

Article 6 - Police Details Revolving Fund -

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Public Safety Details Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing public safety services by Police Department employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons. All revenues received for police public safety details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Public Safety Details Revolving Fund, to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and not from taxation. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No tax impact.

Notes

- Both the PD and FD do “details” which is when they work for companies like traffic control for Unitil or security at NHMS. We send out invoices and get reimbursed for those wages so the offset is equal to the budget.
- We actually make some money on this because we charge an administrative fee and a cruiser fee.
- Some towns use revolving funds to pay for and accept revenue from details. A revolving fund would allow these line items to be removed from the operating budget which will make budgeting easier.

FAQ

- How will accounting/transparency work if it isn't in the budget?
 - The revolving fund will still be shown in the Town Report so everyone can see how much is going in and out and for what purposes.
- What will you spend the money on?
 - We will pay the wages of the officers who did the details, any associated administrative fees. We might pay gas for the cruiser if we can calculate it.
 - As the money accumulates, it will be used to replace equipment used for these details such as new cruisers.
- How much do details cost?
 - We charge \$90 an hour.
 - \$65 goes to the officer, \$10 is admin fee, \$15 is cruiser fee.

Article 7 - Fire Details Revolving Fund -

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire and Rescue Public Safety Details Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing public safety services by Fire & Rescue Department employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons. All revenues received for fire & rescue public safety details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Fire and Rescue Public Safety Details Revolving Fund to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and not from taxation. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No tax impact.

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 - As the money accumulates, it will be used to replace equipment used for these details such as new trucks.
- How much do details cost?
 - We charge \$90 an hour.
 - \$65 goes to the firefighter, \$10 is admin fee, \$15 is truck fee.

Article 8 - Operating Budget - Scott

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Dollars (\$3,545,836) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$4.89 Cost for \$400K home: \$1,955.89

Notes

- This is the operating budget. See the Budget section for individual notes about specific items.

Generally Ken will make a highlights document, and the Chair will make an introduction speech based on that.

Bob Steenson recommends the speech be structured as past, present, future.

Article 9 - Capital Reserves -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$139,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:

4915.3	Highway Equipment	\$10,000
4915.4	Highway Truck	\$30,000
4915.18	Rescue Truck	\$8,000
4915.19	Fire Truck	\$50,000
4915.24	Landfill Closure	\$1,000
4915.27	Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings	\$10,000
4915.30	Highway Loader	\$30,000

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.34 Cost for \$400K home: \$135.25

Notes

- This is the standard vote to continue putting money into the capital reserve accounts.
- All of the individual accounts and balances are listed on page **XX** of the Town Report.
- 4915.4 Highway Truck needs to pass in order for the Highway Truck WA to have no tax impact.
- Reduced 4915.18 Rescue Truck from \$12K to \$8K because the vehicle is being downgraded to an F250 which will be less expensive to replace.
- Added 4915.19 Fire Truck back in since we need to begin saving for the next one. The next engine in line for replacement is from 2015.
- Increased 4915.27 Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings from \$5K to \$10K because the buildings are getting older and need more work.
- The CIP has Grader getting added back in 2030.

FAQ

- What is a Capital Reserve Account/Fund?
 - These are essentially savings accounts for specific projects. We use these to save for large expenses that we know are coming, so that by the time it happens, we have enough saved up to cover the expense or make a down-payment on the project or reduce the amount needed to bond for the expense.
 - This is important to do to even out spikes in spending. If we didn't do this, then the year that we need a new Rescue Truck, the Town would have to raise the total amount by taxes that year (which would cause a spike in the tax rate) or borrow money to pay for the new truck.
 - The townspeople must vote to put money into a CRF and vote to take money out of a CRF.
 - NHMA and DRA have lots of info about the details, contact Kal if you need more info.

Article 10 - Slide in Water Tank -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for the purchase of slide-in water tank for the Highway Department, said amount to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Notes

- The water truck we have now is no longer useable and one is necessary to properly maintain dirt roads.
- A slide in tank rather than a new truck would cost \$18K and that could be funded from the Highway Equipment CRF.

