

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 22, 2023 Milford, Massachusetts

### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

The Annual Town Meeting is being held both in person and through remote participation. Milford TV recorded the Special Town Meeting.

Moderator Michelangelo Bon Tempo called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. The quorum was set at 103. At the start of the meeting there were 114 Members reported as present. 90 members were absent. A quorum was obtained.

The Moderator then asked the body to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk, Amy E. Hennessy Neves swore in all Town Meeting Members present before the meeting was called to order.

Town Clerk Amy E. Hennessy Neves read the Warrant. The Moderator announced he would waive the reading of the remainder of the Warrant. There was no objection to the waiving of the reading.

The Town Clerk then read the Return of Service.

The Moderator then explained the instructions regarding speaking and voting procedures.

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act upon reports of all Town officers and committees of the Town.

The Moderator asked for any Committee Reports to be presented as part of Article 1.

Renaldo Deluzio, Chairperson for the Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee presented his report.

Alberto Correia, Chairperson for the Finance Committee presented his report.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Salary Schedule of the Wage and Salary Administration Plan by establishing new position levels and salary levels, as recommended by the Personnel Board for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, as follows:

### A POSITION LEVELS – SALARIED POSITIONS

GRADE POSITION TITLE (\*denotes contract)

7 Water Operations Manager Paralegal/Office Manager

Local Building Inspector Assistant Town Counsel Fleet Maintenance Supervisor

Benefits Coordinator

HR/Benefits Coordinator

Veterans Agent

8 Maintenance Supervisor

Community Development Director

IT Manager

Network Administrator Systems Administrator

Tax Collector\*

Animal Control Officer

9 Assistant Director of Public Health

Youth Center Director Senior Center Director

10 Assessor/Administrator

Town Accountant\*
Town Treasurer\*

11 Highway Supervisor

Parks & Recreation Administrator

Building Commissioner\*

12 Town Engineer

Town Planner

Director of Public Health

Facilities Director\*

Assistant Town Administrator

Assistant Town Administrator/Economic Dev. Director

Police Lieutenant

Director of Information Technology
Finance Director\*
Deputy Police Chief
Human Resources Director
Director of Sewer Operations
Director of Water Operations\*

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Fire Chief\*
Town Counsel\*

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# B COMPENSATION SCHEDULE – SALARIED POSITIONS

Steps	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grade 13	Grade 14	Grade 15
1	63,681	68,457	73,591	87,550	94,116	101,175	108,763	116,920	149,976
2	66,157	71,119	76,453	90,955	97,776	105,109	112,993	121,467	155,809
3	68,634	73,781	79,315	94,359	101,436	109,044	117,222	126,014	161,641
4	71,110	76,444	82,176	97,765	105,096	112,979	121,452	130,561	167,474
5	73,586	79,106	85,039	101,169	108,757	116,913	125,682	135,108	173,306
6	76,063	81,768	87,900	104,574	112,416	120,848	129,912	139,655	179,139
7	78,540	84,430	90,763	107,978	116,077	124,782	134,141	144,202	184,970
8	81,016	87,093	93,624	111,383	119,736	128,717	138,371	148,748	190,803
9	83,493	89,754	96,486	114,787	123,397	132,652	142,600	153,296	196,635
10	85,969	92,417	99,348	118,193	127,057	136,586	146,831	157,842	202,468

### C POSITION LEVELS – HOURLY RATED POSITIONS

#### GRADE POSITION TITLE

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Clerk/Receptionist, Senior Center Clerk Community Development PT/FT Health Coordinator PT - Youth Center

Planning Assistant

Marketing & Communications Assistant – Youth Center

Transportation Coordinator/Senior Center

Van Driver-Senior Center

Volunteer Services Coordinator-Senior Center

2 Legal Secretary

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Cemetary Administrator PT

Client Services Coordinator - Senior Center PT

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Assistant Town Accountant

Assistant Treasurer Dispatcher PT

Financial Analyst PT

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Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Health Inspector

Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Wiring Inspector

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3	24.92	26.78	28.79	30.95	32.51	34.95
4	25.81	27.75	29.83	32.06	33.68	36.20
5	26.71	28.72	30.87	33.19	34.86	37.47
6	27.60	29.67	31.91	34.30	36.03	38.73
7	28.51	30.64	32.94	35.41	37.20	39.99
8	29.41	31.61	33.98	36.53	38.38	41.25
9	30.30	32.58	35.02	37.65	39.55	42.51
10	31.21	33.55	36.06	38.77	40.72	43.78

# D1 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE - "OVER MAX" HOURLY RATED POSITIONS

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F	MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS	ANNUAL
	Assistant Health Agent PT	8760
	Board of Health Physician PT	7663
	Burial Agent	1207
	Board of Registrars Chairperson	3167
	Board of Registrars Members PT (2)	2534
	Fair Housing Director PT	2410
	Foreign Language Translator	655
	Inspector of Animals	2807
	Municipal Hearings Officer	3258
	Pest Control Officer PT	3797
	Sealer of Weights and Measures	9720
G	ELECTION WORKERS	STIPEND
	Wardens and Clerks	227
	Deputies	200
	Checkers Full Day	171
	Checkers ½ Day	114
	Election Custodian (per election)	186
Н	CLERKS, VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (PT)	ANNUAL
Level		
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(Personnel Board)

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows:

	FY 24
Town Clerk	\$98,201.00
Assessor (Chairman)	\$ 8,874.00
Assessor (Members)	\$ 7,953.00
Highway Surveyor	\$115,282.00
Tree Warden	\$ 7,660.00
Select Board (Chairman)	\$10,113.00
Select Board (Members)	\$ 8,985.00
Board of Health (Chairman)	\$ 2,896.00
Board of Health (Members)	\$ 2,530.00
Sewer Commissioner (Chairman)	\$ 2,896.00
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Park Commissioner (Chairman)	\$ 2,896.00
Park Commissioner (Members)	\$ 2,530.00
Planning Board (Chairman)	\$ 2,896.00
Planning Board (Members)	\$ 2,530.00
Moderator	\$ 2,783.00
Vernon Grove (Trustees)	\$4,303.00
Water Commissioners	\$5,562.00

(Select Board)

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**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the financial year beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

A Motion was Made by Alberto Correia (AL) to Table Article 4 until later in the meeting...Voice Vote taken on Motion to Table...Carried.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to enact certain measures as set forth herein which are presented each year to the Annual Town Meeting:

- A. That the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; and
- B. That the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town; and
- C. That the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend from funds received by the Town as fines for parking violations during Fiscal Year 2024, such sum or sums of money as are necessary to pay the costs and expenses of collecting such fines and otherwise complying with the provisions of Section 20A of Chapter 90 of the General Laws during said fiscal year; and

