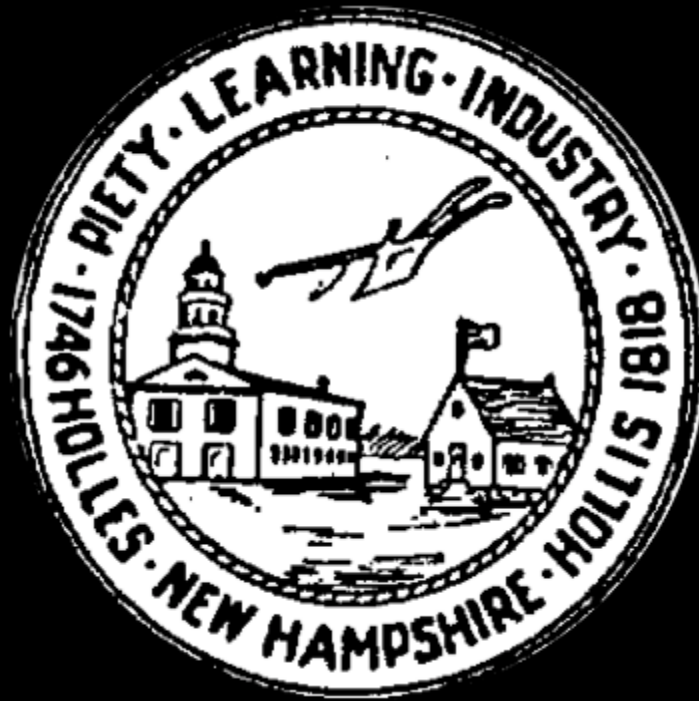


Town of Hollis
2020 Warrant & Budget
Town Meeting
March 14, 2020



Conduct of Annual Town Meeting

Jim Bélanger

Moderator

Information & Data

Hollis Demographics

- Hollis 2018 Population = 7,901
 - Increase of 13% from 2000
 - Increase of 3% from 2010
- Hollis 2017 Households = 3,010
- Hollis 2017 Median Household Income = \$126,379
- Total Town Property Valuation 2019 = \$ 1,361,648,864
 - Increased 0.9% from \$1,349,015,225 in 2018
- Average Single Family Home Value 2019 = \$456,681
 - Increased 0.4% from \$455,071 in 2018
- Average Single Family Home Tax Bill 2019 = \$10,549
 - Increased 7% from \$9,861 in 2018

Town of Hollis Municipal Buildings

DPW Garage	Stump Dump Building
Ever Ready Engine	Town Clerk Office (Leased)
Farley Building	Town Hall
Fire Station	Transfer Station Building
Lawrence Barn	Wheeler House
Police Station	Woodmont Warehouse
Social Library	Several other small building

