

Littleton

The inhabitants of the Town of Littleton in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - SNOW DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Littleton High School Cafeteria

Details: 159 Oak Hill Avenue, Littleton NH 03561

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Time: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Location: Littleton Department of Public Works - Highway Garage

Details: 28 Boynton Lane, Littleton NH 03561

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before Monday, January 29, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Littleton Public Library and that an original was delivered to the Littleton Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Roger Emerson	Chairman	Bogn L. Com
Linda MacNeil	Vice Chairwoman	Find Mar Sil
Carrie Gendreau	Selectwoman	Carrii Gendieans
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Article 1 - Election of Officers

To choose necessary officers, including:	(1)	Board of Selectmen	(3 Year Term)
	(1)	Moderator	(2 Year Term)
	(1)	Supervisor of the Checklist	(6 Year Term)
	(1)	Trustees of the Trust Funds	(3 Year Term)
	(1)	Park & Recreation Commissioner	(3 Year Term)
	(1)	Library Trustee	(3 Year Term)
	(1)	Library Trustee	(3 Year Term)
	(1)	Library Trustee	(3 Year Term)
	(1)	Library Trustee	(1 Year Term)

Article 2 - Zoning Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Littleton Planning Board for the Littleton Zoning Ordinance as follows: Remove the words "After Catastrophe" from the title of Article XI, Section 11.03 to clarify that any nonconforming use that is destroyed may be replaced by special exception.

Recommended by Planning Board:

7-0-0

Article 3 - Petition - To Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition for the Littleton Zoning Ordinance to add the following:

6.13 Prohibition of casinos and commercial gaming parlors

In all districts and zones, activities in Littleton are prohibited that require licensing related to any of the following: RSA Chapter 287-D GAMES OF CHANCE, specifically sections RSA 287-D:7 Facilities License, RSA 287-D:8 Game Operator Employer, RSA 287-D:9 Primary Game Operator; and/or RSA Chapter 284 HORSE AND DOG RACING, specifically sections RSA 284:6-a Racing and Charitable Gaming, RSA 284:12-a License Required, RSA 284:21-h Authorization VIII, RSA 284:22-b Pari-Mutuel Pools on Historic Horse Races.

Charitable organizations that obtain a license under RSA 287-D:6 Charitable Organization License Applications, shall not offer those license covered activities in any district or zone in Littleton.

These prohibitions shall not be subject to granting a variance or special exception, nor shall they be subject to waiver or override by any elected or appointed official.

Not Recommended by Planning Board: 2-5-0

Article 4 – Ambulance 5 Year Lease-Purchase Agreement with Escape Clause

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease-purchase agreement in the amount of \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of lease-purchasing an Ambulance with the first payment to begin in FY2025. This lease-purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

Estimated Tax Impact: None for 2024 - Estimated to be \$.076 per thousand in 2025 thru 2029

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0

Not Recommended by Budget Committee:

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Article 5 - Lease of Landfill for Solar Development to Supply Electricity to Littleton Water and Light

Shall the Town lease 8.5 acres of land on the Town's landfill at 74 Industrial Road to Kearsarge Energy for an initial term of twenty years, with up to three 5-year extensions? Kearsarge Energy will use the leased land to develop a solar facility to sell electricity exclusively to Littleton Water and Light. Kearsarge's payment for the use of the land shall be \$10,521 (ten thousand five hundred twenty-one dollars) for the first year and will increase each subsequent year.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0

Article 6 - 2024 General Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the General Fund, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$10,417,105 (ten million four hundred seventeen thousand one hundred five dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$10,174,755 (ten million one hundred seventy-four thousand seven hundred fifty-five dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$4.057 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 7 - Collective Bargaining Agreement - AFSCME Support Staff

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement for 3 years reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93, Local 1348 Support Staff, which calls for increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing level as follows:

Year Estimate

2024 \$ 49,584

2025 \$ 36,124

2026 \$ 38,779

And further to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$49,584 (forty-nine thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars) for fiscal year 2024, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in wages and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$ 0.068 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 8 - Special Town Meeting

Shall the Town, if warrant article #7 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article #7 cost items only?