- D. That the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2024 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws; and
- E. That the Town vote for Fiscal Year 2024, to authorize any and all departments to utilize, without further appropriation, any amounts received from insurance companies or other third parties as damages or payment for damage to any Townowned property, for the purpose of repairing or replacing such property, or, as deemed appropriate by the Select Board, directly depositing such funds to the Municipal Building & Property Insurance Fund established by vote under Article 45 of the June 11, 1990 Annual Town Meeting; and
- F. That the Town vote to authorize all persons, boards or agencies of the Town otherwise authorized to contract for or on behalf of the Town, during Fiscal Year 2024 to enter into such contracts or agreements for up to five years, except in the case of contracts or agreements dealing with real estate which may be for up to ten years; and
- G. That the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure, pursuant to Chapter 60, Section 77C of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board/Town Treasurer)

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The Moderator announced that because he heard no opposition, he would take a Voice Vote instead of a Standing  $2/3^{rd}$  vote. If the voice vote is not unanimous, he will take a standing vote. A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the available balance in fund 2696 Comcast Verizon PEG access, under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purpose of performing upgrades in accordance with the PEG Access Agreement, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(School Committee)

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**ARTICLE 7**: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money, consistent with the funds raised from vending machines in the Milford School District, to be spent under the of the School Committee for the purpose of student activities not funded in the School Department budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(School Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,598.18 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum being consistent with the funds raised from vending machines in

the Milford School District, to be spent under the School Committee for the purpose of student activities not funded in the School Department budget.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the first two years of the Milford Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement retroactive July 1, 2021, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$525,428 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized to fund the first two years of the Milford Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement retroactive to July 1, 2021.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the first year of the Fire Union Collective Bargaining Agreement retroactive July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

A Motion was made by Richard Villani (AL) to Pass Over the Article 9... A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion to Pass Over... Carried Unanimously. Article 9 Passed Over.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the first year of the Library Union Collective Bargaining Agreement retroactive to July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

A Motion was made by Richard Villani (AL) to Pass Over the Article 10...A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion to Pass Over...Carried Unanimously. Article 10 Passed Over.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote under Article 21 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, which vote sought the relocation and alternation of Old Cedar Street, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to rescind its vote under Article 21 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, which vote sought the relocation and alternation of Old Cedar Street.

A Voice Vote was Taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote under Article 22 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, which vote sought to discontinue, as a public way, certain portions of the Old Cedar Street Right-of-Way, and in lieu thereof vote to discontinue, as a public way, and in accordance with G.L. c. 82, Section 21, the entirety of the Old Cedar Street right-of-way as shown on the "Discontinuance Plan for Old Cedar Street in Milford, MA 01757", dated March 1, 2023 (the "Discontinuance Plan") on file with the Town Clerk, said areas to be discontinued being more particularly identified on the Discontinuance Plan as "Old Cedar Street (To Be Discontinued)" and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING: At a point on the Westerly sideline of Cedar Street at the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Dilla Street Corporation as shown on the above referenced plan.

THENCE: S 02°54'18" E by said Westerly sideline a distance of 87.00 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence Southwesterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet, an arc length of 39.27 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence: S 87°05'42" W a distance of 26.98 feet to a point of curvature

Thence Northwesterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 125.00 feet, an arc length of 138.00 feet to a point of concentric curvature;

Thence Northwesterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 665.00 feet, an arc length of 330.12 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence: N 01°12'36" W a distance of 638.10 feet to a point on the Southerly sideline of Interstate Route 495;

Thence: S 49°16'32" E a distance of 140.03 feet to a point;

Thence: S 01°12'36" E a distance of 30.44 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence Southerly on a curve to the right having a radius of 52.00 feet, an arc length of 47.81 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence: S 51°28'10" W a distance of 42.37 feet to a point;

Thence: S 01°12'36" E a distance of 447.04 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence Southeasterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 615.00, an arc length of 330.66 feet to a point;

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Thence: N 44°23'08" E a distance of 17.69 feet the point of beginning

The above described area of proposed discontinuance being 60,336+/- sf or 1.39+/- Acres And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer, upon such terms as it deems appropriate, any or all of those discontinued portions as shown on the aforesaid Discontinuance Plan to the owners of land directly abutting, or take any other action relating there to.

(Select Board)

The Moderator asked the body to rise to take a standing vote on whether to allow James Wheelock additional speaking time...80 Voted in Favor...26 Against. Vote Carried. Mr. Wheelock was allowed extra time to speak.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to rescind its vote under Article 22 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, which vote sought to discontinue, as a public way, certain portions of the Old Cedar Street Right-of-Way, and in lieu thereof vote to discontinue, as a public way, and in accordance with G.L. c. 82, Section 21, the entirety of the Old Cedar Street right-of-way as shown on the "Discontinuance Plan for Old Cedar Street in Milford, MA 01757", dated March 1, 2023 (the "Discontinuance Plan") on file with the Town Clerk, said areas to be discontinued being more particularly identified on the Discontinuance Plan as "Old Cedar Street (To Be Discontinued)" and being more particularly described as follows:

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A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried...

Harold Rhodes (P2), Michael Visconti (P8), Lynda Heller (P1), Zachary Trulby-Wright (P1), John Crean (P6), Christine Crean (P6), James Buckley (P7), David Probert (P7), Michael Abbiuso (P1), Peter and Irma Rasmussen (P1) all rose to Doubt the Vote.

A Standing Vote was then taken...74 Voted For...37 Voted Against... Vote was Carried.

Brian Murray (AL) Motion was Made to Remove Article 4 from the Table...Voice Vote was taken on Motion to remove Article 4 from Table...Carried.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the financial year beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer where indicated, the amount of \$142,940,173 as itemized in the report of the Finance Committee, as may be necessary to defray expenses for the financial year beginning July 1, 2023; and that the amounts of money as set forth in the printed report of the Finance Committee be appropriated and transferred where indicated, for the several purposes therein itemized, each numbered item being considered as a separate appropriation, and that the same be expended only for such purposes.

The Moderator asked if any member wishes to discuss or amend any line items to rise. No one responded.

	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,265,054	4,715,051	4,936,329	5,362,295	6,415,566	19.6%
PUBLIC SAFETY	12,046,811	12,715,255	13,263,016	13,080,694	14,094,298	7.7%
EDUCATION	52,140,868	53,784,767	58,229,984	63,725,403	71,479,437	12.2%
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	8,992,311	9,863,396	12,726,141	18,347,905	19,735,619	7.6%
HUMAN SERVICES	875,980	896,728	975,657	1,486,214	1,532,704	3.1%
CULTURE AND RECREATION	1,986,593	2,090,781	2,122,210	2,254,005	2,316,652	2.8%
DEBT SERVICE	4,978,315	4,780,280	4,558,221	4,335,170	4,038,889	-6.8%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	18,154,677	19,053,230	20,015,502	22,741,237	23,327,008	2.6%
TOTALS	103,440,609	107,899,488	116,827,060	131,332,923	142,940,173	8.8%