Hollis Roads

Inventory

- 70.5 Miles Paved
- 12.5 Miles Gravel
- Excludes NH
Routes 111, 122,
and 130

Maintenance Methods

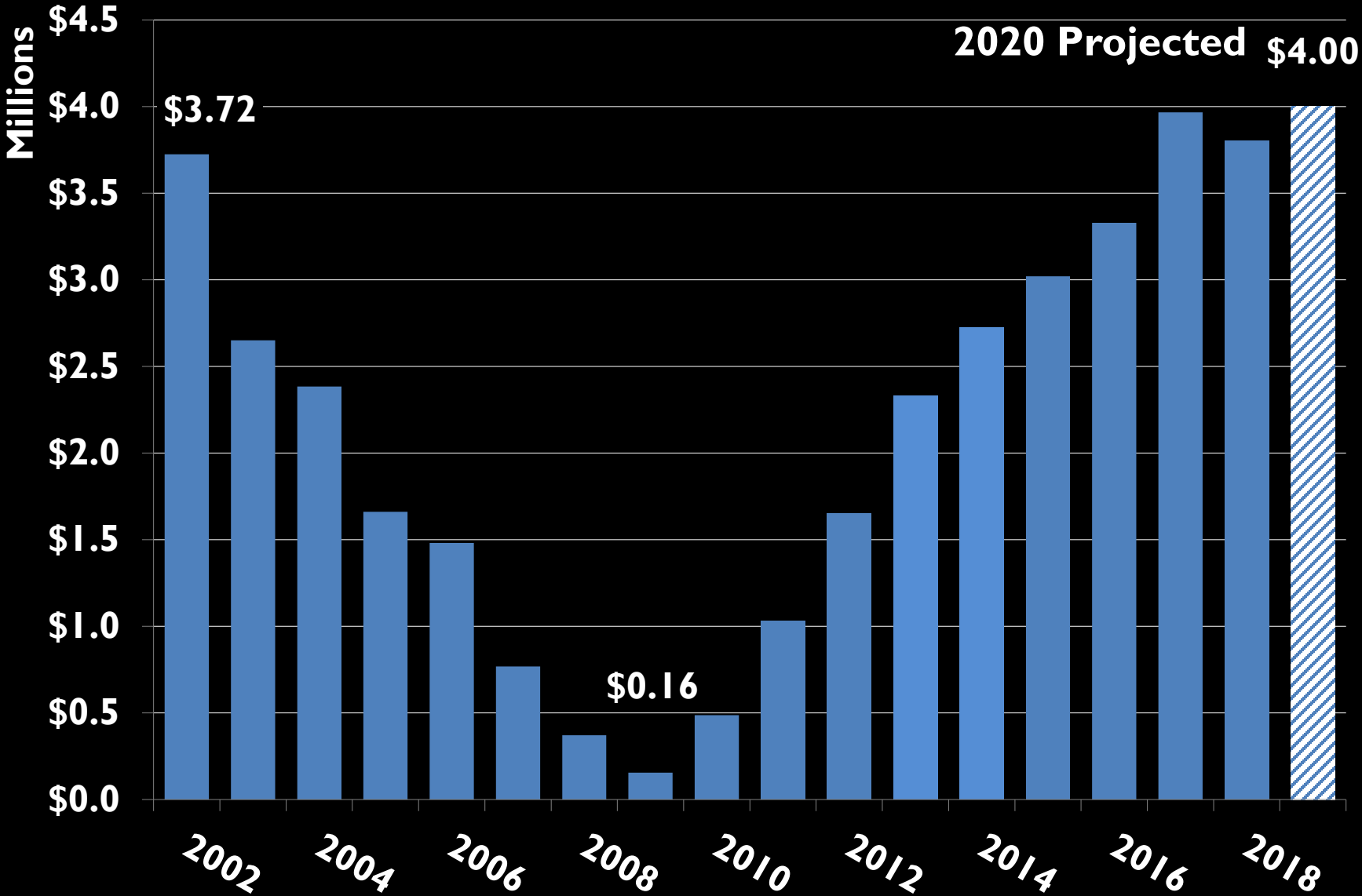
- Pave 22' wide road with 1.5" Asphalt
 - \$91,000 / mile
 - Lasts 10 to 15 years
- Rebuild 22' wide road (after road degrades)
 - \$333,000 / mile
 - Lasts 20 years
- Complete build from dirt
 - \$386,000 / mile
- Gravel roads are generally more expensive to maintain than paved roads

Hollis Town Employees

Department	Full-Time	Part-Time	Union
Fire	11	26	8
Police	17	2	14
Comm. Center	7	5	12
Public Works	12	2	9
Town Hall	9	1	5
Town Clerk	-	1	-
Library	3	8	-
Other	1	11	-
Total	60	56	48

Note: Union employees are a subset of the FT and PT employees. The Town Clerk is an elected official and not a town employee.

Town Unassigned Fund Balance



Town Unassigned Fund Balance

Town Fund Balance Policy

Minimum Unassigned Fund Balance:

- It shall be the goal of the Town of Hollis to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance of at least 10% of the combined general fund appropriations of the Town of Hollis, Hollis School District, and the Hollis portion of the Hollis Brookline Cooperative School District.

Use of Unassigned Fund Balance:

- Town Meeting Approval - Excess funds may be used for capital improvement projects, equipment replacement, and other similar budgetary needs.
- Offset Property Taxes - Selectmen may appropriate any amount of the unassigned fund balance to offset property taxes.
- Emergency Use – Selectmen must send an application to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration for the authority to make an expenditure.
 - The majority of the Budget Committee must approve the application

10% Rule
&
Projected Tax Rates

10% Rule

- Refers to the maximum allowable increase in Voter approved appropriations relative to Budget Committee's recommendation