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 4-3-0



Article 9 – 2024 Sewer Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the Sewer Department the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,386,365 (one million three hundred eighty-six thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars). Said sum to come from the Sewer Fund and be offset by user fees. Of this amount, \$932,576 will be used for Direct Expenses associated with running the sewer system, and \$453,789 will be used to reimburse the General Fund for Indirect Expenses included in the Article 6 operating budget, such as salaries. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,382,305 (one million three hundred eighty-two thousand three hundred five dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 10 - 2024 Water & Light Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the Water & Light Department, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$12,283,869 (twelve million two hundred eighty-three thousand eight hundred sixty-nine dollars)? Said sum to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,206,227 (twelve million two hundred six thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-0-1

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 11 – Town Offices - Computer Equipment Town Wide

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for the Town Manager to replace desk and laptop computers Town wide with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 6-1-0

Article 12 - Police - Transfer to Part Time Officer Training Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed in the Police Part Time Officer Training Expendable Trust Fund (previously established in 2019 Article 23 - fund limit of \$50,000 & 2020 Article 34 \$10,000 annual limit). This sum is equivalent to the unexpended 2023 appropriation balance for police full time and part time wages, and is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance with no amount to be raised by taxation.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0



Article 13 - Police - Vehicle & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Appropriation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the Police Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020 under Article 33 under the provisions of RSA 35:1.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$ 0.069 per thousand Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 14 - Police - Purchase of 4 (Four) Police Cruisers

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing 4 (four) new police cruisers with said funds to come from the Police Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2020 under Article 33. If Article 13 fails, then the amount will reduce to \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) and only 3 (three) new police cruisers will be purchased. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 15 - Police - Computer Software Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$65,650 (sixty-five thousand six hundred fifty dollars) for the Police Department purchase, installation and implementation of Cloud Licensing, Monitoring Software & Monthly Management with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 6-1-0

<u>Article 16 – Ambulance – Equipment Purchase</u>

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$24,000 (twenty-four thousand dollars) to purchase an EMS Autopulse (automated CPR machine) for the Town's Ambulance with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

<u>Article 17 – Fire – Vehicle & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Appropriation</u>

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020 under Article 32 under the provisions of RSA 35:1.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.069 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0



Article 18 - Fire - Pickup Truck Replacement Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$88,000 (eighty-eight thousand dollars) to purchase a new pickup truck to replace the Fire Department's 1990 Ford F150 pickup truck with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0

Not Recommended by Budget Committee: 1-6-0

Article 19 - Fire - Hose & Equipment Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,500 (forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars) for the Fire Department purchase of new hose and equipment with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Not Recommended by Budget Committee: 3-4-0

Article 20 - Fire - Establish Revolving Fund for Franconia Emergency Ambulance Services

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Franconia Emergency Ambulance Services. Contract payments received for providing Franconia Emergency Ambulance Services pursuant to an Intermunicipal Agreement 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 \$167,561 (one hundred sixty-seven thousand five hundred sixty-one dollars) to be added to the Franconia Emergency Ambulance Services revolving fund, which is the sum equivalent to the unexpended balance received in 2023 from the Franconia contract, and is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance with no amount to be raised by taxation. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for any purpose related to providing these services, including but not limited to buying equipment and hiring or paying personnel.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3-0-0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 21 - Public Works - Vehicle & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Appropriation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be added to the Public Works Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020 under Article 31 under the provisions of RSA 35:1.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.069 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 5-2-0



Article 22 - Public Works - Parking Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars) to cover costs associated with parking improvements and the expansion of public parking lots including design, construction, and acquisition of land and/or rights of way, easements and buildings. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2026, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.110 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 4 – 3 - 0

<u>Article 23 – Public Works – Road & Sidewalk Improvements</u>

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of improvements, replacement or repair of roads and sidewalks. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2026, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.687 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3-0-0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 24 - Public Works - Highway 6-Wheel Dump/Plow Truck Replacement Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,000 (one hundred ninety-five thousand dollars) to purchase a new 6-wheel dump/plow truck to replace the Highway Department's 2008 International truck with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0 Not Recommended by Budget Committee: 1-6-0

<u>Article 25 – Public Works – Highway NH TAP Grant Match for Sidewalk Project</u>

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,246,295 (one million two hundred forty-six thousand two hundred ninety-five dollars) which is the total cost to complete the Cottage Street sidewalk project under the NH Transportation Alternatives Program (NH TAP) with 80% or \$997,036 (nine hundred ninety-seven thousand thirty-six dollars) of the costs being paid for by the NH TAP grant, and the other 20% or \$249,259 (two hundred forty-nine thousand two hundred fifty-nine dollars) will come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3-0-0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

<u>Article 26 – Public Works – Parking Lot F – Raised Landscape Beds Repair</u>

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$28,000 (twenty-eight thousand dollars) to cover costs associated with repairing or replacing the failing retaining walls around the raised landscape beds that are adjacent to Parking Lot F and the Opera House with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2026, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3-0-0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 6-0-1