	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
114 MODERATOR						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	2,559	2,559	2,623	2,702	2,784	3.0%
TOTAL MODERATOR	2,559	2,559	2,623	2,702	2,784	3.0%
122 SELECT BOARD						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	146,363 36,960	169,122 9,690	174,770 12,741	182,243 39,860	347,243 47,360	90.5% 18.8%
TOTAL SELECT BOARD	183,323	178,812	187,511	222,103	394,603	77.7%
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	34,254 1,103	36,191 1,073	31,461 1,107	40,424 1,800	37,798 1,800	-6 <sub>-</sub> 5% 0.0%
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	35,357	37,264	32,568	42,224	39,598	-6.2%
132 RESERVE FUND						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	18:	(#)		125,000	125,000	0.0%
TOTAL RESERVE FUND		( <del>-</del> ):	383	125,000	125,000	0.0%
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIR.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	190,514 3,858	212,911 3,424	223,796 5,643	245,072 6,700	340,051 6,650	38.8% -0.7%
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	194,372	216,335	229,439	251,772	346,701	37.7%
141 ASSESSORS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	268,899 67,307	285,486 101,443	297,217 94,839	323,085 116,850	331,776 116,850	2.7% 0.0%
TOTAL ASSESSORS	336,206	386,929	392,056	439,935	448,626	2.0%
145 TOWN TREASURER						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	189,353	205,594	217,563	236,107	251,501	6.5%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	8,649	13,357	13,469	27,300	22,050	-19.2%
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	198,002	218,951	231,032	263,407	273,551	3.9%
146 TAX COLLECTOR						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	175,442 20,568	192,931 18,939	206,168 17,231	237,308 27,300	251,283 30,000	5.9% 9.9%
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	196,010	211,870	223,399	264,608	281,283	6.3%

,	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
147 BENEFITS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	133,310 2,759	145,070 2,448	136,409 2,325	135,662 5,300	145,850 5,300	7.5% 0.0%
TOTAL BENEFITS	136,069	147,518	138,734	140,962	151,150	7.2%
148 OTHER GENERAL GOVT.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	721,833 134,979	762,226 134,922	826,654 154,022	466,468 162,700	401,867 239,705	-13.8% 47 <sub>-</sub> 3%
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVT	856,812	897,148	980,676	629,168	641,572	2.0%
151 LAW DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	125,529 6,132	131,179 15,023	155,793 7,251	242,675 16,200	222,729 16,200	-8.2% 0.0%
TOTAL LAW DEPARTMENT	131,661	146,202	163,044	258,875	238,929	-7.7%
152 PERSONNEL BOARD						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150 500	6,335 500	3.0% 0.0%
TOTAL PERSONAL BOARD	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,650	6,835	2.8%
153 HUMAN RESOURCES						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	87,699 2,272	82,106 4,875	94,972 8,201	110,373 17,600	117,222 17,600	6.2% 0.0%
TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCES	89,971	86,981	103,173	127,973	134,822	5.4%
155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5110-3 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES 5300-3 GENERAL EXPENSES	93,881 169,777 153,533 110,000	199,175 180,000 163,250 110,000	213,936 180,000 269,028 103,831	273,264 349,628	302,176 691,978	10.6% 0.0% 97.9% 0.0%
TOTAL INFORMATION TECH	527,191	652,425	766,795	622,892	994,154	59.6%
158 TAX TITLE/FORECLOSURE						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	13,540	17,544	9,313	25,000	75,000	200.0%
TOTAL TAX TITLE/FORECLOSURE	13,540	17,544	9,313	25,000	75,000	200.0%
161 TOWN CLERK						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	215,604 7,014	226,825 7,072	220,945 6,694	245,164 7,656	286,115 10,261	16.7% 34.0%
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	222,618	233,897	227,639	252,820	296,376	17.2%

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162 ELECTIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	28,196 25,991	46,994 69,642	10,064 22,548	49,792 62,884	36,603 78,149	-26.5% 24,3%
TOTAL ELECTIONS	54,187	116,636	32,612	112,676	114,752	1.8%
163 REGISTRATIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	7,572 9,161	6,795 9,161	7,761 9,468	7,995 11,861	8,235 12,308	3.0% 3.8%
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	16,733	15,956	17,229	19,856	20,543	3,5%
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	4,100 2,236	4,100 2,173	4,194 1,982	4,100 2,750	4,223 2,810	3.0% 2.2%
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMM.	6,336	6,273	6,176	6,850	7,033	2.7%
174 TOWN PLANNER						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	93,658 16,581	95,988 18,617	98,576 15,540	102,760 22,250	109,769 22,250	6.8% 0.0%
TOTAL TOWN PLANNER	110,239	114,605	114,116	125,010	132,019	5.6%
175 PLANNING BOARD						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	17,866 557	13,445 1,005	12,270 1,167	16,739 3,800	17,119 4,100	2.3% 7.9%
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	18,423	14,450	13,437	20,539	21,219	3.3%
182 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	2,834	1,500	1,954	3,000	3,000	0.0%
TOTAL INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION	2,834	1,500	1,954	3,000	3,000	0.0%
186 FAIR HOUSING						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	2,217	2,217	2,272	2,341 200	2,410 200	2.9% 0.0%
TOTAL FAIR HOUSING	2,217	2,217	2,272	2,541	2,610	2.7%
189 WATER TRANSFER						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	(8)	(2)		260,000	260,000	0.0%
TOTAL WATER TRANSFER	•	(*)		260,000	260,000	0.0%

	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
192 PUBLIC PROP & BLDGS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES 5400 REPAIR/MAINT:BLDG/GRNDS 5410 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT	320,507 317,751 189,400 6,000	329,093 352,210 227,225 3,779	348,829 365,801 242,348 6,000	456,464 303,620 240,148 6,000	493,002 299,620 250,148 6,000	8.0% -1.3% 4.2% 0.0%
TOTAL PUBLIC PROP & BLDGS	833,658	912,307	962,978	1,006,232	1,048,770	4.2%
194 OTHER INSURANCE						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	87,000	87,000	87,000	125,000	350,000	180.0%
TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE	87,000	87,000	87,000	125,000	350,000	180.0%
195 TOWN REPORT						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	3,586	3,522	4,403	4,500	4,636	3.0%
TOTAL TOWN REPORT	3,586	3,522	4,403	4,500	4,636	3.0%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,265,054	4,715,051	4,936,329	5,362,295	6,415,566	19.6%
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES 5420 REPAIR/MAINT: VEHICLES 5410 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT	5,760,658 374,605 76,135 64,591	6,056,850 428,464 78,510 79,749	6,160,611 504,566 78,278 79,598	6,497,008 699,139 78,545 80,000	7,190,505 762,414 90,545 80,000	10.7% 9.1% 15.3% 0.0%
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	6,275,989	6,643,573	6,823,053	7,354,692	8,123,464	10.5%
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES 5400 REPAIR/MAINT:BLDG/GRNDS 5410 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,155,311 132,685 10,236 118,886	4,448,888 138,545 21,732 120,135 4,729,300	4,758,270 159,021 10,231 139,620 5,067,142	4,836,482 138,558 10,232 120,135 5,105,407	4,954,079 159,058 18,232 163,135 5,294,504	2.4% 14.8% 78.2% 35.8%
240 DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	260,163 12,537	262,774 16,287	286,967 14,904	472,601 16,341	507,514 16,341	7.4% 0.0%
TOTAL DEPT: OF INSPECTIONS	272,700	279,061	301,871	488,942	523,855	7.1%
244 SEALER OF WGHT/MEAS.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	8,939	8,939	9,162	9,438 460	9,720 460	3.0% 0.0%
TOTAL SEALER OF WGHT/MEAS.	8,939	8,939	9,162	9,898	10,180	2.8%