Total Appropriations <u>Recommended</u> by Budget Committee (Operating Budget + Individual Articles)	\$11,582,291
Exclude Long-term Debt Principal	(\$826,000)
Exclude Long-term Debt Interest	(\$177,074)
Amount Recommended Less Exclusions	\$10,579,217
10% of Amount Recommended Less Exclusions	\$1,057,922
Maximum Allowable Appropriations (Budget Committee Recommended + 10%)	\$12,640,213

Hollis Town Tax Rate

Assumes all Articles, approved as written	2019	Projected 2020	Change
Operating Budget	\$11,157,398	\$11,117,261	- 0.4%
Warrant Articles	\$2,008,000	\$465,030	- 77%
+ Overlay	\$194,512	\$193,500	- 0.5%
+ War Service Credits	\$189,000	\$274,000	+ 45%
- Revenue	(\$3,627,024)	(\$3,577,660)	- 1.4%
- Voted Fund Balance	(\$644,000)	(\$332,130)	- 48%
- Selectmen Fund Balance	(\$500,000)	(\$400,000)	- 20%
- Conservation/Forest/Grants	(\$870,000)	(\$10,000)	- 99%
= Total Tax Effort	\$7,907,886	\$7,730,001	- 2.2%
Hollis Town Tax Rate	\$5.81	\$5.65	- 2.8%