FAQ

- What does a water truck/tank do?
 - When grading dirt roads, the water truck goes by after the grader to help pack down the dirt and prevent dust and runoff.
 - Calcium is mixed in with the water to help
- Why a tank not another truck?
 - Tanks are way cheaper but will get the job done just as well. These tanks can be placed in one of the existing Highway trucks and taken back out when the truck is needed for other activities in the winter.

Article 11 - Highway Truck -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) for the purchase of a dump truck for the Highway Department, with One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) of said funds to come from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) of said funds to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Notes

- T1 is a 2011 International truck. It is the oldest vehicle other than the Sterling which we decided not to replace yet. We have had a lot of issues with it in the last few years and it was due to be replaced in 2025.
- Between the two CRFs mentioned, there is enough money saved up that this would have no tax impact.

FAQ

- What vehicle is next?
 - The next truck that needs to be replaced is the 2005 Sterling. It would be downgraded to an F550 which would cost ~\$160K (including new spreader).
- Does T1 really need to be replaced right now?
 - The body is rusted through in some places and it has a lot of mechanical problems.
 - John would like to replace it in 2026. If it is ordered in March after Town Meeting, it likely wouldn't get into service until the beginning of 2027. So T1 would need to continue working for another year.
- See Vehicle List for more details.

Article 12 - Rescue 1 Replacement -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purchase of a truck for the Fire Department and to replace the Rescue 1 Truck with the current Command Car, said amount to come from the Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Notes

- The Fire Dept. needs to replace Rescue 1. The new engine that will be delivered in May will be able to hold all of the heavy rescue equipment, so Rescue 1 would only be needed for medical calls. Chief Gamache would like to use the current Command Car for Rescue 1 and then get a new F250 pickup truck for the Command Car.
- There is \$180K in the Rescue Truck CRF, which would be enough to buy a new pickup and outfit the Command Car as Rescue 1. This plan is significantly cheaper than buying a new rescue truck.

FAQ

- When will the new engine arrive?
 - The new fire engine is set to arrive in June 2026.
 - This purchase was authorized by a WA in 2023. A bond has been issued and payments for it were included in the operating budget.
 - We began saving for the next fire engine in the CRF WA at \$50K per year. That will likely not be enough for the next one.
- What about the next Rescue 1?
 - The Command Car that will be turned into Rescue 1 has a 10 y lifespan.
 - After this WA the CRF will have \$78K remaining.
 - We changed the CRF contribution from \$12K to \$8K. That should leave us with sufficient funds to buy a new F250 when this current one dies.

Article 13 - Extrication Equipment -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purchase of extrication equipment for the Fire Department, with Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) of said funds to come from the Firefighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) of said funds to be raised by taxes.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.02 Cost for \$400K home: \$9.73

Notes

- Currently the Fire & Rescue Dept. has extrication equipment that runs using gasoline and hydraulics that require tubes to go between the equipment and the engine.
- Chief Gamache would like to get battery powered equipment that is easier to use. He said this is a nice-to-have, not a necessity.

FAQ

- Questions?

Article 14 - Waste Oil Burner -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of a waste oil burner for the Highway Garage.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.05 Cost for \$400K home: \$19.46

Notes

- Right now there is a repair place in Loudon that is picking up the waste oil we collect at the Transfer Station/generate at the Highway Garage. They stopped picking it up once before and could stop again. If the Town couldn't find someone else to take it, it would cost \$10K each time to have Clean Harbors come and get it.
- Installing a waste oil burner in the Highway Garage would give us a guaranteed way to dispose of waste oil and would help save money on heating the Highway Garage in winter.