Article 27 – Transfer Station Revolving Fund Tax Appropriation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$195,600 (one hundred ninety-five thousand six hundred dollars) to be placed in the Transfer Station Revolving Fund. This amount is in addition to 2024 user fees which will automatically be placed in the fund.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.269 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 28 - Transfer Station - Bobcat Skid Steer Loader Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$63,086 (sixty-three thousand eighty-six dollars) for the Transfer Station purchase of a new Bobcat Skid Steer Loader with the amount being reduced by any grants received toward the purchase. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.087 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3-0-0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 29 - Transfer Station - Paving, Speed Signs & HVAC

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to extend the paving work completed in 2023 to the gate, install a radar speed sign, and install HVAC in the office at the Town's Transfer Station. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.055 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 30 - Conservation - Transfer to Conservation Care Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$972 (nine hundred seventy-two dollars) to be placed in the Conservation Care Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 1994 under Article 10. This sum is equivalent to the unexpended balance of the 2023 appropriation for conservation expense, and is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance with no amount to be raised by taxation.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 31 - Library - Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund Appropriation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) to be added to the Library Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014 under Article 27 under the provisions of RSA 35:1.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.027 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 32 - Opera House Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) for the purpose of repairs, equipment, and improvements to the Opera House building, equipment, property, and systems. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purpose is completed, or by 12/31/2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.021 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 6-1-0



<u>Article 33 – Park & Recreation Revolving Fund Tax Appropriation</u>

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$581,384 (five hundred eighty-one thousand three hundred eighty-four dollars) to be placed in the Park & Recreation Revolving Fund. This amount is in addition to 2024 user fees which will automatically be placed in the fund.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.799 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 34 - Park & Recreation - Zero-Turn Mower

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) for the purchase of a new zero-turn mower for the Park & Recreation Department.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.021 per thousand

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 0 – 3 - 0

Not Recommended by Budget Committee: 0-7-0

Article 35 - Park & Recreation - Establish a Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to establish a Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Park & Recreation Department to repair or replace the existing building.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.069 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0

Not Recommended by Budget Committee: 1-6-0

Article 36 - Park & Recreation - Establish a Swimming Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to establish a Swimming Pool Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Park & Recreation Department to repair or replace the existing swimming pool.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.069 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 3-2-2

Article 37 - Park & Recreation - Dog Park Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,600 (forty-six hundred dollars) for Dog Park Expenses with said funds to come from the Dog Park Special Revenue Fund previously established in 2019 under Article 9 per RSA 31:95-c

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

<u>Article 38 – Petition - Chamber of Commerce Downtown Beautification</u>

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,411 (nineteen thousand four hundred eleven dollars) to support Downtown Beautification efforts - a partnership between the Town of Littleton and the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce. Despite rising costs, the amount is held to the same as last year's by reduction in scope and contributions by businesses. Beautification includes Downtown Flowers, Flags and Holiday Lights – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.027 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 – 0

Not Recommended by Budget Committee: 3-4-0



Article 39 - Petition - Pathways Pregnancy Care Center

To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to assist Pathways Pregnancy Care Center in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) to help in maintaining and increasing its Material Assistance and Learn to Earn Program. Through Material Assistance, clients receive diapers, wipes, clothing and other family essentials monthly. The Learn to Earn program enables those who take free education classes to earn points, which can be used to receive additional items such as car seats, strollers, and Pack 'n Plays from the Baby Boutique. Learn to Earn allows clients to receive a hand up rather than just a hand out. In 2022, Pathways assisted 72 clients throughout our community, who took 50 lessons and over 3,500 material items from the center. Over 200 different classes are available ranging in topic from pregnancy, birth, and parenting, to practical life skills and healing. There is no requirement to receive any of Pathway's services. All services are free and confidential to anyone who needs assistance – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.000 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

<u>Article 40 – Petition – CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates</u>

To see if the Town of Littleton, NH will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) for the recruitment and retention of CASA volunteer advocates. CASA of NH is a nonprofit that provides a voice for abused and neglected children and youth by empowering a statewide network of trained volunteers to advocate on their behalf so they can thrive in a safe, permanent home – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.003 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 41 - Petition - Grafton County Senior Citizens Council

Shall the voters raise and appropriate thirty-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$35,750.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Littleton residents. From July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, the Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 1,012 Littleton residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 262 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$597,026.13 – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.049 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 42 - Petition - Tri-County Community Action

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand and Ten Dollars (\$12,010.00) for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc service programs in Littleton: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, Tamworth Dental Center – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.017 per thousand

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 0-3-0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 43 - Petition - Ammonoosuc Community Health Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS) ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provide primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 1,897 current Littleton patients, as well as reach more of those in need – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.021 per thousand

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 0-3-0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0



Article 44 - Petition - Boys & Girls Club

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 (eleven thousand dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school and vacation camp environment for children from Littleton and the local community. The Club provides busing from the Littleton School to the Club for the after-school program, which alone costs \$18,000 a year – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.015 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 5-2-0

