre-existing building shall be located on the

private property within the triangular area, and also specifies that vegetation within the triangular area shall be maintained at a height not to exceed three (3) feet, as measured from the edge of pavement or curbing, so as to afford adequate sight distance at the corner. The revised language further specifies that walls and fences within the triangular area are subject to the same three (3) foot maximum height requirement as vegetation.

Recommended by the Planning Board

What it means: The revised language for this Article establishes a triangular area that is to remain free from obstruction so that drivers and pedestrians can see around corners for safety reasons.

Those in favor say: This Article adds clarity to the height and setback requirements for buildings and vegetation on corner lots to best provide good and safe sight lines.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 8: Zoning – Replace Outdated Fee Structure Chart in Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article X – Building Permits and Inspection, Section 10.1.4 to delete the outdated Building Department Fee Schedule from the Zoning Ordinance and to clarify that the fee schedule is available in the Building Department.

Recommended by the Planning Board

What it means: Deletion of the outdated fee schedule from the Zoning Ordinance will prevent confusion regarding the actual required fees.

Those in favor say: This will make it easier to ensure that just one set of Building Department fees are posted, and that the posted fees can be kept current.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 9: Zoning – Modification to Elderly Exemptions for Property Tax

Shall we modify the Elderly exemptions for property tax in the Town of Hampton, pursuant to N.H. RSA 72:27-a, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$125,000 [currently \$120,000]; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$160,000 [currently \$150,000]; for a person 80

years of age or older \$200,000 [currently \$178,000]. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) consecutive years preceding April 1st, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years, in addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$38,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$58,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$250,000 excluding the value of the person's primary residence? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0

What it means: The intent is for no elderly person who previously qualified for the elderly property tax exemption to be disqualified because of the increases in home valuations.

No one spoke in favor or against this Article at Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 10: Appropriate \$4,242,000 for Wastewater Force Main Replacements

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,242,000 for the purpose of constructing the necessary replacement of the two (2) wastewater force mains between the Church Street Sewer Pumping Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The first force main is made of ductile iron and was installed in 1987. This ductile iron force main ruptured, as discovered in February 2016, due to a penetration in the pipe made by an errant rock presumably left near the pipe during its initial construction, and was repaired out of necessity. The second force main is made of asbestos concrete and was installed in 1969. It is necessary to have two force mains operating during the summer to transport the normal sewerage flow to the Wastewater Treatment Plant during six (6) months of the year to prevent backup and overtopping of the sewer system at Hampton Beach. The complete and reliable functionality of these force mains is essential to ensure the structural integrity of the sewer system serving Hampton Beach, which is critical to the environmental and financial well-being of the Town of Hampton. Unless these force mains are replaced, there remains the potential for a similar rupture to occur in the future, which would cripple, if not entirely shut down, the Hampton Beach area. The proposed replacement force mains are to be constructed along State Highway 101 from the Church Street Sewer Pumping Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, therefore ceasing use of the pipes that are located in the Marsh; and

Such sum to be raised by the issuance of municipal bonds or notes for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, contract for, accept and expend any Federal, State or other available funds towards the project in accordance with the terms and conditions under which they are received and to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of such funds and or the issuance of such bonds or notes as provided in the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) (RSA 486:14) established for the purpose, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend such monies as they become available from the Federal and State Governments; and To authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement such cost effective solutions as are presented in the future that they deem to be in the best interests of the Town that may result in a lesser amount of expenditure than is authorized by this warrant article; and To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the project in the best interests of the Town of Hampton? (3/5ths vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) Since the above bond would not be issued until later in 2017, the first estimated principal/interest payment of \$342,809.54 will not occur until 2018. The total of the bond's principal and interest payments over the 30-year period are estimated to be \$7,032,009.54.

What it means: This will relocate both sewer force mains that serve Hampton Beach. Instead of being buried in the salt marsh where they are difficult to inspect and repair, they would run from the Church Street Pumping Station along Rte 101 and across Tide Mill Rd. to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Those in favor say: This relocation would allow DPW to monitor and maintain both force mains more efficiently and regularly. With the current force mains in the salt marsh, inspection and maintenance is difficult and expensive and makes the timing of work very tricky because it is dependent upon the tides.

We have been mandated by the State to repair these force mains by the end of this year. Upgrades to the current force mains in the salt marsh would not solve the issue of inaccessibility for inspection and maintenance, nor would it solve the issue with the tides interfering with work. The Hampton Beach Village District voted unanimously to support this warrant article. There is a concern that another leak could have a negative impact on the stellar ratings Hampton Beach has earned for clean waters. There is also concern about the impact on Hampton Beach residences and businesses if there were to be another leak in peak season when both force mains are in constant use.

Those against say: The current force mains have not been inspected to determine the risks, and to determine whether this was a one-time problem. So is this expense really necessary?

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$42.02 per year starting in 2018 without consideration for possible offsets. The funding for this Article will impact future budgets, as a 30-year bond is planned.

Article 11: Appropriate \$1,100,000 for Replacing Sewer Main

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for the purpose of replacing the sewer main in Lafayette Road from High Street to Winnacunnet Road then to Towle Avenue. The current main is composed of vitrified clay pipes 10 and 12 inches in size that were installed in 1934 and 1982 and are in failing condition. Various pieces are missing from the pipe making it impossible to properly clean and inspect the pipe or to reline the pipe; therefore, replacement is necessary before complete failure occurs. In the course of replacement, it will be necessary to excavate the eastern side of the highway that will require partial reconstruction of the roadway and patching and repairs; and

Such sum to be raised by the issuance of municipal bonds or notes for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon in accordance with Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, contract for, accept and expend any Federal, State or other available funds towards the project in accordance with the terms and conditions under which they are received and to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of such funds and or the issuance of such bonds or notes as provided in the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) (RSA 486:14) established for the purpose, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend such monies as they become available from the Federal and State Governments; and To authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement such cost effective solutions as are presented in the future that they deem to be in the best interests of the Town that may result in a lesser amount of expenditure than is authorized by this warrant article; and To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the project in the best interests of the Town of Hampton? (3/5ths vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) Since the above bond would not be issued until later in 2017, the first, estimated, principal/interest payment of \$90,775.69 will not occur until 2018. The total of the bond's principal and interest payments over the 30-year period are estimated to be \$1,807,400.69.

What it means: These sewer pipes are clogged with grease that has solidified, and are very old, and are cracked with some sections of pipe missing. Attempting to clean them could result in a complete failure, and may cause sinkholes. This article proposes to replace the line with newer, larger pipe before a complete failure occurs.

Those in favor say: This is long overdue, and should have been dealt with in the 1980s when several sewer bonds were proposed, but not all were put up to a vote. The key phrase is that replacement is necessary before there is a complete failure.

Those opposed say: Can Hampton's undesignated fund balance be used to pay for this project? (According to the Town Manager, reducing the amount in the undesignated fund balance may negatively impact the Town's bond rating, making future borrowing more expensive.)

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$10.91 per year starting in 2018 without consideration for possible offsets. The funding for this Article will impact future budgets, as a 30-year bond is planned.