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291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	3,362	3,362	3,362	3,362	3,362	0.0%
TOTAL EMERGENCY MNGMNT.	3,362	3,362	3,362	3,362	3,362	0.0%
292 ANIMAL CONTROL						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	112,517 5,403	92,417 7,820	91,845 15,798	99,106 15,600	118,136 17,000	19.2% 9.0%
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	117,920	100,237	107,643	114,706	135,136	17,8%
296 HYDRANT SERVICE						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	950,783	950,783	950,783	0.00		#DIV/0!
TOTAL HYDRANT SERVICE	950,783	950,783	950,783	0.00	<u></u>	#DIV/0!
299 INSECT CONTROL						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	; e)		•	3,687	3,797	3.0%
TOTAL INSECT CONTROL		9		3,687	3,797	3,0%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	12,046,811	12,715,255	13,263,016	13,080,694	14,094,298	7.7%
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	41,290,171	51,905,492	45,948,525	61,693,532	55,324,350	-10.3% #DIV/0!
5320 VOCATIONAL PRGM TUITION 5331 TRANSPORTATION	E) 51	970 1780			120	#DIV/0!
5440 MAINTENANCE 5510 EDUCATION EXPENSE	9,036,810	5 <b>3</b> 8 5 <b>3</b> 1	10,406,019		14,045,678	#DIV/0! #DIV/0!
5520 NET SPED TUITION 5530 UTILITIES	-	:#X	: <u>**</u> 2		:	#DIV/0! #DIV/0!
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	50,326,981	51,905,492	56,354,544	61,693,532	69,370,028	12.4%
350 BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL						
5300 PURCHASE OF SERVICE	1,574,732	1,523,778	1,554,850	1,624,871	1,664,409	2.4%
TOTAL BLACKSTONE VALLEY REG.	1,574,732	1,523,778	1,554,850	1,624,871	1,664,409	2.4%
351 VOCATIONAL TUITION						
5300 PURCHASE OF SERVICE	211,302	332,089	301,103	377,000	410,000	8.8%
TOTAL VOCATIONAL TUITION	211,302	332,089	301,103	377,000	410,000	8.8%

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352 MEDICAID RECOVERY EXP.						
5300 PURCHASE OF SERVICE	27,853	23,408	19,487	30,000	35,000	16.7%
TOTAL MEDICAID RECOVERY	27,853	23,408	19,487	30,000	35,000	16.7%
TOTAL EDUCATION =	52,140,868	53,784,767	58,229,984	63,725,403	71,479,437	12.2%
411 TOWN ENGINEER						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	99,101 4,737	106,110 5,011	102,327 5,731	113,508 7,100	112,100 7,500	-1.2% 5.6%
TOTAL TOWN ENGINEER	103,838	111,121	108,058	120,608	119,600	-0.8%
421 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	1,176,187 63,167	1,197,066 84,353	1,214,615 79,815	1,369,143 77,162	1,522,960 77,200	11.2% 0.0%
TOTAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	1,239,354	1,281,419	1,294,430	1,446,305	1,600,160	10.6%
422 HIGHWAY CONTRUCT. & MAINT.						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES 5420 REPAIR/MAINT:VEHIC/EQUIP 5430 REPAIR/MAINT:MJR ST PRJ	389,455 139,988 451,707	441,021 125,646 494,708	466,691 130,000 416,931	458,960 130,000 500,000	464,960 160,000 500,000	1.3% 23.1% 0.0%
TOTAL HWY CONSTUCT, & MAINT,	981,150	1,061,375	1,013,622	1,088,960	1,124,960	3.3%
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	135,718 448,502	202,435 638,246	167,989 678,435	90,000 510,000	90,000 510,000	0.0% 0.0%
TOTAL SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	584,220	840,681	846,424	600,000	600,000	0.0%
424 STREET LIGHTING						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	287,771	300,057	312,814	306,301	306,301	0.0%
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	287,771	300,057	312,814	306,301	306,301	0.0%
425 ON STREET PARKING						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	55,856 2,097	57,919 1,680	59,391 3,113	64,042 4,950	67,857 4,950	6.0% 0.0%
TOTAL ON STREET PARKING	57,953	59,599	62,504	68,992	72,807	5.5%

2	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
431 WASTE COLLECTIONS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES - 5340 GENERAL EXPENSES - WASTE EVENTS	1,911,486	63,586 2,445,732 85,906	2,445,329 16,276	2,520,000 41,000	2,640,761 41,000	4.8% 0.0%
TOTAL WASTE COLLECTIONS	1,911,486	2,595,224	2,461,605	2,561,000	2,681,761	4.7%
432 TRANSFER STATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	51,348	ria l	86,995	100,322	104,192	3.9%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES -		-	4,875	2,100	4,000	90.5%
5330 GENERAL EXPENSES - OTH DISPOSAL	34,846	•	31,275 8,814	105,000 12,000	105,813 12,000	0.8% 0.0%
5340 METAL & APPLIANCES	11,513		0,014	12,000	12,000	0.070
TOTAL TRANSFER STATION	97,707		131,959	219,422	226,005	3.0%
440 SEWER DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	1,339,763	1,308,128	1,307,992	1,618,250	1,649,635	1.9%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	1,485,039	1,363,219	1,710,248	1,648,846	1,756,527	6.5%
5310 PLANT REPLACEMENT FUND	72,098	48,070	77,039	372,846	372,846	0.0%
5440 REPAIR MAINT: SWR STAT	322,335	393,093	211,983	393,093 201,000	393,093 107,000	0.0% -46 <sub>-</sub> 8%
5900 MATURING DEBT 5910 SHORT/LONG TERM INTEREST	232,000 43,791	227,000 36,624	214,000 33,111	45,607	38,465	-15.7%
5910 SHOKT/LONG TERMINTEREST	45,731	30,024	00,117	10,001		
TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT	3,495,026	3,376,134	3,554,373	4,279,642	4,317,566	0.9%
450 WATER DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES		(8)	615,311	1,161,419	1,211,017	4.3%
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	*	128	904,825	2,249,000	3,181,874	41.5%
5900 MATURING DEBT		( <b>*</b> €)/	4 470 000	1,650,000	1,750,000	6.1%
5910 SHORT/LONG TERM INTEREST			1,173,250	2,305,250	2,220,250	-3.7%
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	(4)		2,693,386	7,365,669	8,363,141	13.5%
491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	122,089 22,182	129,159 22,181	126,413 32,098	151,769 49.300	163,379 53,779	7.6% 9.1%
5500 GENERAL EXPENSES						
TOTAL CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	144,271	151,340	158,511	201,069	217,158	8.0%
495 TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	7,044 82,491	7,044 79,402	7,220 81,235	7,437 82,500	7,660 98,500	3.0% 19.4%
TOTAL TREE WARDEN DEPT	89,535	86,446	88,455	89,937	106,160	18.0%
34						
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES	8,992,311	9,863,396	12,726,141	18,347,905	19,735,619	7_6%
510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT						
	-na	004 400	040.450	250.027	272 476	6.4%
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	233,145 22,827	281,430 10,475	316,453 13,020	350,927 27,200	373,476 27,700	1.8%
TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT	255,972	291,905	329,473	378,127	401,176	6.1%