Assumes 0.5% increase in tax base

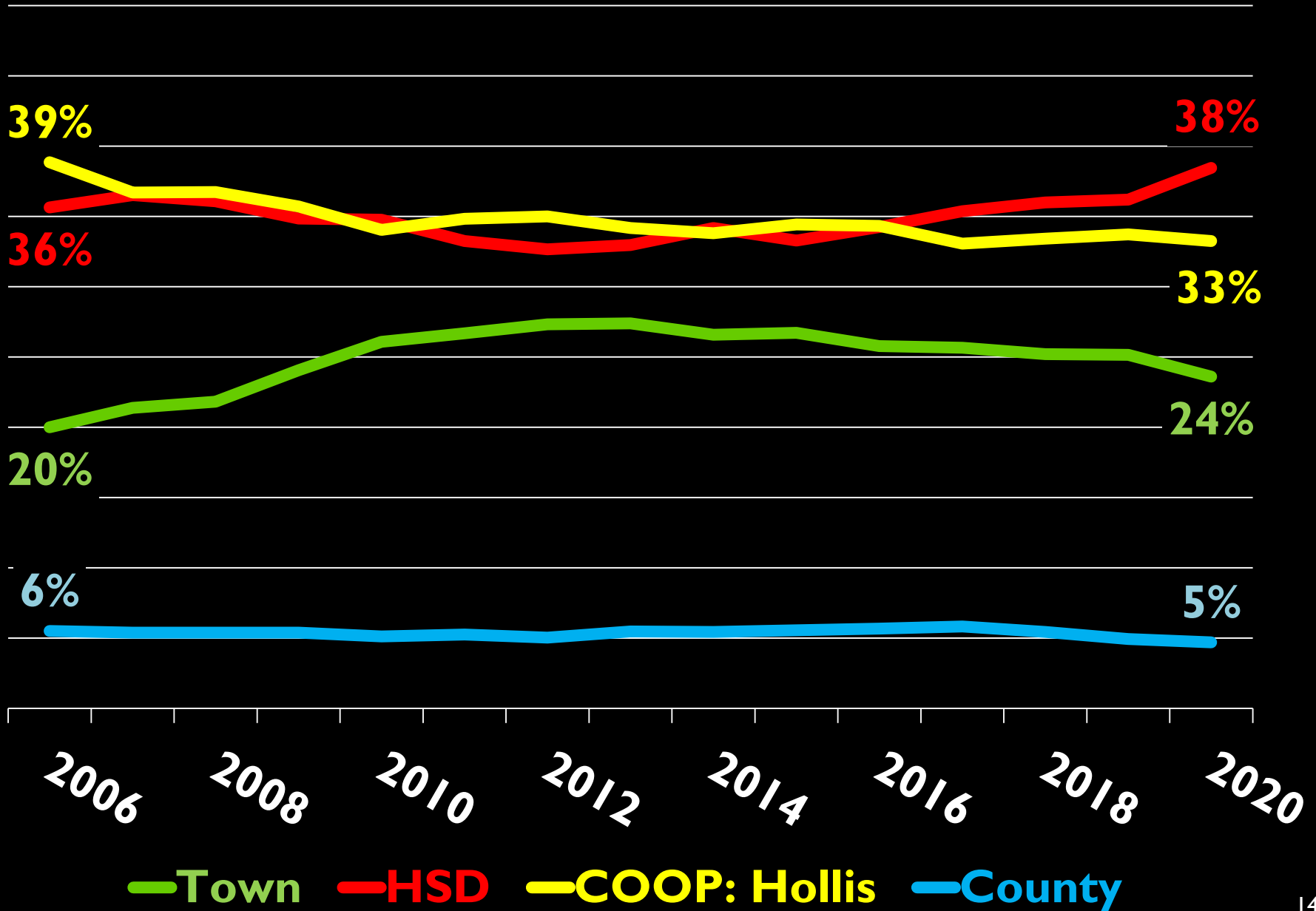
Hollis Total Tax Rate

Assumes all Articles, approved as written	2019	Projected 2020	Change
Town	\$5.81	\$5.65	- 2.8%
HSD Local Tax	\$7.30	\$8.24	+ 12.9%
HSD State Tax	\$1.06	\$1.01	- 5.3%
COOP Local Tax	\$6.75	\$6.97	+ 3.3%
COOP State Tax	\$1.04	\$1.03	- 0.9%
County Tax	\$1.14	\$1.13	- 0.5%
Hollis Tax Rate	\$23.10	\$24.03	+ 4.0%

Controllable at the Town / School District Level

Total tax rate may not equal sum of components due to rounding

Hollis Tax Rate Split



Warrant Articles

Article I: Officials Reports

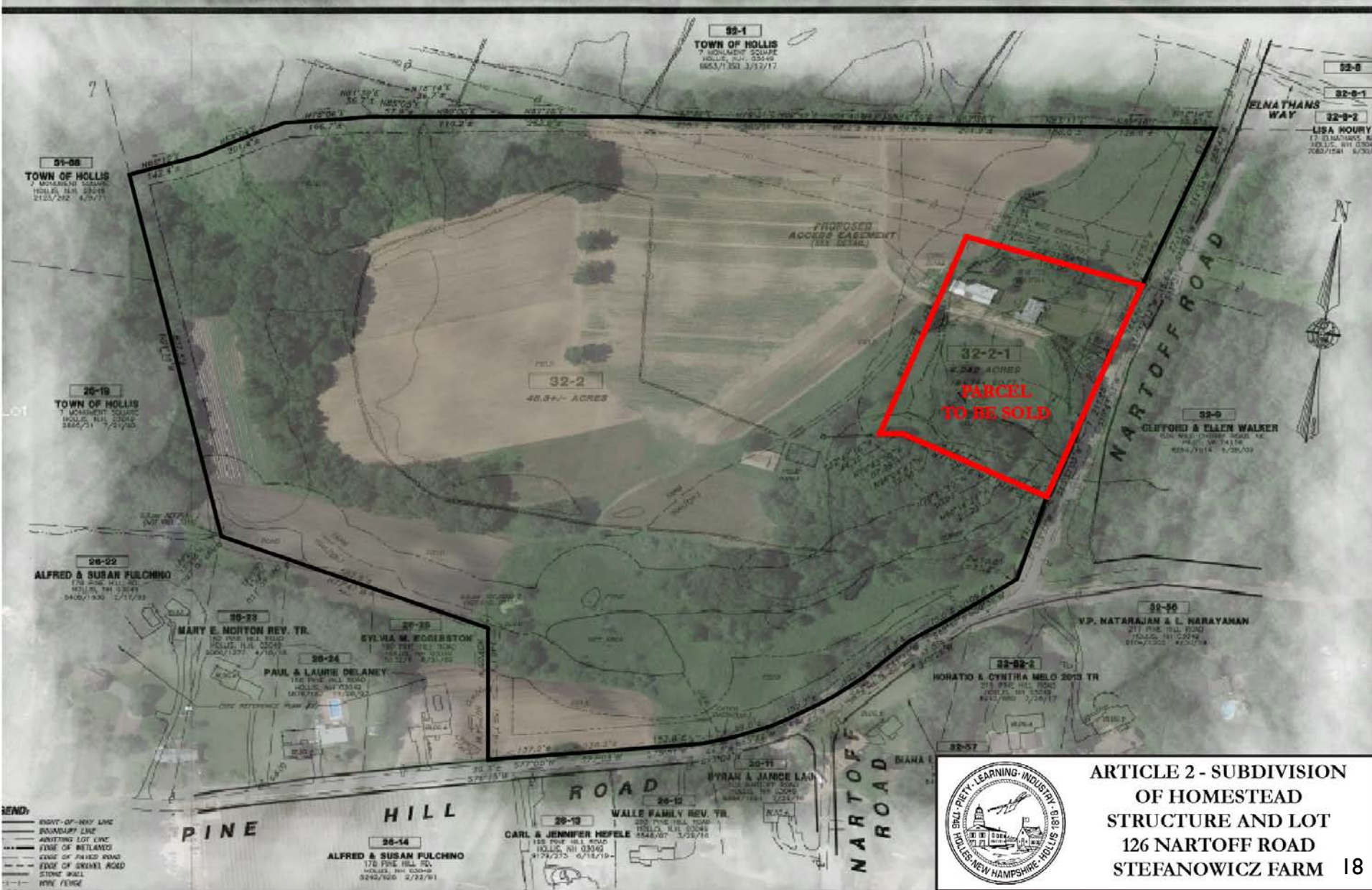
To hear reports of the Board of Selectmen,
other Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2: Subdivision of Homestead Structure and Lot