Article 12 – Management Program for Storm Water and Waste Water Assets

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to assist the Department of Public Works in the development of an asset management program for storm water and wastewater assets. Said appropriation to be offset by \$60,000 in principal loan forgiveness under the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, contract for, accept and expend any Federal, State or other available funds towards the project in accordance with terms and conditions under which they are received and to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of such and or the issuance of such bonds or notes as provided in the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) (RSA 486:14) established for the purpose, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend such monies as they become available from the Federal and State Governments.

This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the project is completed or by March 31, 2019, whichever occurs sooner? (3/5ths vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) If the loan forgiveness occurs by the time the tax rate is set then the estimated 2017 tax impact would be \$0.000 per \$1,000 valuation.

What it means: This appropriation would enable the Department of Public Works to develop and implement a unified asset management program for waste water and storm water management assets to reduce operating risks and to assess infrastructure challenges. It would be a communication and tracking tool for work orders, financial and visual reports, costs, and project management. The goal is to shift from “reactive” management of the community’s assets to “proactive” management. The money appropriated will be offset by loan forgiveness in the total amount by the NH Department of Environmental Services.

Those in favor say: This will eventually lead to much better management of all of the Town’s assets.

Those opposed say: What does this really buy for the Town?

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$ 7.27 in 2017, but likely there will be no tax impact after the loan forgiveness.

Article 13 - Detailed Process Level Energy Audit

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,060 to contract for a detailed process level energy audit of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Pump Stations. Said appropriation to be offset by \$16,060 in principal loan forgiveness under the NH Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF); and

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any Federal, State, or other available funds towards the project in accordance with the terms and conditions under which they are received and to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of such aid and or the issuance of such bonds or notes as provide in the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and

To authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) (RSA 486:14) established for the purpose, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as they become available from the Federal and State Governments.

This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the project is completed or by March 31, 2019, whichever occurs sooner? (3/5ths vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) If the loan forgiveness occurs by the time the tax rate is set then the estimated 2017 tax impact would be \$0.000 per \$1,000 valuation.

What it means: An energy audit is a method to evaluate the wastewater treatment facility’s or collection system’s energy use and to identify opportunities to improve

energy efficiency, reduce energy usage and thereby reduce operating costs. The NH Department of Environmental Services selected Hampton to participate in this program.

Those in favor say: Hampton has been recognized in the past for its cost-reduction efforts, and this will expand those capabilities.

Those opposed say: It is not clear what we will learn beyond what we already know, but if the State is going to pay for this, it is OK.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear a one-time tax cost of \$2.02 in 2017, but likely there will be no tax impact after the loan forgiveness.

Article 14 – Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hampton 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 posted with the warrant as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$26,836,977. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,450,035, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hampton 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. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-6-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The proposed operating budget figure of \$26,836,977 is an increase of \$237,546 more than the budget amount adopted in 2016 of \$26,599,431. The net estimated 2017 tax impact of the proposed operating budget is \$0.072 per \$1,000 valuation (seven point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation). The default budget figure of \$26,450,035 is a decrease of \$149,396 less than the budget amount adopted in 2016. The net estimated tax impact for the default budget is -\$0.045 per \$1,000 valuation (negative four point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

What it means: This is the proposed operating budget for the Town of Hampton for 2017, created with input from department heads, committees and commissions, and vetted by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee. If voters do not approve the operating budget, the default budget will automatically become the operating budget for the Town for the year 2017.

To calculate the effect on your property tax (for your specific property):

- 1) Divide the Tax Assessor's Valuation of your home by 1,000. (Example: for the average assessment of \$404,000, the number to use would be 404.) Use your latest tax bill, or go to: <http://gis.vgsi.com/hamptonnh/Search.aspx> and enter your street address to get your valuation.

2) Multiply the result in #1 by .072 to get the tax impact of the proposed Operating Budget. Multiply the result in #1 by -.045 to determine the tax impact of the Default Budget.

Those in favor say: No one spoke in favor of this Warrant Article.

Those opposed say: There was a proposed amendment to reduce the budget by \$519,749, an amount that reflects changes in debt service that was defeated at Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$29.09 in 2017 if Article 14 passes.

Article 15: Three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fire Fighters

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Board of Selectman and Professional Firefighters of Hampton IAFF Local 2664, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2017	\$ 93,968 (39 weeks) over 2016 level
2018	\$ 131,669 (52 weeks) over 2017 level
2019	\$ 126,173 (52 weeks) over 2018 level
2020	\$ 30,587 (13 weeks) over 2019 level

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,968 to fund the cost items related to The Professional Firefighters Local 2664 salaries and benefits for 2017. Such sum represents the additional salaries and benefits (over the 2016 budget level) for the first of the three years that are contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Hampton, by its Board of Selectmen, and Professional Firefighters of Hampton IAFF Local 2664, pursuant to RSA 273-A. The compounded, cumulative cost impact over the three contract years of the agreement is estimated to be \$762,451? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0

What it means: Town representatives have negotiated with the Firefighters union to negotiate a three-year agreement. There will be a 3% increase in salaries for each of the 3 years, which is offset by Union members taking on more of the medical premium costs.

Those in favor say: Firefighters and fire officers have made concessions on healthcare that will mean that they absorb more of the premium cost over the next 3 years, including assuming responsibility for any "Cadillac Tax". The cost of living adjustments for firefighters and fire officers have been lagging the business sector since 2004, averaging

less than 1% (.66%). In the same time period, the Consumer Price Index has averaged 1.98% and Social Security has averaged 2.25%.

Those against say: No one spoke in opposition to this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$7.27 in 2017; and (if total property valuations remained the same) \$10.19 for 2018; \$9.76 in 2019 and \$2.37 for the first 13 weeks of 2020.

Article 16: Three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fire Officers

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Board of Selectman and the Hampton Fire Department Supervisory Association Local 3017, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2017	\$ 52,918 (39 weeks) over 2016 level
2018	\$ 71,809 (52 weeks) over 2017 level
2019	\$ 64,849 (52 weeks) over 2018 level
2020	\$ 10,644 (13 weeks) over 2019 level

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,918 to fund the cost items related to the Hampton Fire Department Supervisory Association Local 3017 salaries and benefits for 2017. Such sum represents the additional salaries and benefits (over the 2016 budget level) for the first of the three years that are contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Hampton, by its Board of Selectman, and the Hampton Fire Department Supervisory Association Local 3017, pursuant to RSA 273-A. The compounded, cumulative cost impact over the three contract years of the agreement is estimated to be \$330,758? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0

What it means: A yes vote approves salary increases negotiated via the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fire Officers. There will be a 3% increase in salaries for each of the 3 years, a cost that is offset by members taking on more of the medical premium costs.

Those in favor say: Those who spoke at Deliberative Session expressed support for this and echoed the points made for the firefighters.

Those against say: One speaker expressed concern about people who can't take the degree of increase, if you add all the Collective Bargaining Agreements together.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$6.46 in 2017; and (if total property valuations remained the same) \$8.77 in 2018; \$7.92 in 2019 and \$1.30 for the first 13 weeks of 2020 at current staffing levels.