q	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
522 VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	55,500	70,500	68,193	80,000	80,000	0.0% 0.0%
TOTAL VISITING NURSES ASSOC.	55,500	70,500	68,193	80,000	80,000	0.0%
524 DENTAL CLINIC						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	5,750	9	) (E	7,739	7,739	0.0% 0.0%
TOTAL DENTAL CLINIC	5,750	- 3	263	7,739	7,739	0.0%
528 INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	2,581	2,473	2,646	2,725	2,807	3.0% 0.0%
TOTAL INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	2,581	2,473	2,646	2,725	2,807	3.0%
541 COUNCIL ON AGING						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	59,555	59,555	69,740	305,329 79,555	299,427 80,555	-1,9% 1.3%
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	59,555	59,555	69,740	384,884	379,982	-1.3%
542 YOUTH SERVICES						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	128,899 15,331	125,245 19,000	165,692 16,857	210,744 19,000	225,305 30,000	6.9% 57.9%
TOTAL YOUTH SERVICES	144,230	144,245	182,549	229,744	255,305	11,1%
543 VETERANS SERVICES						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	35,787 316,605	36,897 291,153	37,809 284,402	42,265 359,600	44,965 359,600	6.4% 0.0%
TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES	352,392	328,050	322,211	401,865	404,565	0.7%
549 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	•		845	1,130	1,130	0.0%
TOTAL DISABILITY COMMISSION	•		845	1,130	1,130	0.0%
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	875,980	896,728	975,657	1,486,214	1,532,704	3.1%

=	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
610 LIBRARY						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES 5400 REPAIR/MAINT:BLDG/GRNDS	997,624 239,206 8,483	1,124,511 256,287 8,481	1,076,661 266,477 8,577	1,119,944 293,400 9,000	1,161,326 285,600 9,000	3.7% -2.7% 0.0%
TOTAL LIBRARY	1,245,313	1,389,279	1,351,715	1,422,344	1,455,926	2.4%
650 PARKS AND RECREATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES 5300 GENERAL EXPENSES 5400 REPAIR/MAINT: EQUIPMENT	523,247 187,560 28,311	487,841 179,961 31,978	509,432 227,067 31,606	599,635 196,552 33,063	604,963 210,352 43,000	0.9% 7.0% 30.1%
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	739,118	699,780	768,105	829,250	858,315	3.5%
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
5300 GENERAL EXPENSES	2,162	1,722	2,390	2,411	2,411	0.0%
TOTAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,162	1,722	2,390	2,411	2,411	0.0%
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	1,986,593	2,090,781	2,122,210	2,254,005	2,316,652	2.8%
710 MATURING DEBT						
5900 DEBT SERVICE	3,438,809	3,383,809	3,286,809	3,059,809	2,878,809	-5.9%
TOTAL MATURING DEBT	3,438,809	3,383,809	3,286,809	3,059,809	2,878,809	-5.9%
751 LONG TERM INTEREST						
5910 DEBT SERVICE	1,531,506	1,395,121	1,271,073	1,125,361	1,010,080	-10.2%
TOTAL LONG TERM INTEREST	1,531,506	1,395,121	1,271,073	1,125,361	1,010,080	-10.2%
752 SHORT TERM INTEREST						
5920 INTEREST	8,000	1,350	339	150,000	150,000	0.0%
TOTAL SHORT TERM INTEREST	8,000	1,350	339	150,000	150,000	0.0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	4,978,315	4,780,280	4,558,221	4,335,170	4,038,889	-6.8%

	FY2020 EXPENDED	FY2021 EXPENDED	FY2022 EXPENDED	FY2023 FINAL ARTICLE 4 BUDGET	FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENTAGE INCREASE/ DECREASE
911 RETIREMENT/PENSIONS CONTRIB.						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	5,130,808	5,527,657	5,921,318	6,354,237	6,567,008	3.3%
TOTAL RETIRE/PENSION CONTRIB.	5,130,808	5,527,657	5,921,318	6,354,237	6,567,008	3.3%
912 WORKERS COMPENSATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	380,364	351,553	400,000	400,000	400,000	0.0%
TOTAL WORKERS COMPENSATION	380,364	351,553	400,000	400,000	400,000	0.0%
913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	25,623	188,064	25,599	200,000	200,000	0.0%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMP.	25,623	188,064	25,599	200,000	200,000	0.0%
914 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE						
5110 PERSONAL SERVICES	12,617,882	12,985,956	13,668,585	15,787,000	16,160,000	2.4%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS.	12,617,882	12,985,956	13,668,585	15,787,000	16,160,000	2,4%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENENFITS	18,154,677	19,053,230	20,015,502	22,741,237	23,327,008	2,6%
TOTAL ALL DEPT. BUDGETS	103,440,609	107,899,488	116,827,060	131,332,923	142,940,173	8.8%

And further of the total of \$142,940,173 as above, \$4,317,566 shall be raised from the Sewer Enterprise Fund; \$8,363,141 shall be raised from the Water Enterprise Fund as follows:

Department Receipts	\$ 8,103,141
General Fund Transfer	\$ 260,000
Total Revenue	\$ 8,363,141

And further the following amounts be transferred from certain line items above to the accounts listed as set forth below:

TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
Other Insurance 194-5740	Liability Claims 8501-4971	\$ 350,000
Sewer Liability Insurance 440-5740	Liability Claims 8501-4975	\$ 49,901
On-Street Parking 425-5740	Municipal Building Fund 8500-4971	\$ 400
Employee Health Liability 914-5176	OPEB Liability Fund 8475-4971	\$ 600,000
Water Liability Insurance 450-5710	Liability Claims 8501-4975	\$ 20,000
Water Transfer 189-5965	Water Department OFS 450-4975	\$260,000

A Voice Vote was Taken on Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to grant the Select Board the authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of residents and businesses in the Town of Milford and for other related service, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to optout of the aggregation or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to grant the Select Board the authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of residents and businesses in the Town of Milford and for other related service, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be utilized to fund the Finance Director personal services contract, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$10,900 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized to fund the Finance Director personal services contract.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw \$2,000,000 from the Sewer Stabilization Account 83500 for the purpose of utilization to offset partial borrowing for the Field Pond Project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Town Treasurer)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer to withdraw \$2,000,000 from the Sewer Stabilization Account 83500 for the purpose of utilization to offset partial borrowing for the Field Pond Project.