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to subdivide the Stefanowicz property, acquired by the Town pursuant to authorization given by the passage of Article 4 at the March 12th, 2016 annual meeting. The authorization to subdivide shall be limited to creating a lot 4.24 acres, (proposed Map 32 Lot 2-1) which would include the existing homestead and appurtenant structures in order to facilitate the sale of said homestead structure and lot and to further authorize the Board to take all steps necessary to enter into any agreements and execute any documents necessary to carry out said sale on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen, in their sole judgement, determine.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No tax rate effect

Article 2: Subdivision of Homestead Structure and Lot



**ARTICLE 2 - SUBDIVISION
OF HOMESTEAD
STRUCTURE AND LOT
126 NARTOFF ROAD
STEFANOWICZ FARM 18**

Article 3: Athletic Field Study

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000) for the purpose of designing and engineering a rectangular athletic field, conducting ledge test pits and drilling for a test well located on Muzzy Road, (Tax Map 56-13). This warrant article shall also be subject to the following condition: Prior to proceeding with the design and engineering of this project, a sufficient water source needs to be located on the property in order to maintain the athletic field. If this condition is not met by December 31, 2020 this appropriation shall be null and void and shall lapse.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - ≅ \$0.02 / \$1,000 (Tax Rate)
 - ≅ \$11.30 / \$457,000 (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 4: DPW Loader Lease Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 33:7-e to enter into a five (5) year lease purchase agreement for the sum of \$160,000, for the purpose of lease purchasing one (1) loader for the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Total
\$16,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$16,000	\$160,000

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - ≅ Less than \$0.01 / \$1,000 (Tax Rate)
 - ≅ \$3.69 / \$457,000 (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 4: DPW Loader Lease Purchase

- Would replace 2005 Volvo loader which is at the end of its 15 year service life.
- Estimated salvage / trade-in value of \$30,000



Article 4: DPW Loader Lease Purchase

- Representative Equipment



Article 5: DPW Chipper Lease Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 33:7-e to enter into a five (5) year lease purchase agreement for the sum of \$79,000, for the purpose of lease purchasing one (1) chipper for the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,900 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Total
\$7,900	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$7,900	\$79,000

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - ≅ Less than \$0.01 / \$1,000 (Tax Rate)
 - ≅ \$1.82 / \$457,000 (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 5: DPW Chipper Lease Purchase

- Would replace 1991 chipper that is beyond its 20-year service life. Zero estimated salvage value.