Article 17: Three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 633

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2017	\$ 54,840 (39 weeks) over 2016 level
2018	\$ 52,733 (52 weeks) over 2017 level
2019	\$ 35,952 (52 weeks) over 2018 level
2020	\$ 7,875 (13 weeks) over 2019 level

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,840 to fund the cost items related to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 633 salaries and benefits for 2017. Such sum represents the additional salaries and benefits (over the 2016 budget level) for the first of the three years that are contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Hampton by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 633 (covering various positions at the Town Offices, Department of Public Works, and Police Department), pursuant to N.H. RSA 273-A. The compounded, cumulative cost impact over the three contract years of the agreement is estimated to be \$323,732? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0

What it means: A yes vote approves the salary increases negotiated via the Collective Bargaining Agreement with this Union, which represents employees at Town Hall, the Fire Department and the Police Department. The Agreement establishes a new “step” increase of 3%, followed by 2 years at 2%. Additionally, six identified positions also receive a 5% increase. See paragraph below for more of the history related to increases for this Union.

Those in favor say: The employees who will benefit from the passage of Article 17 are “behind the scenes” folks who help you register your car, license your dog and remove unwanted critters from your property. From 2006 through 2015 the group of employees represented by the Teamsters received wage average increases of less than 1% per year. (Many years with no increase at all.) The employees included in this Union received neither cost of living nor step increases in 2016 as the Warrant Article for the Teamster contract failed by 51 votes.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$6.87 in 2017; and (if total property valuations remained the same) \$6.60 in 2018; \$4.50 in 2019 and \$.99 for the first 13 weeks of 2020 at current staffing levels.

Article 18: Three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with State Employees' Assn.

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampton Board of Selectmen and the State Employees' Association, Inc., (SEA) Local 1984 (covering many Department of Public Works employees), which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2017	\$ 74,207 (39 weeks) over 2016 level
2018	\$ 101,290 (52 weeks) over 2017 level
2019	\$ 83,354 (52 weeks) over 2018 level
2020	\$ 16,974 (13 weeks) over 2019 level

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,207 to fund the cost items related to the State Employees' Association, Inc., (SEA) Local 1984 (covering many Department of Public Works employees) salaries and benefits for 2017. Such sum represents the additional salaries and benefits (over the 2016 budget level) for the first of the three years that are contained in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Hampton by its Board of Selectmen and the State Employees' Association, Inc., (SEA) Local 1984 (Department of Public Works Employees), pursuant to N.H. RSA 273-A. The compounded, cumulative cost impact over the three contract years of the agreement is estimated to be \$534,042? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0

What it means: A "yes" vote approves the salary increases negotiated via the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Agreement provides a 3% salary increase for each of the 3 years, starting in 2017.

Those in favor say: This agreement is for many of the Dept. of Public Works "line and grade" employees who start at \$14/hour.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$8.89 in 2017; and (if total property valuations and exemptions remained the same) \$12.13 in 2018; \$9.98 in 2019 and \$2.03 for 2020 at current staffing levels.

Article 19: Appropriate \$650,000 for Improvements to Specified Streets and Drainage Improvements

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 for improvements to streets consisting of paving overlays, adjustments to structures to permit paving, repairs and replacements to drainage, crack sealing, curbing installation and improvements to the following streets: Ann's Lane, Merrill Industrial Drive, and Drakeside Road, including the paving and roadway reconstruction required with the removal of the railroad trestle abutments, and if any money is leftover, to improve the next street on the DPW list. Said appropriation to be offset by the State Highway Block Grant estimated to be \$307,854. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the projects are completed or by March 31, 2018, whichever occurs sooner? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) NOTE: Block Grant was \$311,810 in 2016

What it means: This Article will allow DPW to do work on pavement overlays, crack sealing, minor utility improvements and minor curbing repairs. The Town will raise the funds to do the specified work, and a State Highway Block Grant is anticipated to offset 47% of the expenses.

Those in favor say: There is a CIP list to establish priorities. Work that is stated will be done, and not used for anything else. This is scheduled maintenance and exactly what the town should be doing.

Those against say: No one spoke in opposition at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$35.57 if this Article passes. The tax impact is for one year only, and may well be lower due to the anticipated grant funding.

Article 20: Appropriate \$434,000 for 4 DPW Trucks

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$434,000 for the purchase of the following replacement vehicles for the Department of Public Works: one (1) three-quarter ton truck with plow; two (2) 35,000 pound gross vehicle weight dump trucks with sand spreaders, plows and wings; and one (1) solid waste yard truck; with the replaced vehicles to be traded in if deemed to be prudent by the Public Works Director, Town Manager, and Board of Selectmen. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until these purchases are completed or by March 31, 2018, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0

What it means: The referenced equipment would be replaced if the voters approve, and the cost will be offset by trade-in values of current, aging equipment.

The following would be purchased:

- One ¾ ton truck with plow to replace a 2004 Chevy with similar specifications that was removed from the fleet in 2016.
- Two dump trucks with sand spreaders, plows and wings to replace 1996 and 1997 vehicles with similar specifications. The older equipment is rusting and breaking down mechanically. These trucks are considered an integral part of the highway and snow removal operations.
- One solid-waste yard truck used to move the trash and recycling trailers around the DPW yard. This truck will replace an older vehicle (1980) that does not have the hydraulic connection needed to be able to engage the hydraulic pumps in the trailers (a safety issue).

Those in favor say: Other replacement equipment (approved at the 2016 Town Meeting) didn't arrive until the end of the year – it takes time to order and receive replacement vehicles, so planning ahead is important. The reason for the replacement are age and condition. Our trucks take more abuse than average because of the salt condition, which makes them subject to corrosion more quickly.

Those against say: No one spoke in opposition at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$52.92 if this Article passes. This tax impact will be for 2017 only.

Article 21: Appropriate \$300,000 for Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created under Article 16 of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35 for the purpose of maintenance and/or reconstruction of streets? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-3-0

What it means: \$300,000 would be added to the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. This fund will be used for repair of roads in the future. The current balance is \$1,200,000, which includes the appropriations approved by voters in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Those in favor say: This fund is intended for large projects and significant issues, such as the re-building of Lafayette Road. There is a 5-member team who controls this line item. They accept recommendations from the Department of Public Works, but an outside committee makes the decisions.

Those against say: No one spoke in opposition at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$36.76 if this Article passes. This approval affects the current year only.

Article 22: Appropriate \$25,000 to Maintain or Replace Sidewalks in Town

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of sidewalks, this shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the project is completed or by March 31, 2018, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

What it means: DPW will use a mix of internal resources and outside contracting to get as much done as possible while controlling costs. The specific projects worked on will be identified by DPW and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Those in favor say: Funds would be used for maintenance, re-construction, repairs and ADA compliance. Identified projects are listed in the Sidewalk Management Program.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$3.23 if this Article passes. This appropriation request only affects 2017.