FAQ

- Are these even allowed in NH anymore?
 - Yes. Ken checked with the vendor and they are still allowed. They have just installed two for other towns.
- How much money will this save in the heating bill?
 - We don't have separate meters for the different areas of the Municipal Building, so we wouldn't know exactly until we started using it.
 - The doors in the Highway Garage open and close frequently in the winter as the snow plows go in and out, so we can surmise that it costs quite a lot to heat that space.
- How will we safely/legally transport the waste oil from the Transfer Station?
 - The basic idea is putting a very sturdy container in a truck bed and using a pump to fill it at the TS and empty it at the Garage. Using a pump will prevent spills when filling/emptying. Using either one of those plastic containers with the metal cage around it, or a metal oil drum would provide protection if there was an accident on the road.
 - There has also been discussion of using flashing lights and an escort vehicle during the transportation. It only has to go half a mile down Baptist Road.
- Details about burner?
 - Basically just a hot air furnace. It will be installed in the furthest bay of the Garage where they currently store their waste oil. It will blow hot air across the bays. It has a triple filter to remove any contaminates before burning. It comes with a 100 gallon tank and a way to attach another tank if needed.
 - The waste oil will be collected and stored all summer, then used in the winter.
- Does this change anything about collection at the Transfer Station?
 - No. We will still set waste oil to the side for manual inspection by the TS Manager to prevent people from putting water/antifreeze in the container.
- How much waste oil do we collect per year?
 - We don't know. But based on how often we have it collected, it should be plenty to keep the burner running all winter.

Article 15 - Packer Truck -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) for the purchase of a packer truck for the Transfer Station.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.41 Cost for \$400K home: \$165.41

Notes

- The current packer was bought new in 1999 for \$70K. It hasn't gone many miles, but has had to idle whenever the Transfer Station is open so that the packer can be used (~17K hours). In 2025 we had to put \$10K of repairs into it and it needs more work. The hopper has rusted out again, the check engine light is on, and turbo is making funny noises.
- There are a lot of used packer trucks available and \$150K should be plenty to purchase one. It would cost \$20K to retrofit the hydraulics so that it can run using electricity rather than have the truck idling all day.

FAQ

- Why is there no CRF? What's up with Wheelabrator? Future of TS?
 - The Wheelabrator contract is good for another 5 years. A CRF was never created for a packer because we didn't know how long Wheelabrator would continue operating. Wheelabrator is expected to shut down eventually, but that could be 10/20 years from now.
 - The Selectboard have been reviewing the options from the Aries Report and are figuring out what the future of the TS looks like. The packer is a more immediate need, and replacing it will give the Town more time to decide on the future of the TS and how to begin saving for that future.
 - The current site is viable, the question is what buildings/equipment are needed and how the Town should prepare for Wheelabrator's eventual closure.
- Why not bond the money?
 - If we try to bond the money, we will likely have to wait until the January 2027 bond sale and thus wouldn't be able to get the truck until next year.
 - A motion cannot be made from the floor to bond this instead.

Article 16 - Salt Shed CRF -

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a salt shed, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.06 Cost for \$400K home: \$24.32

Notes

- The current salt shed is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. It is located at the Transfer Station and is used to store salt for the winter.
- Ken and the BOS have been doing research into options and costs based on what other towns have done. It is a very rough estimate, but to replace with a similar-sized salt shed, it will likely cost \$150K.
- The BOS would like to begin saving for this purchase in a CRF with the goal of having half the money saved by 2028 so the remainder can be bonded or raised through taxes.

FAQ

- What about the recyclable storage?
 - In the summertime, the TS has been storing recyclables in the salt shed. That needs to stop because it causes a problem each year when it is time for the salt to be delivered. The BOS is working with TS Manager to arrange for other storage for the recyclables.
- Details of salt shed?
 - Canterbury is 60 ft x 40 ft
 - Would be steel trusses and a “fabric” roof (20 y life expectancy)
 - If we make it bigger, we could include storage for the spreaders and hang them so as to eliminate the need for a loader. But then it would need to be relocated to behind the burn pit which would require

Article 17 - Copier -

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase of a multifunction printer.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.01 Cost for \$400K home: \$3.89

Notes

- Kal needs a new copier. The current one is creating accordions.
- ****Bring accordioned paper for demonstration.**
- We would like to buy a new one that can also do color so that Kal doesn't have to highlight ledger sized documents and we can do two-sided color letter size.