The Moderator announced since no one spoke in opposition he would take a Voice Vote. If the Voice Vote is not Unanimous, he will take a Standing 2/3rd Vote. A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be utilized to fund the Town Administrator personal services contract, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$7,376 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized to fund the Town Administrator personal services contract.

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw relating to the Zoning Map and to the Water Resource Protection District Map as follows:

BY REPLACING in Section 2.1 <u>Establishment of Districts</u> the third paragraph of Subsection 2.1.1 with the following new paragraph:

"The boundaries of these districts are defined and bounded on the maps accompanying this By-Law entitled "Town of Milford Zoning Map, Updated October 2018" and "Town of Milford Water Resource Protection District, Updated May 2023" which maps and all explanatory matter thereon are hereby made a part of this By-Law and are on file with the Milford Town Clerk."

AND BY ADDING in Section 7.4 <u>Establishment and Delineation of Water Resource Protection</u> <u>District</u> at the end of the first sentence of Sub-section 7.4.1. the words "Updated May 2023".

AND BY DELETING in Section 7.4 <u>Establishment and Delineation of Water Resource</u> Protection <u>District</u> the last sentence of Sub-section 7.4.2.

AND IN ADDITION by replacing in Section 7.4 <u>Establishment and Delineation of Water Resource Protection District</u> the text of Sub-section 7.4.2(a) with the words "Where the boundaries of Water Resource Protection District 1 (WR1) do not coincide with said street or town lines, or are not locatable in any other way from the Water Resource Protection District Map, boundaries shall be determined by scale from the map."

or take any other action related thereto.

(Planning Board)

The Moderator made a motion to waive the remainder of the Motion as it is the same as it appears in the Warrant. No Town Meeting Members objected to waiving the reading...Motion Carried.

Joseph Calagione J. Ted DePaolo Marble Mainini, III Jose M. Morais Christopher Wilson

# PLANNING BOARD OF MILFORD, MASS.

TOWN HALL, 52 MAIN STREET 634-2317

## Planning Board Report on <u>Article 17</u> May 22, 2023 Annual Town Meeting

TO: Town Meeting Members

FROM: Planning Board DATE: May 3, 2023

SUBJECT: Article 17: Zoning Bylaw amendment - Water Resource Protection District & Map.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Milford Planning Board on May 2, 2023 remotely conducted a duly posted and noticed Public Hearing regarding the subject of Article 17, at which time the Planning Board voted unanimously to make a favorable recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 17 is the application of the Planning Board to update Sections 2.1 and 7.4 of the Zoning Bylaw relating to the Water Resource Protection overlay district and Map to comply with DEP requirements.

Therefore, the Planning Board recommends Article 17 be adopted as printed in the warrant.

#### Article 17 Background & Narrative

The Water Resource Protection District was first enacted as an overlay zoning district at the June 8, 1992 Town Meeting. However, MassDEP has recently notified the Town that the installation of the new Godfrey Brook Wells requires Milford to update the Water Resource Protection District to remain in compliance with the DEP wellhead protection standards. This requires amendments to both the Zoning Bylaw text and to the Water Resource Protection Overlay District Map. To this end Town Staff have developed Article 17 to satisfy the MassDEP requirements. Although DEP has updated the recharge areas for the new wells, this translates into only slightly larger WR-1 Overlay Zone coverage than the current mapped WR-1 Overlay Zone, and then only in limited areas.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw relating to the Zoning Map and to the Water Resource Protection District Map as follows:

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The Moderator announced that after hearing no opposition he'd take a voice vote. If the voice vote is not unanimous, he will take a standing vote in the Precincts. Vote was not unanimous so a standing vote was taken. Voice Vote taken on the Motion as Presented...Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to offset the deficit in the Tax Title account for the current fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Town Treasurer)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$55,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized to offset the deficit in the Tax Title account for the current fiscal year.

Voice Vote taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 33 of the General By-Laws relating to Wetlands Administration as follows:

BY DELETING <u>Section 3 Jurisdiction</u> thereof in its entirety, and by adopting in lieu thereof a new <u>Section 3 Jurisdiction</u> as follows:

- (1) The following areas are subject to protection under this bylaw:
  - (a) Resource areas: any bank, freshwater wetland, marsh, wet meadow, bog, or swamp; Bordering on: any estuary, creek, river, stream, pond or lake;
    - (b) Land under any of the water bodies listed above;
    - (c) Land subject to flooding;
    - (d) Riverfront area.
- (2) The following activities are subject to regulation under this bylaw:
  - (a) Any activity proposed or undertaken within a resource area listed above, which will remove, fill, dredge or alter that area, is subject to regulation under this bylaw and requires the filing of a Notice of Intent except:
    - 1. Minor activities within the riverfront area meeting the requirements of 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)1. And 2.; and
    - 2. Activities conducted to maintain, repair, or replace an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, telegraph, and other communication services.
  - (b) Any activity proposed or undertaken within 100 feet of a resource area identified above in Section 3(1)(a), which, in the judgement of the Conservation Commission, will alter an area subject to protection under this bylaw, is subject to regulation under this bylaw and requires the filing of a Notice of Intent except:
    - 1. Minor activities taking place entirely within existing lawn area, provided:
      - a. siltation control is provided; and
      - b. the Conservation Commission or their Agent provide written approval to the landowner.
    - 2. Tree removal, provided the stumps are cut and left a minimum of 1 foot above grade;
    - 3. Tree and stump removal provided:
      - a. removal includes a maximum of six (6) trees greater than 8" in diameter; and
      - b. the Conservation Commission or their Agent provide written approval to the landowner.
  - (c) Except as specifically waived by the Commission, no building structure shall be constructed within 25 feet of a resource area as identified in Section 3.(1) of this bylaw. For the purposes of this bylaw, "building structure" shall exclude fences, retaining and landscape walls; unroofed decks; stairs and bulkheads; sheds with a footprint less than 120 square feet; recreational swimming pools; and overhanging eaves, gutters, and bay windows provided they do not project greater than 5 feet from the structure.
- (3) The same notice, plans, and specifications required to be filed by an applicant under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10 et seq., as amended, may be accepted as fulfilling the requirements of this bylaw. The said Commission, in its discretion, may hear any oral presentation under this bylaw at the same public hearing required to be held under the provisions of said Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws."

AND BY REPLACING in <u>Section 4 Applications for Permits and Requests for Determination</u> the second paragraph thereof with the following words:

"The application shall also include a Board of Assessors certified list of abutters within 100 feet of the subject property, for all filings except for Requests for Determination of Applicability. Where an abutter is a condominium complex or other multi-family property, the Commission or

its agent shall have the authority to allow notification of the applicable units within 100 feet of the property or the Owners Association where such notification meets the intent of notifying abutters that may be affected by the work." or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Conservation Commission)

A Motion was Made by the Moderator to waive the remainder of the reading of the Motion as it is the same as it appears in the Warrant...No Town Meeting Members Objected to waiving the Reading...Motion to Waive Reading Carried.