Article 23: Hazardous Waste Collection Day - \$15,000

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day during calendar year 2017; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen (a) to permit the Towns of Hampton Falls and New Castle to participate in said collection day at their own expense, and (b) to apply for, accept and expend for such purposes any funds from the State of New Hampshire, the Federal Government, and any private source as may become available? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

What it means: The Town previously had a fund to run the Hazardous Waste Collection Day, but it is now depleted. If Hampton residents wish to continue this event, it needs to be funded. Hampton Falls and New Castle would be invited to participate at their cost.

Examples of Hazardous Waste: Products such as paint thinner, spot remover, oven cleaner, furniture polish, drain opener, pool chemicals and hair spray are considered hazardous because they contain chemicals that are corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic. Trash disposal of products containing mercury is banned, including thermometers, thermostats, electrical switches and relays, fluorescent light bulbs, button cell batteries.

Those in favor say: Hazardous Waste Collection Day assures that hazardous materials are not left on the street or thrown in the trash. The town has applied for a Household Hazardous Waste Grant from NHDES to supplement the program in 2018.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$2.02 if this Article passes. Approval of this Article will impact 2017 taxes only.

Article 24: Design, Permitting and Bidding Documents for replacement seawall at Bicentennial Park \$120,000

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the purpose of developing a design for, and the permitting and bidding documents associated with the replacement of the seawall at Bicentennial Park. The existing wall has shallow embedment into the beach and the seawall is supported on sand prone to storm erosion. Under certain storm conditions analyses indicates the seawall will fail.

This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the project is completed or by March 31, 2018, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

What it means: In 2016, voters approved funding to investigate the issues, and to provide emergency temporary repairs. The current appropriation will fund the design, permitting and bid documents so the process of replacing the seawall can continue.

Those in favor say: The repairs made in 2016 are temporary, and the seawall could still be at risk of collapsing in a significant storm. Getting permits for the new seawall can take 6-9 months, so the process needs to keep moving. The plan is to reuse rocks brought in for the temporary repairs when the permanent replacement is built. The new wall will be designed to be at the same height as the adjacent State wall. Hampton Beach Area Commission is in full support of this project.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$14.54 if this Article passes. Approval will impact 2017 taxes only.

Article 25: Purchase Used Fire Pumper \$150,000

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen with the aid and assistance of the Fire Chief to purchase a used Fire Engine Pumper to temporarily replace Fire Engine 2 that has been dead-lined due to frame failure, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to fund said purchase with said sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, a fund containing unexpended appropriations from prior years, as of December 31, 2016, and with no amount to be raised by further taxation. Said used Pumper will be utilized for at least four years until the normal replacement of Engine 2 in accordance with the long range capital expenditures program. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed or until March 31, 2018, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

What it means: This interim vehicle will be funded from the unassigned fund balance, so no new taxes will need to be raised.

Those in favor say: This is a “second line truck” meaning that when one truck is out for servicing, this truck is put into service. The goal will be to look for a used fire pumper that does not have existing maintenance issues. This is a reasonable way of serving the needs of the Fire Department while keeping costs reasonable for the taxpayers.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 26: Human Services \$174,475

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,475 for the cost of Hampton’s contribution to twenty (20) human service agencies in the Seacoast in the amounts corresponding to the agencies’ requests in the right hand column as follows:

Human Service Agency Request	2016 Funding	2017 Funding
Aids Response Seacoast	\$2,700	\$2,700
American Red Cross	2,000	2,000
Area Home Care & Family Services	12,000	12,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	8,000	8,000
Child Advocacy Center	1,250	1,250
Child and Family Services	6,000	6,000

Crossroads House	15,000	15,000
Families First Health & Support Center	10,000	10,000
Haven (fmr A Safe Place & Seacoast Assault Services)	7,500	7,500
Lamprey Health Sr. Trans. Program	4,200	4,200
New Generation Shelter	2,000	2,000
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	1,800	1,800
Richie McFarland Children's Center	7,800	7,800
Rockingham Community Action	25,000	25,000
Rockingham Meals on Wheels	6,625	6,625
Seacoast Family Promise	2,500	2,500
Seacoast Mental Health Center	8,000	8,000
Seacoast Visiting Nurse	40,000	40,000
Seacoast Youth Services	2,500	2,500
Transportation Assistance for Seniors (TASC)	9,600	9,600
Total	\$ 174,475	\$ 174,475

These twenty (20) human service agencies shall each be required to give a written report at the end of the calendar year 2017 to the Board of Selectmen highlighting what the funds were used for and what impact the funds had in assisting to achieve their goals and objectives? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

What it means: Each of the listed agencies will receive a donation from the town in the noted amount. The funds raised and donated last year are provided for comparison. This is an “all or none” Warrant Article. If the Article passes, all the listed agencies receive the specified donations. If it fails, none do.

Those in favor say: This is something we do every year. These agencies handle issues that the town would be dealing with if the agencies were not, so it saves the town money.

Those against say: This sort of funding should be voluntary, not mandated via property taxes. A person should not be required to support all of these agencies if he or she has a philosophical disagreement with one or more on the list.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$21.41 if this Article passes. The tax impact is for this year only.

Article 27: Recreation and Parks Department \$99,740

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,740 for the following purposes of the Recreation and Parks Department: (a) the purchase of four (4) sets of new bleachers and picnic tables for the Tuck Field baseball field and the Eaton Park softball field; (b) the purchase of a “Gator” utility vehicle and trailer for the Parks

Division; (c) the replacement of the carpeting at the Tuck Building; (d) the re-roofing of the Eaton Park Concession Stand; (e) the purchase of new office furniture to replace the hand-me-down 1970's furniture that came with the Town Offices at the time of its purchase; (f) the resurfacing of two (2) in-bounds playing areas on the right-hand tennis courts, that includes one coat of Plexicushion Blue and one coat of US Open Blue plus striping; and (g) restoration of Tuck One Field, the Don Butler Diamond as the field is very uneven and requires removal of the grass cover and re-grading of the field; and (h) purchase of a new recreation software program including the purchase of new tablets and service for the Town Parking Lots and the Recreation and Parks Department as determined by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and the Director of Recreation and Parks, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$99,740 from the Recreation Infrastructure Special Revenue Fund established for the purpose under Article 44 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

What it means: Every year, the needs of the Parks and Recreation Department are identified, and the voters need to approve withdrawal of the requested dollars from an established fund.

Those in favor say: The funds will contribute to a safer and more efficient Rec Dept.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 28: Police Forfeiture Fund \$90,000

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 to carry out all lawful functions allowed under federal, state and local criminal justice forfeiture programs and to authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund created for that purpose under Article 55 of the 2003 Town Meeting? (Majority vote)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0

What it means: During normal police operations, items of value may be forfeited by individuals. There are expenses associated with the management of such property, including storage, auctioning, returning items where appropriate, etc. NH law permits the auctioning of this property where appropriate, and the funds so received are put into a fund. This Article seeks approval to use the funds to cover the cost of managing the forfeiture process.