Article 5: DPW Chipper Lease Purchase

- Representative Equipment



Article 6: Emergency Management Message Board

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing a message board for Emergency Management. This sum is to be offset by a grant from the State of New Hampshire for \$10,000 and the remaining \$10,000 will come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation. This article will be null and void if the grant is not received. Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0

- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No rate increase in 2020. The Unassigned Fund Balance is the sum of unspent taxes and revenues collected in prior years. Expending \$10,000 that could *potentially* be designated by Selectmen to reduce the Town tax rate, equates to foregoing a *potential* rate reduction:
 - ≅ Less than (\$0.01) / \$1,000 (Tax Rate)
 - ≅ (\$3.34) / \$457,000 (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 6: Emergency Management Message Board



Article 7: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 1801 (Town Hall/DPW)

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Hollis and AFSCME Local 1801, and in doing so, to approve the cost items within said agreement, which calls for the following increases for salaries and benefits over what was raised under any current agreements for the employees of the Union and, further, to raise and appropriate the amount of \$21,500 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The 2020, 2021 and 2022 costs associated with the agreement will be included in the respective operating budgets. Said fiscal year 2020 funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2019. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

FY20	FY21	FY22	Total
\$21,500	\$17,700	\$5,500	\$44,700

Article 7: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 1801 (Town Hall/DPW)

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No rate increase in 2020. The Unassigned Fund Balance is the sum of unspent taxes and revenues collected in prior years. Expending \$21,500 that could *potentially* be designated by Selectmen to reduce the Town tax rate, equates to foregoing a *potential* rate reduction:
 - $\cong (\$0.02) / \$1,000$ (Tax Rate)
 - $\cong (\$7.18) / \$457,000$ (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 7: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 1801 (Town Hall/DPW)

- Remove 1 day PTO
- Match 3657 health insurance buyout of \$6,000 for 2 person/family (was \$5,500)
- Employee contributions to health insurance increase 2.5% for Lumenos, 2% for BlueChoice
- Year 2020
 - 5% Wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/20
- Year 2021
 - Step/Longevity 4/1/21
- Year 2022
 - Step/Longevity 4/1/22

Article 8: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 3657 (Police/Fire/Communications)

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Hollis and AFSCME Local 3657, and in doing so, to approve the cost items within said agreement, which calls for the following increases for salaries and benefits over what was raised under any current agreements for the employees of the Union and, further, to raise and appropriate the amount of \$66,630 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The 2020, 2021 and 2022 costs associated with the agreement will be included in the respective operating budgets. Said fiscal year 2020 funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2019. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

FY20	FY21	FY22	Total
\$66,630	\$114,990	\$126,825	\$308,445

Article 8: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 3657 (Police/Fire/Communications)

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No rate increase in 2020. The Unassigned Fund Balance is the sum of unspent taxes and revenues collected in prior years. Expending \$66,630 that could *potentially* be designated by Selectmen to reduce the Town tax rate, equates to foregoing a *potential* rate reduction:
 - $\cong (\$0.05) / \$1,000$ (Tax Rate)
 - $\cong (\$22.25) / \$457,000$ (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 8: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 3657 (Police/Fire/Communications)

	Patrolman, 0 years service			Sergeant		
Town	Annual Salary 2018	Annual Salary 2019	Annual Salary 2020	Annual Salary 2018	Annual Salary 2019	Annual Salary 2020
Amherst	\$50,398	\$51,147			\$74,734	
Litchfield	\$49,858	\$51,106	\$52,374	\$74,922	\$76,794	\$78,707
Pelham	\$49,150	\$50,128	\$51,126	\$72,613	\$74,048	\$75,546
Merrimack	\$52,166	\$53,206		\$71,115	\$72,550	
Hollis	\$47,091	\$48,027		\$65,790	\$67,101	

Proposed CBA

<u>2020</u>	\$50,336
<u>2021</u>	\$52,645
<u>2022</u>	\$54,974

Proposed CBA

<u>2020</u>	\$70,470
<u>2021</u>	\$73,278
<u>2022</u>	\$76,211

Article 8: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 3657 (Police/Fire/Communications)

- Year 2020
 - Communications - 3% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/20
 - Police Patrol – 4.8% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/20
 - Police Sergeant – 5% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/20
 - Fire/Police – 4% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/20
- Year 2021
 - Communications - 3% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/21
 - Police Patrol – 4.6% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/21
 - Fire/Police – 4% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/21
- Year 2022
 - Communications - 3% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/22
 - Police Patrol – 4.4% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/22
 - Fire/Police – 4% wage scale adjustment, Merit Step/Longevity 4/1/22

Article 8: Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 3657 (Police/Fire/Communications)

- Starting step for new hires at department head's discretion
- Increase education reimbursement budget \$2,000
- Increase Family plan health insurance buyout from \$6,000 to \$8,000 (30% of cost)
- Provide military PTO of 10 days to maximum of 5 employees
- Remove 1 day PTO
- Stipend of \$1,000 to evidence custodian

