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**VOTER'S GUIDE
EXPLANATION OF TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES
YEAR 2020
TOWN MEETING VERSION**

To help voters have a clearer understanding of each topic, we have prepared the ensuing Voter's Guide for your consideration. This document is meant to explain the intent of each article and provide some background information on the topic.

If you have any questions that can be answered before the March 12th meeting, you can submit your questions by email to the Town Administrator at wiltonta@wiltonnh.gov.

The money articles have an overall estimated Tax impact per \$1,000 of property valuation. Please remember, this is just an estimate based on a current snapshot in time using information and revenue projections that are available today. We have provided this information here to give voters an idea of what the individual items will cost if approved by voters. Tax impact information listed in this Guide will not be listed on the ballot.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS?

First, you must be registered to vote.

How do I register to vote?

1. Qualified individuals may register to vote at the March 10, 2020, election held at the Wilton Town Hall. Polls are open 8 am to 7 pm. New voters will be required to fill out a standard voter registration form, and you will be asked to show proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. These qualifications may be established by signing affidavit(s). Proof of identification is needed.
2. Please be aware voter registration is not conducted during the Thursday March 12, 2020, Town Meeting session. Only registered voters may vote during the Town Meeting.

Further questions may be answered at SOS.NH.GOV or by contacting your local Town Clerk.

Second, at the Voting Session of Town Meeting on March 10, 2020, voters can come to the polls anytime between 8 am and 7 pm to vote on Town Officers and zoning ballot questions. Voters cannot make any changes to the ballot questions at the Voting Session. Voters only have the option to vote “YES” to be in favor of a ballot question or “NO” to be opposed to a ballot question. Proof of identification is needed on voting day.

The votes are tallied by hand and reported the same day as the polls are open.

Third, attend Town Meeting. Town Meeting is where warrant articles are voted on. Any warrant article may be amended at town meeting before the vote for that article takes place. Most articles require a simple majority for passage. Some articles, such as bond articles and changing the purpose of a capital reserve fund, require a supermajority for passage, i.e. a 3/5ths majority or 60%.

There are no provisions for absentee voting for Town Meeting. You must be present to vote.

HOW DO I VOLUNTEER FOR THE TOWN?

The Town relies upon volunteers to serve on the various boards, committees, and commissions as members and alternate members. Some of these positions are elected, however some are appointed by the Select Board or members of the sitting board.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are we proposing to place money into capital reserve funds?

Capital reserve funds are in essence savings accounts for a particular purpose. Capital reserve funds are generally used for big ticket items. Without capital reserve funds, vehicles, equipment, new facilities or renovation of existing facilities would need to be funded through leases or the sale of municipal bonds. Borrowing money for these purposes can add additional costs in the form of interest payments over the period of the lease or bond until those instruments are paid off.

Both capital reserve funds and borrowing money spread the cost of what is being purchased over multiple years. This minimizes spikes in the tax rate. Capital reserve funds make those payments in advance of the purchase, while borrowing spreads out the cost in the future. Appropriations to capital reserve funds are invested and earn interest. The Trustees of the Trust Funds invest and manage these funds.

What is the unreserved fund balance?

The unreserved fund balance, also known as the unassigned fund balance, is composed of two sources. The first is the surplus funds or unused funds in the Town budget for each year. Unexpended funds from the budget are transferred to the unreserved fund balance. The second source is additional revenue above what was anticipated for any particular year. These funds are also transferred to the unreserved fund balance. The NH Department of Revenue Administration, along with guidance from the Government Finance Officers Association, recommends the unreserved fund balance should be between a minimum of 5% and a maximum of 17% of general fund operating revenues.

How can I estimate the potential tax impact of a particular warrant article on my property tax bill?

The chart below illustrates several spending scenarios and what the cost would be on four different house assessments. The amounts shown under the four different assessments is the per year cost. To determine a monthly impact, divide the amount by twelve.

Proposed Expenditure	Est. Tax Impact Per Thousand	\$150,000 Property Assessment	\$250,000 Property Assessment	\$350,000 Property Assessment	\$450,000 Property Assessment
\$25,000	\$0.06	\$9.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$27.00
\$50,000	\$0.13	\$20.00	\$33.00	\$46.00	\$59.00
\$100,000	\$0.26	\$39.00	\$65.00	\$91.00	\$117.00
\$150,000	\$0.39	\$59.00	\$98.00	\$137.00	\$176.00
\$200,000	\$0.59	\$89.00	\$148.00	\$207.00	\$266.00

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #1 Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. **(By Ballot)**

ZONING

Article #2 Wetlands Definition and Water Body Protection

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would comprehensively address wetlands and water bodies and clarify the protection from development such areas would receive as follows:

ADOPT Section 3.1.21-a, a new definition, “mean high water level,” which would be determined by the line on the shore running parallel to the water body that defines the high level of the water body, as indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the immediate bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter or debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas.