Those in favor say: This is a standard, annual procedure.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 29: Windows in the Children’s Room at Lane Library \$43,525

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,525 for the purpose of adding three new windows to the Children’s Room, which is on the basement level of the Lane Memorial Library. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriating per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose of this article is completed or by March 31, 2019, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-6-0

What it means: The monies raised would be used to install 3 windows in the Children’s Room in the basement of the library.

Those in favor say: The Children’s Room currently has no exit windows to the outside of the building. This creates a situation with poor options in the event of the need for rapid evacuation. There is also inadequate lighting, and inadequate airflow. The room does not meet updated NH standards. Proponents say that the Library’s Capital Reserve Fund cannot be used to pay for project because that would deplete almost 40% of that fund, which is meant for emergencies.

Those against say: Those opposed to this Article did not object to the project itself but raised concerns over appropriating new taxes as opposed to using the Capital Reserve Fund.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$5.25 if this Article passes. The tax impact is for this year only.

Article 30: Replenish Conservation Fund \$20,000

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Hampton Conservation Fund; this fund is used to “acquire, maintain, improve, protect or limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly utilize,” open spaces and conservation easements in Hampton in accordance with RSA 36-A: Sections 1 through 4, inclusive. Recent acquisitions such as the Batchelder Field Conservation Easement, have significantly reduced the size of the Fund, and the goal is to return the Fund to adequate levels to enable the Commission to conserve additional lands on behalf of the Town of Hampton? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-3-0

What it means: This fund is a way of saving for opportunities, similar to the Capital Reserve Fund. Voter approval of this Article each year is primarily how the Conservation Commission replenishes the fund it uses to preserve and maintain open spaces.

Those in favor say: The Town needs to support conservation land for the recreational value as well as to help with excess storm water. Open spaces previously protected by these funds have made possible the Victory Garden, hiking trails, skating on ice pond, etc. These types of opportunities are very important to the quality of life in Hampton.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$2.42 if this Article passes. This would affect 2017 only.

Article 31: Convert Paper Documents to Electronic Format \$50,000

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to begin the process of converting stored paper documents to electronic format as authorized by Chapter 226 of the Acts of 2016. Said sum of \$50,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, a fund containing unexpended appropriations from prior years, as of December 31, 2016, with no amount to be raised from taxation. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the purpose is completed or by March 31, 2019, whichever occurs sooner? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1-0

What it means: Certain town records are required to be kept indefinitely. As the years go by and the population grows, the number of documents and the space required grows exponentially. This Article approves the use of unexpended funds from prior years to be used to begin the process of preserving the documents in an electronic format, which will also make them more accessible.

Those in favor say: This will allow the town to begin the process of talking to companies that specialize in document preservation, to understand the scope of the task at hand and to solicit bids for the defined work.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: There is no tax impact since the monies will be taken from the unexpended appropriations from prior years.

Article 32: Hours for Transfer Station Determined by Board of Selectmen

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend Chapter 420 Solid Waste of the Code of the Town of Hampton by deleting in Section 420-2 B everything after the word "Town" including sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), and by adding the following new sub-paragraph 420-2, C: Hours for winter and summer operations of the Transfer Station shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen and posted on the Town's Web Site? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0

What it means: Currently, the hours for the town's transfer station are noted in the ordinance. To change the hours requires a Warrant Article at Town Meeting, which occurs once each year. Article 32 would remove the specifics of the hours from the ordinance and instead note that the hours will be posted on the Town's Website.

Those in favor say: This Article will make it easier to keep the hours current.

Those against say: By doing this, voters are giving more power to the Board of Selectmen instead of reserving that power for themselves.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 33: Board of Selectmen to Modify or Release Certain Deed Restrictions

Shall the Town of Hampton grant the Board of Selectmen the authority under RSA 41:14-a to modify or release deed restrictions imposed by the Town under the Leased Land Sales Program, to be added to the authority already granted by the Town to the Board of Selectmen under RSA 41:14-a under Article 38 at the March 12, 2002 Annual Town Meeting by extending this authority to apply to the Leased Land Sales Program? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

What it means: The Town previously owned land near the ocean that was leased and then ultimately sold to individual homeowners. These lots carried with them certain restrictions that were attached to all such lots whether or not the restriction had good rationale in all cases. Over the years, homeowners began asking for relief from these restrictions. Although all such cases had to go before the appropriate boards in town to get whatever variances they needed, they also had to have their request placed on the Warrant because the authority to release the deed restrictions for these lots lies with the people of the town. If passed, Article 33 would transfer the decision-making about relief from the deed restrictions to the Board of Selectmen.

Those in favor say: Voters often are unfamiliar with the individual lots or the specific neighborhoods and generally are not in the best position to decide if a deed restriction should be released or not. The Board of Selectmen can hear the request and any objections to the request and make a decision based on the merits of the case. This process can take place throughout the year, as opposed to only once a year on the Warrant.

Those against say: This idea transfers power from the townspeople to the Board of Selectmen. The people should retain the power.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 34: Update the Town's Fire Prevention Code

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend the Town's Fire Prevention Code as follows:
Chapter 167. Article I by deleting the language of the Town Meeting Vote of 2002 Article 36 "Master Fire Alarm Box Fees"; and
Chapter 167-1. Article II by deleting the words in line three "BOCA National Fire Prevention" and inserting in place thereof the words "current adopted National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) code"; and
Chapter 167. Article III by deleting the words in line 1 "master fire alarm box" and inserting in place thereof the words "Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP)."; and
Chapter 167-14. Application to be submitted, by repealing the entire section and substituting therefore the following:
"Application. A Fire Protection Engineer (FPA) of record may be required. A fire alarm application form and (2) complete sets of plans are to be accompanied by the following: a letter from the designer that the plans meet all requirements of the NH Fire Code SAF-C-6000 as adopted, including NFPA 1, NFPA 70 and NFPA 72, floor plans (including location of devices), specification sheets for devices, wiring diagrams/riser diagrams and battery calculations and annunciator layout and compatibility of devices. Approved plans must be on file with the Fire Prevention Bureau and the permit is issued BEFORE the installation of the work begins. Additions and modifications to existing systems will also require the above information."; and
Chapter 167-15.A General Requirements by deleting everything after the words "in accordance with" in the fourth line and inserting in place thereof the following: "NFPA 1, NFPA 70, NFPA 72, NFPA 96, and NFPA 1221 and the current adopted IBC Code."; and
Chapter 167-16. Master Box by deleting the entire section; and
Chapter 167-17. Internal Wiring, by deleting the words "Standards Nos. 72 and 1221" and inserting in place thereof the words "NFPA 70, NFPA 72 and 1221."; and
Chapter 167-17. Internal Wiring, Delete subsection B, and renumber; and
Chapter 167-17. Internal Wiring, subsection G, delete the words "Superintendent of Fire Alarm and replace with "Fire Prevention Officer or his designee during"; and
Chapter 167-18. External Wiring, by deleting the entire section; and
Chapter 167-19. Grounding, by deleting the entire section; and
Chapter 167-20. Box Light, by deleting the entire subsection; and