Article 9: Old Home Day Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of sponsoring the Old Home Days event and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the Old Home Day Special Revenue Fund. This article will not affect the tax rate, as these funds will be raised from fees and donations.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - None

Article 10: Compensated Absences Payable Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in the Compensated Absences Payable Expendable Trust Fund as previously established at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2019. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No rate increase in 2020. The Unassigned Fund Balance is the sum of unspent taxes and revenues collected in prior years. Expending \$50,000 that could *potentially* be designated by Selectmen to reduce the Town tax rate, equates to foregoing a *potential* rate reduction:
 - $\cong (\$0.04) / \$1,000$ (Tax Rate)
 - $\cong (\$16.70) / \$457,000$ (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 10: Compensated Absences Payable Expendable Trust Fund

- Employees are allowed to accumulate earned vacation & holiday time, subject to caps on the total number of days.
- Upon separation or retirement, the town is liable for the accrued amount.
 - This represents a contingent liability to the town.
- Need to have a reserve in place to have funds available
 - 12 employees left last year, drawing \$50,541 from the fund
- Budget Committee suggests funding to a “reasonable” level, about 50%
 - 2018 Year-end Estimated Liability: \$296,000
 - 2019 Year-end Balance: \$116,000
- Moving to close the gap over a period of years to limit the tax impact.
- Budget Committee has also recommended to Selectmen that this liability be reduced contractually.

Article 11: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as previously established at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2019. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No rate increase in 2020. The Unassigned Fund Balance is the sum of unspent taxes and revenues collected in prior years. Expending \$14,000 that could *potentially* be designated by Selectmen to reduce the Town tax rate, equates to foregoing a *potential* rate reduction:
 - $\cong (\$0.01) / \$1,000$ (Tax Rate)
 - $\cong (\$4.68) / \$457,000$ (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 12: Municipal Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Municipal Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund as previously established at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting and amended by the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2019. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No rate increase in 2020. The Unassigned Fund Balance is the sum of unspent taxes and revenues collected in prior years. Expending \$100,000 that could *potentially* be designated by Selectmen to reduce the Town tax rate, equates to foregoing a *potential* rate reduction:
 - $\cong (\$0.07) / \$1,000$ (Tax Rate)
 - $\cong (\$33.40) / \$457,000$ (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 12: Municipal Buildings & Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

2020 Opening Balance	\$219,400
2020 Proposed Funding	\$100,000
Proposed Total Funds Available	\$319,400
2020 Proposed Projects	
Fire: Replace Roof, From Shingles to Metal	(\$66,250)
Library: Roof Replacement	(\$45,200)
Town Hall: Community Room Roof	(\$30,000)
Town Hall: Fire Panels	(\$28,287)
Police: Carpeting	(\$21,236)
Library: Siding Repairs & Exterior Painting	(\$15,700)
Always Ready Engine House: Exterior Painting	(\$5,275)
Lawrence Barn: Exterior Painting	(\$3,600)
Library: Water Fountain / Bottle Filling	(\$2,279)
Lawrence Barn: Memorial Bench Match Donations	(\$1,011)
2020 Total Costs	(\$219,288)
2020 Projected Ending Balance	\$100,113

Article 13: Establish a Contingency Fund

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a contingency fund under the provisions of RSA 31:98-a for the purpose of funding unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate \$70,000 towards this purpose and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2019. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - No rate increase in 2020. The Unassigned Fund Balance is the sum of unspent taxes and revenues collected in prior years. Expending \$70,000, that could *potentially* be designated by Selectmen to reduce the Town tax rate, equates to foregoing a *potential* rate reduction:
 - $\cong (\$0.05) / \$1,000$ (Tax Rate)
 - $\cong (\$23.38) / \$457,000$ (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 13: Establish a Contingency Fund

- Fund may be used by the Selectmen to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and are not otherwise provided in the budget.
- Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund.
- Contingency Fund Expenditures from Prior Years:
 - Legal services for the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Northeast Energy Direct Project
 - Fire Truck Repair
 - Replacement police cruiser
 - Cemetery Ground Maintenance – Had to switch vendor due to original vendor closing business.