ADOPT Section 3.1.34-a, a new definition, “water body,” which would include ponds, lakes, rivers, streams or similar areas up to their mean high water levels, which are not otherwise defined or protected under the State’s definition of “wetlands” (see below).

AMEND Section 3.1.34, the existing definition of “wetlands,” to define wetlands by reference to State law, as required.

DELETE Section 3.1.35 Hydric Soils, Section 3.1.36 Hydrophytic Vegetation and Section 3.1.37 Wetlands Hydrology. The updated definition of wetlands eliminates the need for these three sections.

AMEND Section 4.6.7, Wetlands Conservation District Setback to require water bodies to have the same building setback requirements as wetlands.

AMEND ten sections of the Ordinance so that requirements for lots, sanitary systems setbacks, area, density and other setbacks, apply to water bodies, as well as wetlands, as follows:

- Section 4.2.1 Sanitary system setbacks (General Provisions)
- Section 5.2.1 Area lot requirements (Residential District)
- Section 6.2.1 Area lot requirements (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 6.3.1 Area lot requirements for Alternative Lots (General Residence and Agricultural District)

- Section 6.4 Density requirements for Cluster Developments (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 8.2.1 Area lot requirements (Industrial District)
- Section 9.3 Area lot requirements (Office Park District)
- Section 14.3 Area lot requirements (Watershed District)
- Section 14.3.3 Setbacks (Watershed District)
- Section 17.3 Special exception setbacks (Non-Conforming Uses and Buildings)

Amend Section 11, Wetlands Conservation District, so that district boundaries and special exceptions include both wetlands and water bodies, and apply district setbacks to water bodies as contemplated by amended Section 4.6.7.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Explanatory Note: As required by State law, the definition of “wetlands” in the Ordinance would change to track the State’s definition. The State definition of “wetlands” does not, however, cover certain vulnerable areas, like rivers, ponds, lakes and shoreland. The Planning Board recommends new definitions of “water body” and “mean high water level” (to determine the boundaries of a water body) and adding water bodies wherever the Ordinance refers to wetlands to give these areas the same protections as wetlands.

In addition, the Planning Board recommends a new Section 4.6.8, under Performance Standards, to prohibit the application of fertilizer within 25 feet of wetlands or water bodies and to regulate the application of chemicals, including pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer, within 50 feet thereof.

Article #3 Wetlands Conservation District Buffer

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would require wetlands and water bodies to be protected from the use of fertilizer and certain chemicals as follows:

ADOPT Section 4.6.8, Wetlands Conservation District Buffer, to prohibit the use of fertilizer and other chemicals within 50 feet of wetlands and water bodies.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Article #4 Definition of Light Manufacturing

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would update the definition of Light Manufacturing in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Section 9A.2.2 Light Manufacturing, to specifically exclude “Heavy Manufacturing” from the definition and to replace “comprised of” with the word “using.”

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Article #5 Light Manufacturing Activity Permitted

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would clarify the light manufacturing activity permitted in the Commercial District and Downtown Commercial District sections, to conform with the Light Manufacturing permitted in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Sections 7.1.r and 7A.3.3 to permit the assembly, packaging and/or finishing of products, as long as the activities could not (1) pose a danger of fire or explosion, (2) create significant objectionable vibration, noise, smoke, fumes odor or dust, (3) produce chemicals, radioactive or other potentially dangerous waste, or (4) adversely affect other private or public properties.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Article #6 Definition of Heavy Manufacturing

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would update the definition of Heavy Manufacturing in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Section 9A.2.1 Heavy Manufacturing, to identify activities that would qualify as Heavy Manufacturing, including, without limitation, any manufacture, processing, conversion or compounding (1) of raw materials, chemicals, or products composed primarily from unprocessed raw materials or chemicals, (2) using chemical processes or petroleum or petrochemicals or products derived therefrom, or (3) involving the production or storage of explosives or ammunition (except retail sales of ammunition incident to another permitted use). Heavy Manufacturing would also include manufacturing activity that might reasonably be expected to have any adverse impact on surrounding land uses or property values or beyond Town borders.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Article #7 Permitted Uses in Industrial District