Chapter 167-21. Control Panel, subsection A. by deleting the words “NFPA Standard No. 72 A, B, C, D, and/or E. Location shall be approved by the Fire Prevention Officer or Superintendent of Fire Alarm” and inserting in place thereof the words “NFPA 72. Location shall be approved by the Fire Prevention Officer or his designee.”; and

Chapter 167-21. Control panel, subsection G, by deleting the following “Each zone shall be clearly marked, on an engraved plate securely fastened to the panel, showing the location of the originating signal” and replace with the following “Each zone shall be clearly marked on an engraved plate securely fastened to the panel or a digital readout showing the location of the originating signal.”; and

Chapter 167-21. Control panel, subsection H. by repealing subsection H and replacing it with “H. Panel lock shall accept Cat 30 key.”; and

Chapter 167-21. Control panel, subsection I. by deleting subsection I; and

Chapter 167-22. Local energy system, subsection A. by deleting “operate the tripping mechanism of the master box and replacing it with “cause a signal of alarm through the Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP).”; and

Chapter 167-22. Local energy system, subsection D. by deleting subsection D”; and

Chapter 167-25. Pull Stations, subsection A. (1) by deleting the words “Double Action type” and inserting in place thereof the words “Double action of a lift then pull type.”; and

Chapter 167-25. Pull Stations, subsection A. (3) by deleting the words “Standard No. 72 of the NFPA and inserting in place thereof the words and number “NFPA 72”; and

Chapter 167-25. Pull Stations, subsection B by deleting the following words “This is not meant to rule out the use of glass rods or other attachments to the station with the intent of deterring false alarms. All glass rods shall be in place before the final acceptance test.”; and

Chapter 167-26. Detectors, subsection A. by deleting at the end of subsection A the words “Standard No. 72E” and inserting in place thereof the words “NFPA 72”; and

Chapter 167-26. Detectors, subsection C. by deleting the words in line one “both acceptable and desirable in some occupancies” and inserting in place thereof the words “required in all new construction”; and

Chapter 167-26. Detectors, by adding a new subsection lettered “G” to read as follows “G. CO detectors are required in all new construction or substantially rehabilitated after 1/1/10.”; and

Chapter 167-27. Annunciator, subsection B. by repealing subsection “B’ and substituting therefore a new subsection B to read as follows: “B. Be visible in all lighting conditions.”; and

Chapter 167-27. Annunciator, subsection D. by deleting the following words “(backlit painted window letters; no dymo labels).”; and

Chapter 167-29. Audio/visual devices, by repealing subsections A. & B. and substituting therefore a new subsection A to read as follows: “A. All audio visual devices must be compliance with NFPA 72.”; and

Chapter 167-30. Mini horns, by repealing the subsections A, B, & C; and substituting therefore a new subsection A to read as follows: “A. All audio visual devices must be compliance with NFPA 72.”; and

Chapter 167-31. Waterflow devices, by deleting the words “master box” and inserting in place thereof the words “Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP)”; and

Chapter 167-32. Tamper devices, by repealing the subsections A. & B. and substituting therefore a new subsection A to read as follows: “A All tamper devices shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, NFPA 13R, NFPA 24, NFPA 25 and NFPA 72.”; and

Chapter 167-33 Connection to municipal circuit, by deleting the entire section; and
Chapter 167-34 Security, by deleting from line one the words “master box and control panel” and inserting in place thereof the words “Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP)”; and
Chapter 167-35. Testing, by deleting the last sentence in subsection C and inserting in place thereof the following words: “After installation, the Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP) shall be tested annually and reports submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau.”; and

Chapter 167-36. Responsibility, by deleting from subsection A the words “master box and internal system” and inserting in place thereof the following words “Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP)”; and

Chapter 167-36. Responsibility, by deleting from subsection B the reference to “BOCA/NFPC” and inserting in place thereof the following words “current adopted IBC and NFPA 1, 102.1, 102.3, and 105.5”; and

Chapter 167-36. Responsibility, by deleting subsections C and D; and

Chapter 167-37. Sprinkler/standpipe systems, subsection A. Application. by deleting all of subsection A and substituting therefore the following: “A. Application. Design installation and testing shall conform to NFPA 1, NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, NFPA 13R, NFPA 24 and NFPA 25. A Fire Protection Engineer (FPE) of record is required. A sprinkler permit application form and two (2) complete sets of plans are to be accompanied by the following: a letter from the designer that the plans meet all requirements of the NH Fire Code SAF-C-6000 as adopted, and local town ordinances, hydraulic calculations, specification sheets for sprinklers, piping and all other devices, for backflow protection, a letter will need to be submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau showing approval of the type and location of the devices by the local Water Company. Approved plans must be on file with the Fire Prevention Bureau and the permit is issued BEFORE installation of the work begins. Additions and modifications to existing systems will require the same information as above; and

Chapter 167-37. Sprinkler/standpipe systems, subsection B General, by deleting the first sentence “A set of hydraulic calculations, floor plans and specification sheet on all control valves (os&y), alarm valves, Fire Department connection, pressure alarm switch, water flow switch, tamper switch and backflow preventers must be submitted with the application.”; and

Chapter 167-37. Sprinkler/standpipe systems, subsection C. Fire Department Connections. add a new sub-subsection (5) that says “Residential units must be compliant with NFPA 13R and NFPA 13D.”; and

Chapter 167-37. Sprinkler/standpipe systems, subsection F. Devices, add at the end thereof the words “per NFPA 72, NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, NFPA 13R, NFPA 24 and NFPA 25.”; and

Chapter 167-37 Sprinklers/standpipes systems, add a new subsection H
“H. Hydrants.

(1) All private (yard) hydrants shall be installed per NFPA 24.

(2) Building owner or association shall be responsible for the annual inspection, testing, and maintenance, and shall be performed as per NFPA 25. All testing and maintenance reports shall be forwarded to the Hampton Fire Prevention Bureau.
And

Chapter 167-41. Review of plans or construction, subsection B, by deleting in line one the words “of the Town’s choosing” and inserting in place thereof the word “shall”? (Majority vote required)

What it means: This warrant article brings the Fire Prevention Code compliant with current statutes, codes, and standards.