Article 14: 2020 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,117,261 which represents the operating budget of the Town for 2020, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

- Recommended by Selectmen 5-0-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0-0
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - ≅ \$5.61 / \$1,000 (Tax Rate)
 - ≅ \$2,565 / \$457,000 (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 14: Operating Budget Guidance

Description	Total	Variance from Guidance
Guidance Budget	\$11,117,275	-
Proposed Budget	\$11,117,261	(\$14)

Article 14: Operating Budget Staff Changes

- Add 1 Full-Time Firefighter / EMT
 - Position was approved at prior Town Meeting but unfilled in recent years
- Add 2 Part-Time Communications Specialists
 - Not benefits eligible

Article 14: Operating Budget

Major Increases

Description	FY20 Proposed	% Change	\$ Change
Salaries	\$4,330,672	+ 2.8%	\$118,753
Fire – Capital Lease	\$105,353	+ 36%	\$55,353
Souhegan Landfill	\$344,376	+ 13%	\$39,856
Workers' Comp Insurance	\$141,395	+ 9.8%	\$12,595

Article 14: Operating Budget

Major Decreases

Description	FY20 Proposed	% Change	\$ Change
Long-Term Debt	\$1,003,074	- 25%	(\$338,726)
DPW Financed Equipment	\$120,812	- 24%	(\$39,006)
Retirement (Rate Decrease)	\$736,000	- 2%	(\$16,000)
Life & Disability Insurance	\$51,200	- 12%	(\$7,000)

Article 15:Veterans' Tax Credit Increase

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 72:28, to modify the All Veterans property Tax Credit from the existing \$500 to \$750 as currently allowed by RSA 72:28. Said credit shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 2020.

- Not Recommended by Selectmen 2-3-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee 3-2-3
- Estimated Net Tax Impact
 - Lost property tax revenue: \cong \$85,000 per year
 - \cong \$0.04 / \$1,000 (Tax Rate)
 - \cong \$19.61 / \$457,000 (Average Single-Family Residence)

Article 16: New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Carbon Pollution

- We the town of Hollis call on our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from both the costs and environmental impacts of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Cash Back approach, that places a fair price on the cost of pollution and uses the money raised to give equal cash-back rebates to residents. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon cash-back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale needed to address rapidly accelerating climate pollution.
- We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.
- The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Hollis' state legislatures and Hollis' congressional delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions of their constituents, by Hollis' Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.
- No Position Taken by Selectmen
- No Position Taken by Budget Committee
- No Tax Impact

Article 17: Proposing Bylaw Restricting Discharge of Firearms

- To see if the Town, in accordance with NH RSA 31:39, will adopt the following bylaw: “The discharge of any firearm on Town-owned land other than during the course of lawful hunting shall be prohibited. This prohibition includes (but is not limited to) target shooting, gun sitting, recreational shooting, or shooting competitions”.
- No Position Taken by Selectmen
- No Position Taken by Budget Committee
- No Tax Impact

Article 18: Adoption of SB2

- Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hollis on the 2nd Tuesday of March?
- No Position Taken by Selectmen
- No Position Taken by Budget Committee
- No Tax Impact

Article 19: Preservation and Protection of “Passive” uses on town own or steward Properties

- To see if the town will vote to adopt the preservation and protection of “Passive” uses and other Recreational Activities for its Conservation Lands, Trails or other town owned or stewarded properties (similar to forests, fields, wetlands or unimproved lands in a natural state, etc.). The named “Passive Uses” of these lands shall be as similarly outlined under RSA 79-A (specifically referencing “Current Use”, but here relevant for naming Passive Uses) and consistent with similar US Environmental Protection Agency provisions for Passive Recreational Use for Conservation Lands. As defined therein and in the order there listed but not limited to, these Use activities shall include: Hunting, Skiing, Fishing, Snowshoeing, Hiking and Nature Observation. Other uses shall include, Snowmobiling (seasonally and conditions permitting). Further, and not limited to the above activities, any legal Recreational Activity permitted on current Conservation Lands and Trails as of January 1, 2020 is hereby ‘grand-fathered’ and protected from infringement.
- No Position Taken by Selectmen
- No Position Taken by Budget Committee
- No Tax Impact

Article 20: New Hampshire Resolution for Fair Redistricting

- To see if the town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census, will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of the New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular political parties or candidates.
- No Position Taken by Selectmen
- No Position Taken by Budget Committee
- No Tax Impact

**Article 21: To Transact Any Other
Business That May Legally Come
Before Said Meeting**