**It was Moved:** That the Town vote to amend Article 33 of the General By-Laws relating to Wetlands Administration as follows:

BY DELETING <u>Section 3 Jurisdiction</u> thereof in its entirety, and by adopting in lieu thereof a new <u>Section 3 Jurisdiction</u> as follows:

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- (2) The following activities are subject to regulation under this bylaw:
- (a) Any activity proposed or undertaken within a resource area listed above, which will remove, fill, dredge or alter that area, is subject to regulation under this bylaw and requires the filing of a Notice of Intent except:
  - 1. Minor activities within the riverfront area meeting the requirements of 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)1. And 2.; and
  - 2. Activities conducted to maintain, repair, or replace an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, telegraph, and other communication services.
- (b) Any activity proposed or undertaken within 100 feet of a resource area identified above in Section 3(1)(a), which, in the judgement of the Conservation Commission, will alter an area subject to protection under this bylaw, is subject to regulation under this bylaw and requires the filing of a Notice of Intent except:
  - 1. Minor activities taking place entirely within existing lawn area, provided:
    - a. siltation control is provided; and
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  - 2. Tree removal, provided the stumps are cut and left a minimum of 1 foot above

grade;

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  - a. removal includes a maximum of six (6) trees greater than 8" in diameter; and
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  - c. Except as specifically waived by the Commission, no building structure shall be constructed within 25 feet of a resource area as identified in Section 3.(1) of this bylaw. For the purposes of this bylaw, "building structure" shall exclude fences, retaining and landscape walls; unroofed decks; stairs and bulkheads; sheds with a footprint less than 120 square feet; recreational swimming pools; and overhanging eaves, gutters, and bay windows provided they do not project greater than 5 feet from the structure.
- (3) The same notice, plans, and specifications required to be filed by an applicant under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10 et seq., as amended, may be accepted as fulfilling the requirements of this bylaw. The said Commission, in its discretion, may hear any oral presentation under this bylaw at the same public hearing required to be held under the provisions of said Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws."

AND BY REPLACING in <u>Section 4 Applications for Permits and Requests for Determination</u> the second paragraph thereof with the following words:

"The application shall also include a Board of Assessors certified list of abutters within 100 feet of the subject property, for all filings except for Requests for Determination of Applicability. Where an abutter is a condominium complex or other multi-family property, the Commission or its agent shall have the authority to allow notification of the applicable units within 100 feet of the property or the Owners Association where such notification meets the intent of notifying abutters that may be affected by the work."

### A Voice Vote was Taken on the Motion as Presented...Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the first two (2) years of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Milford Waste Water Treatment Plant employees retroactive to July 1, 2021, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

Richard Villani (AL) made a Motion to Pass Over the Article... A Voice Vote was Taken on the Motion to Pass Over...Voice Vote to Pass Over Article 20 Carried Unanimously. Article 20 Passed Over.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 34 of the Town of Milford General By-Laws regulating the use of Town of Milford Bicycle Paths, Trails, and Associated Areas to allow the use of electric bicycles (E-Bikes) and electric tricycles on bicycle paths in the Town of

Milford and such other modifications to Article 34 including the deletion of references to "Rail Trails", adding a helmet requirement for persons 16 years of age or younger, and adding a 15 mph speed limit for bicycles and authorized vehicles, said amendments to be as follows:

Add the following new Definitions to Section 1:

Electric Bicycle (E-Bike) – A pedal bicycle which has a helper motor.

Class 2 Electric Bicycle – An electric bicycle or tricycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

strike the Definition of "Rail Trail"; and further, amend Section 3 as follows:

- A. Change the title of Section 3 to "Regulations for Use of Bicycle Paths, Trails and Associated Areas", and
- B. Strike the current subsection a. and insert a new subsection a. as follows:
- a. No person, shall use or operate a motorized vehicle or device of any kind, or a device or vehicle capable of motorized operation except E-Bikes, authorized maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles of the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, or other emergency service upon or within the Town of Milford Bicycle Path or Trail, or associated areas, to include but not be limited to an automobile, truck, motorcycle, snow vehicle, moped, scooter (except motorized scooters used by persons with disabilities for mobility), mini-bike, pocket-bike, ORV, or ATV, unless said area is specifically designated for the parking, placement or operation of motorized vehicles.

E-Bikes are permitted upon or within a Town of Milford Bicycle Path. E-Bikes shall not be operated on a trail designated for nonmotorized traffic if such trail has a natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the soil and no surfacing materials have been added.

E-Bikes are permitted Class 2 and below and speeds must be kept low, below 15 mph.

Helmets – Any person 16 years of age or younger operating a bicycle or being carried as a passenger on a bicycle on a public way, bicycle path or on any other public right-of-way shall wear a helmet in accordance with MGL Chapter 85, Section 11B, subsection(2)(iii), and

add the phrase "except E-Bikes" after the phrase "Motorized vehicles of any kind or type", within subsection b; and

add the phrase "except E-Bikes" to the end of the first sentence of subsection d; and strike the word "Rail" from Section 3 wherever it should appear; and replace the word "trials" with "trail" in subsection l.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

A Motion was Made by the Moderator to waive the remainder of the reading of the Motion as it is the same as it appears in the Warrant...No Town Meeting Members spoke in opposition to waiving the reading...Motion to Waive Reading Carried.

It was Moved: That the Town vote to amend Article 34 of the Town of Milford General By-Laws regulating the use of Town of Milford Bicycle Paths, Trails, and Associated Areas to allow the use of electric bicycles (E-Bikes) and electric tricycles on bicycle paths in the Town of Milford and such other modifications to Article 34 including the deletion of references to "Rail Trails", adding a helmet requirement for persons 16 years of age or younger, and adding a 15 mph speed limit for bicycles and authorized vehicles, said amendments to be as follows:

Add the following new Definitions to Section 1:

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strike the Definition of "Rail Trail"; and further, amend Section 3 as follows:

- a. Change the title of Section 3 to "Regulations for Use of Bicycle Paths, Trails and Associated Areas", and
- b. Strike the current subsection a. and insert a new subsection a. as follows:
- d. No person, shall use or operate a motorized vehicle or device of any kind, or a device or vehicle capable of motorized operation except E-Bikes, authorized maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles of the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, or other emergency service upon or within the Town of Milford Bicycle Path or Trail, or associated areas, to include but not be limited to an automobile, truck, motorcycle, snow vehicle, moped, scooter (except motorized scooters used by persons with disabilities for mobility), mini-bike, pocket-bike, ORV, or ATV, unless said area is specifically designated for the parking, placement or operation of motorized vehicles.

E-Bikes are permitted upon or within a Town of Milford Bicycle Path. E-Bikes shall not be operated on a trail designated for nonmotorized traffic if such trail has a natural surface tread made by clearing and grading the soil and no surfacing materials have been added.