Those in favor say: This is a “housekeeping” matter to keep the Fire Prevention Code current with other approved practices in Hampton.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 35: Accept Certain Identified Streets as Class V Highways

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to accept the following streets as Class V Highways. These streets require the vote of a Town Meeting to be Class V Highways and have not previously been placed before the Town for a Vote of acceptance; they have been paved and maintained by the Town for many years. These streets shall be accepted at no cost to the Town:

Dumas Avenue and Cliff Avenue per plan recorded at the Rockingham Registry of Deeds on March 1, 1918; and

Ocean Drive, Woodstock Street, Plymouth Street, Campton Street, Thornton Street and Portsmouth Avenue, all located in Sun Valley, so-called, per plan recorded at the Rockingham Registry of Deeds on June 26, 1946, Plan Number 9174; and

Pearl Street, Gill Street, and Redman Street per plans recorded September 29, 1921; and Viking Street and Thorwald Avenue per plan recorded December 17, 1942. These streets known as Norseman’s Rest; and

Towle Avenue per plan recorded September 1922; and

Newman Street and Mason Street per plan recorded October 1948; and

Acadia Avenue, Emerald Avenue, Sapphire Avenue, Crest Street, Ash Street, Spruce Street, and Overlook Street per plan recorded February 15, 1911 as part of Surf Side Park; and

Lamprey Terrace per plan dated September 29, 1948 recorded at the Registry of Deeds as Plan # 01379; and Boston Avenue, said highway having been surveyed by Parker Survey, Inc., and filed in the Rockingham Registry of Deeds as Plan D-12567 and Plan D-12566, respectfully, and constructed by the Hampton Beach Improvement Company on Town property under a lease approved by Town Meeting, said lease dated and signed April 24, 1897; and Accept as is, the “Numbered Streets”, 1st Street through 19th Street, said highway having been surveyed in June 1909 by W.T. Ross, for the Town of Hampton and filed in the Rockingham Registry of Deeds under plan number 1316NR and in July 1976

by John W. Durgin, Civil Engineers Professional Association as plans numbered D6262, D8278, D8314, C8314, D11832 and D13216, said streets having been constructed on Town property”; and

Accept Acorn Road, said road having been shown on a plan dated October 21, 1924, titled “The Greenlands”, said acceptance confirming only its viatic use as a public highway, provided that its acceptance shall be of no force and effect until every property owner abutting Acorn Road signs a waiver, to be prepared by the Town Attorney, of any appeal under RSA 231 from such acceptance and of all damages that could be sought under RSA 231 as a result of such acceptance, or until six months has elapsed after the vote of acceptance without any such appeal having been made, whichever comes first; and Accept Smith Avenue, said street having been shown on a plan dated October 21, 1924, titled “The Woodlands”, said acceptance confirming only its viatic use as a public highway for that portion described as open for public use in deeds recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds at Book 2618, page 2374, and Book 2618, page 2375 provided that its acceptance shall have no force and effect until every property owner abutting the public area of Smith Avenue as described in the before mentioned deed signs a waiver, to be prepared by the Town Attorney, of any appeal under RSA 231 from such acceptance and of all damages that could be sought under RSA 231 as a result of such acceptance or until six months has elapsed after the vote of acceptance without any such appeal having been made, whichever comes first? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

What it means: This is a housekeeping matter to correct an oversight that has persisted since 1897.

Those in favor say: This will be the last article on the acceptance of streets, since if this Article passes it will bring all streets into compliance with state standards regarding control and maintenance.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 36: 99-Year Lease of Town Property to 10 Ancient Highway

Shall the Town of Hampton authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to issue a 99-year lease of 64 square feet of land to the owners of property at 10 Ancient Highway, it having been discovered that a small portion of their dwelling house is located on Town property? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

What it means: This is an “after the fact” way of handling an issue that was discovered when the owners were doing some permitted reconstruction work.

Those in favor say: It is the only fair way to handle a situation that was not foreseen.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 37: Arnold and Martel Properties Conveyed to SAU 90

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to the Hampton School District, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine are appropriate and in the best interests of the Town, all of the Town's right, title and interest in two separate vacant parcels of land, the first commonly known as the Arnold property (Tax Map 161-51) which has been under lease to the Hampton School District for the purpose of an off-street bus loading/unloading area in accordance with Article 43 of the 1988 Annual Town Meeting, and the second commonly known as the Martel property (a part of tax map 176 Lot14, a subdivision may be required), over which the Hampton School District has an easement for a travel lane also in accordance with Article 43 from the 1988 Annual Town Meeting, both located on Academy Avenue, these conveyances are contingent upon the successful passage of the currently proposed bond issue for renovations of the Hampton Academy and the carrying out of that project, and are further to be made subject to a reverter of title to the Town of Hampton of said parcels should they no longer be needed by the Hampton School for school purposes? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

What it means: There are two small parcels of land which are owned by the Town and which have been leased to Hampton Academy since 1988 (for \$1.00 per year) to provide a space for off-street bus loading and unloading. This Article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to deed the two parcels to the school. There is another Article on the SAU 90 ballot that authorizes SAU 90 to accept the transfer. If the voters approve this transaction, it would be contingent upon the Hampton Academy renovations being approved, and contingent upon the property being needed by the school going forward. If the school does not need it for school purposes in the future, the small parcels of land would revert to the town. The SAU 90 bond request (on the school ballot) must pass in order for this Article to be acted upon.

Those in favor say: This was also on the ballot last year and it passed by a strong margin. Since the Hampton Academy renovation did not pass last year, and is on the SAU 90 ballot again this year, it is necessary to again ask the voters for the approval to transfer these two parcels of land for the purposes of the reconstruction work that is planned for Hampton Academy, in the event that Article is successful this year.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 38: Amend Code of Ordinance to Address Handling of Animal Waste

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to amend the Code of Ordinance to regulate the handling, transportation, and disposal of animal waste.

Amend the Code of the Town of Hampton by adding to Chapter 18 Animals the following new Section to be number 18-13:

18-13 Handling, Transportation, and Disposal of Animal Waste

- A. No person who is the owner, keeper, trainer or person in charge of a dog or other animal, temporarily or otherwise, permit such animal to defecate in violation of the provisions of this Chapter without the necessary actions to immediately remove such defecate in a safe and sanitary manner.
- B. Defecation removed in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be placed in a plastic bag or similar container and placed in a solid waste container for disposal at a solid waste facility.
- C. Disposing of animal defecation by being placed in or transported to a public or private sewer, storm drain or storm drainage system, or any part thereof, whether public or private shall be a violation of this Ordinance.
- D. Any person found to have placed any animal defecation in a public or private sewer, storm drain or storm drainage system shall be fined \$1,000 for each such action and shall be responsible for all costs incurred in the cleaning of the system up and until it passes any test required under State and Federal Storm Water Quality requirements or regulations. And

Amend the Code of the Town of Hampton by adding to Chapter 406-6 Use of Public Sewers Subsection C the following:

- (5) Animal Defecation? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

What it means: This article would establish a local ordinance with stated penalties to help guide appropriate pet-ownership practices and prevent animal waste from ending up in the storm drains. Water fed into in storm drains does not receive any filtering but rather goes straight into our streams and ponds and the ocean.

Those in favor say: This article is necessary to protect our water from unhealthy levels of fecal matter. Specifically, the Town needs this code in order to meet the guidelines set by EPA under the MS4 regulations (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems).

Those against say: There is no clear investigation or enforcement protocol.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

ITKH side note: Storm Drains in just about every municipality are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit program. The EPA, by issuing this permit, is giving approval for a municipality to discharge storm water to surface waters with the understanding that only clean storm water will be released. The community then becomes responsible for ensuring that nothing enters the system that can pollute its lakes, rivers, and streams.

Ideally, the only thing that should enter a storm drain is clean, uncontaminated rainwater. When pet owners collect pet waste and toss the waste & wrapper onto the street or directly into storm drains, the wrapper degrades and the animal waste becomes part of the storm water discharge.