FAQ

- What happens if we say no?
 - Kal will reenact the scene from Office Space on the current copier and sell tickets to raise money for a new one next year.

Article 18 - Community Power Adder Funds -

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire Canterbury adder funds and place that money into the Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Notes

- DRA said WA 2025-14 only let us create the Renewable Energy CRF, but not deposit the adder funds into it.
- We already got \$5,200 from them and it is in the Unreserved Fund Balance.
- We will never know how much adder funds to expect in a year, so we chose the language “up to \$” and estimated how much we might receive.
- There is no adder on the current cycle, so we aren’t expecting much.

FAQ

- What is an “Adder”?
 - The actual cost of the electricity is the base rate. In the Aug 24 – Jan 25 rate period that was 8.6 cents per kWh. The BOS decided in the 6/26/24 meeting to default to Canterbury Basic at 8.8 cents per kWh. That extra 0.2 cents per kWh is the “Adder” and is paid by the customer. 8.6 cents went to CPCNH to cover the cost of the electricity. 0.2 cents went to basically a savings account for Canterbury.
 - That savings account is currently held by CPCNH, but we would like the money to be transferred to this new CRF.
- What is the adder for the current rate period (Feb 26 – July 26)?
 - Because the utility companies lowered their rates to try and compete with CPCNH, the BOS decided to stick with the lowest rate option CPCNH offers (Granite Basic) as the default.
 - Canterbury Basic still exists and has a 0.2 cent adder, but unless residents choose to opt up into that plan, no one will be using it, so no one will be paying the adder during this rate period, so we do not expect to accumulate as much money as we did in the last rate period.

Article 19 - SLH ETF -

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sam Lake House Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the betterment, improvements, or other purposes that might be brought about on Sam Lake's home place and appropriate \${AMOUNT} to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the discontinued Sam Lake House Capital Reserve Fund and not from taxation; further to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Notes

- About 8 years ago the tax laws changed and it is now required that the Town take a portion of the earnings each year. Citizens Bank requires the Selectmen to write them a letter each year to ask for the money and then put it in the SLH CRF.
- In 2023 the DRA told us we need to start doing a warrant article to deposit the money into the CRF.
- This year they changed their mind again and want us to create an ETF instead of a CRF to hold this money.

FAQ

- Why did the DRA change their mind?
 - The DRA only has 3 people for the entire state. So every single municipality and school district has their WAs read by a very over-worked person. One of the 3 was replaced with a new person in 2023 year so she is doing her best considering the circumstances and that she doesn't have a decade of history with us. As long as our lawyers agree, it is usually for the best to just comply with DRA requirements even if they seem unnecessary.
 - This time around she got approval from the DRA lawyers and senior leadership.
- What does "home place" include?
 - Sam Lake House and Garage. Could be the entire 7 acres he original owned. The only trust document is the will and that states the Trustee (currently Citizen's Bank) gets to judge what the money is paid out for.
- Why don't Trustees of the Trust Funds manage this trust?
 - The Town is a beneficiary of this trust (along with several others), we are not the trustees. Citizens Bank are the current trustees who manage the trust fund.
- Should we close the CRF?
 - No, the CRF still has money in it that was put there by tax dollars rather than money from this trust. The DRA wants those two sources to be kept separately.
- What is an ETF vs CRF?
 - ETF = Expendable Trust Fund
 - CRF = Capital Reserve Fund
 - Ask Silvia.

Article 20 - Veterans Tax Credit -

To see if the Town will vote to modify the optional tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property in accordance with RSA 72:35 from its current value of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400) to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Notes

- The legislature changed how the veteran tax credits work, this would help bring the total credits back to where they were before.

FAQ

- No questions, move along.