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add the phrase "except E-Bikes" after the phrase "Motorized vehicles of any kind or type", within subsection b; and

add the phrase "except E-Bikes" to the end of the first sentence of subsection d; and strike the word "Rail" from Section 3 wherever it should appear; and replace the word "trials" with "trail" in subsection l.

Voice Vote taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be utilized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for the purpose of undertaking activities necessary for capital projects for the Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Blackstone Valley Regional District School Committee)

It was Moved: That Town vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for the purpose of undertaking activities necessary for capital projects for the Regional School District.

Voice Vote taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, an additional sum of money in the amount of \$20,000 for funding the collection and disposal of trash and recycling, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Health)

A Motion was Made by Paul Mazzuchelli (AL) to Pass Over Article 23. Voice Vote taken on Motion to Pass Over... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously... Article 23 PASSED OVER.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Select Board in order to complete the music/multi-purpose media center in the basement of the Milford Youth Center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Milford Youth Commission)

A Motion was Made by Richard Villani (AL) to Pass Over Article 24. Voice Vote taken on Motion to Pass Over... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously... Article 24 PASSED OVER.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws by striking Section 3.10 and replacing it with a new Section 3.10 as follows:

"The starting rate for new hires shall be the minimum of the rate range for the position as classified. In some case, upon the recommendation of the appointing authority, the department head, and the Personnel Board, the new hire may start at a higher rate than the minimum, but not in excess of the maximum. Grade changes will only occur with a change of scope to the existing position and appropriate documentation must be submitted by the department head to the appointing authority, and must receive approval by Town Meeting",

or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Personnel Board)

**It was Moved:** That the Town vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws by striking Section 3.10 and replacing it with a new Section 3.10 as follows:

The starting rate for new hires shall be the minimum of the rate range for the position as classified. In some cases, upon the recommendation of the appointing authority, the department head, and the Personnel Board, the new hire may start at a higher rate than the minimum, but not in excess of the maximum. Grade changes will only occur with a change of scope to the existing position and appropriate documentation must be submitted by the department head to the appointing authority, and must receive approval by Town Meeting.

Voice Vote taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be utilized with funds previously appropriated, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Select Board for engineering, consulting, and legal expenses in relation to the cleanup of environmental hazard on town property off the Charles River Trail behind property of Benjamin Moore Company and Sumner Realty Trust, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Select Board)

I was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$220,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum to be utilized with funds previously appropriated, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Select Board for engineering, consulting, and legal expenses in relation to the cleanup of environmental hazard on town property off the Charles River Trail behind property of Benjamin Moore Company and Sumner Realty Trust.

Voice Vote taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Select Board for purposes of planning and other activity necessary to the establishment of a dog park in Milford, and further to authorize said Board to apply for, receive and expend any available grant funds that may be available and necessary for the establishment of such dog park, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Dog Park Study Committee)

It was Moved: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account, said sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Select Board for purposes of planning and other activity necessary to the establishment of a dog park in Milford, and further to authorize said Board to apply for, receive and expend any available grant funds that may be available and necessary for the establishment of such dog park.

Voice Vote taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to close out certain Special Article Accounts to the General Funds of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Finance Director)

A Motion was made by the Moderator to Waive the reading of the Motion as it is the same as it appears in the report of the Finance Committee...There was no objection by Town Meeting Members to waive the reading.

It was Moved: that the Town vote to close out certain Special Article Accounts to the General Funds of the Town as follows:

Town Meeting	Purpose	Balance to be Closed
Fire: Article 35 10/2022 STM	Purchase Air Cylinders 10/22	\$ 6,904.00
Personnel Bd: Article 14 5/21 ATM	Compensation Study PB 5/21	\$ 16,600.00
MYC: Article 19 10/22 STM	Electrical Upgrades 10/22	\$ 9.27
Parks: Article 15 10/22 STM	Purchase 2 Commercial Mowers 10/22	\$ 81.00
School: Articles 17/18 1/21 STM / 5/21 ATM	Science Lab Improvements 1/21-5/21	\$ 1,205.63

Benefits: Article 12 10/22 STM	EE Mitigation/Hlth Insur 10/22	\$ 70,262.36
Select Bd: Article 36 10/21 STM	Interior Painting @ SC 10/21	\$ 2,875.00
Select Bd: Article 36 10/21 STM	Exterior Painting @ SC 10/21	\$ 1,150.00
Select Board: Article 19 5/17 ATM	IDC Consultant 5/17	\$ 3,857.66

Total Special Articles to be Closed \$102,944.92

A Voice Vote was Taken on the Motion as Presented... Carried Unanimously.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds between certain line items voted under Article 4 of the May 23, 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of making funds available in line-item accounts not sufficiently funded through the end of Fiscal Year 2023, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Finance Director)

A Motion was made by the Moderator to Waive the reading of the Motion as it is the same as it appears in the report of the Finance Committee...The was no opposition from Town Meeting Members to the waiving of the reading.

It was moved: That the Town vote to transfer funds between certain line items voted under Article 4 of the May 23, 2022 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of making funds available in line-item accounts not sufficiently funded through the end of Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

	Transfer From	<b>Amount</b>	Transfer To
147: Benefits Coordinator	Employee Health Insurance	2 000 00	Salaries & Wages
	914-5100	2,000.00	147-5110
148: General Government	Salaries & Wages	15 000 00	General Expenses
	15,000.00 148-5110	15,000.00	148-5300
155: IT Department	Employee Health Insurance	50,000.00	General Expenses
	914-5100		155-5300
162: Elections	Salaries & Wages	4,750.00	General Expenses

	162-5110		162-5300
192: Public Building	Salaries & Wages	10.000.00	General Expenses
& Property	192-5110	10,000.00	192-5300
195: Town Report	Salaries & Wages	300.00	General Expenses
	148-5110		195-5300
210: Police	Salaries & Wages	100 000 00	General Expenses
	210-5110	190,000.00	210-5300
220: Fire	Salaries & Wages	25,000.00	General Expenses
	220-5110		220-5300
422: HWY Const.	General Expenses	40,000,00	Repair & Maintenance: Vehicles / Equip
& Maintenance	421-5110	40,000.00	422-5240
423: Snow & Ice	Employee Health Insurance	17,000.00	General Expenses
	914-5100		423-5300
432: Transfer Station	Salaries & Wages	10,000.00	General Expenses
	432-5110		432-5300
510: BOH	Salaries & Wages	10,000.00	General Expenses
	510-5110		510-5300
		272.050.00	
		<u>372,050.00</u>	

A Voice Vote was Taken on the Motion as Presented... Voice Vote Carried Unanimously.

A Motion was made by Joseph Calagione (AL) to dissolve the warrant. Voice Vote of those present taken...Carried Unanimously. Motion to Dissolve the Warrant Carried. The Warrant was dissolved at 9:10 pm.

A True Copy of the Record.

Attest: Otherwise Kulth

Amy E. Hennessy Neves,

**Town Clerk**