Article 39: Modification of Deed Restriction 33 and 35 Dover Ave.

Upon Petition of Helena and Burley Barthell and at least and twenty-five (25) registered voters of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire, to see if the Town will vote to modify restriction #5 in that Deed recorded at Book 5772, Page 1928 for two lots located at 33 and 35 Dover Avenue shown as Lots 145 and 146 on Tax Map 296 (formerly Lots 211 and 212 on Map 104) to permit each of the lots to be sold separately upon the condition that each have a deeded right of access to Dover Avenue and to authorize and direct the Town Clerk to execute and deliver to the owners of said lot a notice recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds at no cost to the Town? (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1

What it means: This is an example of a property that was a town-leased lot and was sold along with deed restrictions, in this case preventing the selling of the lot as two lots.

Those in favor say: Each lot meets or very nearly meets the required minimum lot size requirements. The owners must still get sign-offs from the town boards and departments in order to proceed with the lot division.

Those against say: No one spoke against this article at the Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 40: Christmas Parade \$3,000

On the petition of John Nyhan and at least 25 Hampton registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton raise and appropriate \$3,000 to pay to Experience Hampton Inc., the organizer of the 2010 to 2016 Hampton Christmas Parades, to help defray the expenses of the 2017 Christmas Parade and related activities? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0

What it means: This is an annual donation to Experience Hampton to help fund the Christmas parade in town.

Those in favor say: The parade involves many groups within town, including businesses, schools and local officials. The total cost of the parade is \$15,000, of which the taxpayers are being asked to absorb a small fraction.

Those against say: No one spoke against this Article at Deliberative Session.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax cost of \$.40 if this Article passes.

Article 41: Abolish the Budget Committee

We the undersigned residents and registered voters of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire petition the Board of Selectmen to place on the Warrant for the March 2017 Annual Town Meeting the following article:

Shall the Town of Hampton vote in accordance with the provisions of RSA 32:14 to abolish the Budget Committee, (a/k/a) the Municipal Budget Committee, and to rescind the Town's prior acceptance of RSA 32 to that extent? (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0

What it means: The town would no longer have a Municipal Budget Committee. All financial details would come from the Finance Director and the Board of Selectmen.

Those in favor say: Much time is invested by Town Employees and by members of Boards and Committees going through the process of establishing the budgets and having them reviewed and double-checked within the hierarchy of Town Hall, and then separately going through the same process via the Budget Committee. All of the numbers and comparisons are publicly available, and anyone can ask questions as part of the budgeting process. According to the proponents of this Article, the Municipal Budget Committee is redundant.

Those against say: The Town needs the review and counter-balance provided by the Municipal Budget Committee. As the process of weaning down the number committee members continues, the Committee should become more efficient.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 42: Removal of Deed Restriction – Fence Height at #11 O Street

We, the undersigned residents of Hampton, Petition the Town of Hampton to place on the warrant the request to see if the Town will vote to release and remove deed restriction #3 (BK.2534 PG 1449 to 1452) as to the premises located at #11 O Street (Tax Map 293/174/1) owned by Edwin M Rooney in order to allow the installation of a higher ornamental fence, no more than six-feet high. Deed restriction #3 reads as follows, “No fences may be erected upon said premises other than ornamental fences of no more than a three foot height.” Further to authorize and direct the Town Clerk to execute and deliver to the lot owners for recording a notice of this vote at the Rockingham Registry of Deeds, at no cost to the Town. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0

What it means: This is another example of a home built on land that was previously leased by the town and later sold with certain restrictions. If Article 33 passes, this type of Warrant Article will not be required in the future, because requests for releasing the deed restrictions will be handled by the various boards in town, and approved by the Board of Selectmen. In this case, the homeowners are asking for the option to install a fence that will be no more than 6 feet high (current restriction is 3 feet).

Those in favor say: There was not much discussion on either side of this topic.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 43: Default Budget to be Determined by Budget Committee

On petition of Michael Pierce, Mary-Louise Woolsey and at least 25 other registered voters:

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (3/5ths vote required).

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0

What it means: Rather than the current system of the default budget being calculated by employees in Town Hall and put forward by the Board of Selectmen, the default budget would be calculated and put forward by the Municipal Budget Committee. The default budget is defined by New Hampshire statutes as the operating budget from the prior year, adjusted up or down as appropriate for contractual obligations and removing one-time expenses. Whichever body calculates the default budget, it must meet that definition.

Those in favor say: A member of the Budget Committee said that in reviewing the budget he thought that some of the numbers were in error (ITKH note: examples were

not provided, so this statement has not been verified.) Another speaker who is a former budget committee member stated that the term “contractual obligations” might be subject to interpretation.

Those against say: There does not seem to be a clear reason to change what we have been doing successfully for 20 years now. The Board of Selectmen, backed up by the Finance Director, calculate the numbers that are defined by the RSAs.

Fiscal Impact: No tax impact.

Article 44: Design Services for Reconstruction of Lafayette Road - \$300,000

On the petition of Experience Hampton, and at least 25 Hampton registered voters, shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for preliminary design services for the reconstruction of Lafayette Road from the area near the intersection of High Street south toward Winnacunnet Road? The design services would include street, sidewalk, utility, and lighting improvements for the downtown Hampton Village in an effort to revitalize the downtown. The preliminary design would be used to support a future project that has the potential to be funded by the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created under Article 16 of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35 for the purpose of maintenance and/or reconstruction of streets. Said appropriation to be offset by a donation by Experience Hampton, estimated to be no less than \$30,000.

This article is contingent upon the donation of no less than \$30,000 from Experience Hampton, and the donations’ acceptance by the Board of Selectmen.

This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the project is completed or by March 31, 2018, whichever occurs sooner? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-6-0

What it means: This funding would allow design work to be done that would be the basis for costing, permitting and bidding work to follow. According to one of the official speakers for Experience Hampton at the Deliberative Session, they would not look to the Town to fund the work itself. They are looking to the voters to approve this design work (\$30,000 to be contributed by Experience Hampton and \$300,000 to be contributed via one-time taxation), but then the actual transformation of the downtown area would be accomplished via grants or other funding.

Those in favor say: This will be a public-private partnership whereby Experience Hampton will work with the town to beautify the downtown area. It is similar to the work done down at the beach by the State a few years ago, in that the initial improvements were followed by private money that has uplifted the area. According to the Experience Hampton speaker, this is the only aspect of the project that they are asking for the town to fund via new taxation; it was stated at Deliberative session that the

initial funding will plans to be developed that in turn will make it possible to raise all further funding via grants or existing funds.

Those against say: There was concern expressed about parking in the downtown area (whether any spots would be lost) and about the businesses who are driving this project. Those associated with the project responded that they are committed to not losing any parking spots.

Fiscal Impact: The average Hampton home valued at \$404,000 would bear an increased tax of \$36.76, which would be a one-time tax impact.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON MARCH 14TH. YOU CAN BRING YOUR NOTES WITH YOU TO THE BALLOT BOOTH TO SAVE TIME. THANKS FOR BEING A THINKING HAMPTONITE.