Article 45 – Petition – North Country Home Health & Hospice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,500 (Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of supporting Hospice, Home Health, Palliative and Long-Term Care Services provided by North Country Home Health & Hospice – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.030 per thousand

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-1-0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 7 - 0 - 0

Article 46 - Petition - White Mountain Mental Health & Northern Human Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,696.00 for White Mountain Mental Health, recognizing that untreated mental illness results in loss of productivity at work, disruption to families and children, risk to the community and loss of life through suicide. Treatment works, but only if it is available and affordable – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.013 per thousand

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 1-2-0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 7-0-0

Article 47 - Petition - Second Chance Animal Rescue, Inc.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to support the Second Chance Animal Rescue, Inc. which is a non-profit organization that provides care and shelter for abused cats and kittens. Second chance also sponsors monthly low-cost spay/neuter clinics for both dogs and cats as well as shot clinics in the Spring/Fall – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.007 per thousand

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 0-3-0 Recommended by Budget Committee: 5-0-2



Article 48 - Petition - Intent to Place a No Overnight Camping Ordinance on Town Owned Property

To see if the Town will vote to create and enforce an ordinance for no overnight camping on town owned properties. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the safe and efficient use of public properties within the Town of Littleton. Public Health, safety, and the quiet enjoyment of public properties are important to the quality of life for residents and visitors. Public property use regulation is allowed under New Hampshire RSA 31:39 and its subsections. Camping of Town Property. It shall be unlawful to camp, without written permission from the Board of Selectmen, or their designee, on the following properties owned by the Town of Littleton; any parks, municipal parking lots, public streets, town owned properties or town green spaces. Camping is defined as, "any activity that involves an overnight stay, whether sheltered or unsheltered or within an automobile, camper, or other vehicle." Whether an overnight stay occurs, "activities commonly associated with the preparation for an overnight stay," are also included in this definition. The period of time defined as an overnight stay shall mean, "10 PM to 6 AM." Exemptions. This prohibition specifically exempts persons or organizations that have obtained prior written permission by the Board of Selectmen, or their designee, to camp in a specific area for a specific time period. All permissible camping will follow "carry in-carry out" guidelines when camping on Town of Littleton Property. Penalties. The penalty for a violation of this chapter shall be a fine of \$10 for the first offense. For any second or subsequent violation within a twelve-month period the fine shall be \$25. This shall be enforced by the Littleton Police Department — by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 1-1-1

Article 49 - Petition - Intent to Increase the Number of Members on Board of Selectmen from Three to Five

To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to increase the number of the Littleton Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5) members – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 1-2-0

Article 50 - Petition - Intent to Change the Parks & Recreation Commissioners from Elected to Appointed

To see if the Town will vote to change the form of selection for the Parks and Recreation Commissioners from elected to appointed, to conform with RSA 35-B:4. With the approval of this article, the three (3) elected positions shall continue to hold office until March 11, 2025, at which time the elected offices shall terminate and all three (3) positions will be filled by Select Board appointment with staggered terms follows: one (1) member appointed for 1-year year term, one (1) member appointed for 2-year term, and one (1) member appointed for 3-year term. Each subsequent year will have an appointment for one (1) member for a 3-year term – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3-0-0

Article 51 - Petition - Littleton Community Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to support a donation to the Littleton Community Center. These funds will be used as a partial match for an LCHIP grant of \$100,000 towards the first phase of rehabilitating the Community Center's Carriage Barn (aka Annex) which has been shuttered for more than a decade following structural and safety issues. The plan is to restore the building to serve the community once again – by petition.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.069 per thousand Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 – 0 - 0

Recommended by Budget Committee: 5-0-2



Article 52 – Vacant Land Donation – 134 Riverside Drive

To see if the Town will vote to accept donated vacant land identified as Map #78 Lot #286 or 134 Riverside Drive.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 3 - 0 - 0

Article 53 – Lease of Land for Battery Energy Storage System to Provide Energy Storage to Littleton Water & Light Shall the Town lease approximately 9,500 square feet of land at the Town's West Side Substation at 1533 St. Johnsbury Road to Convergent Energy Solutions LLC or its designated affiliate ("Convergent") for an initial development period of three years, followed by a lease term of 20 years with the option to extend the lease term for up to ten additional years. Convergent will use the leased land to develop a battery energy storage system to benefit Littleton Water and Light customers directly by allowing Littleton Water and Light to utilize stored energy in lieu of purchasing energy from ISONE during peak energy demand hours. Convergent's payment for the use of the land shall be as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen or its representative.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

Recommended by Board of Selectmen: 2-0-1