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would allow Light Manufacturing in the Industrial District, but prohibit Heavy Manufacturing there, as those terms are defined in the Research and Office Park section, and otherwise clarify the requirements around permitted non-residential commercial uses, as follows:

AMEND Sections 8.1.a and 8.1.d of Section 8.1, Permitted Uses, to specifically permit Light Manufacturing, as defined in Section 9A.2.2, within the district, and to clarify the requirements to be met by permitted non-residential commercial uses therein.

AMEND Section 8.5 Prohibited Uses, to prohibit Heavy Manufacturing, as defined in Section 9A.2.1, within the district.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Explanatory Note Regarding Manufacturing Activities in Town:

The Planning Board is proposing updates to the Ordinance to better reflect the Town's goal of preserving its rural character and assets, as set forth in its Master Plan, and to provide more guidance as to what types of activities are inconsistent with those goals and therefore prohibited.

Accordingly, the Planning Board is recommending amendments to the definitions of Light Manufacturing and Heavy Manufacturing in the Ordinance, as well as changes that clarify that Heavy Manufacturing is not permitted in Town. The revised definition of "Heavy Manufacturing" in section 9A.2.1 includes activities that involve the processing of raw materials or chemicals (or products that are composed primarily of raw materials or chemicals), and other manufacturing activities that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect surrounding land uses or property values. The definition also specifically identifies Heavy Manufacturing as certain activities involving petroleum, chemicals, or related materials or processes. Heavy Manufacturing, as redefined, would be specifically prohibited in the Industrial and Research and Office Park districts, and Light Manufacturing, the definition of which would clarify that it does not include Heavy Manufacturing, would continue to be permitted there.

Activities that rise to the level of Light Manufacturing, but termed "light industry," also continue to be permitted in the Commercial and Downtown Commercial districts. The Planning Board recommends amendments to these provisions to conform with the definition of Light Manufacturing to prevent confusion about permitted activities.

Article #8 Rename Elderly Housing District

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would rename the Elderly Housing District, raise the present sixty (60) year-old threshold for the district to sixty-two (62) to align with a relevant federal threshold, and make other conforming changes in the Ordinance, as follows:

RENAME Section 13, Elderly Housing District, as "Age-Restricted Housing District" and make corresponding language changes to the following subsections:

- Section 13.1 Purpose
- Section 13.2 District Location

- Section 13.3 General Standards
- Section 13.4 Review of Site Plans
- Section 13.5 Change of Use

AMEND Section 13.3.d of the General Standards to change the qualifying age for this district from sixty (60) years to sixty-two (62) years, aligning with a specific federal age threshold.

AMEND Section 25.9.a, of Section 25.9.a, Waiver of Impact Fees to refer to Age-Restricted Housing and to conform the waiver requirement to the new sixty-two (62) year-old threshold for Age-Restricted Housing.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Explanatory Note: The Planning Board recommends changing the title of the section to “Age-Restricted Housing,” and applying its provisions to households where the head or spouse is at least 62 years of age, rather than 60. The change would align with a Federal threshold for age-restricted housing, which the 60-year old requirement does not, making it easier for applicants for a special exception to understand with which Town and Federal requirements they must comply. This change would not affect an applicant’s ability to develop cluster housing for younger groups, as long as it also complies with State and Federal requirements that prevent age discrimination. Such cluster housing would not, however, receive any additional density bonus reserved for Age-Restricted Housing under the Ordinance.

References to the “Elderly Housing District” would change to the “Age-Restricted District” where necessary throughout the Ordinance.

Article #9 Solar Collection Systems

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would set out comprehensive requirements for the installation of solar collection systems in the Town of Wilton, as follows:

ADOPT Section 15B, Solar Collection Systems, which, among other things, defines ground and roof-mounted systems; identifies permitted uses, area coverage and power generation limits within each zoning district; establishes general requirements for design, installation, site plan review, buffers, erosion control, stormwater performance, etc.; and sets out the obligations surrounding the abandonment or decommissioning of systems.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Explanatory Note: To facilitate the development of clean, safe, renewable energy sources in Wilton while protecting public health, safety and welfare, the Planning Board recommends the adoption of a new Solar Collection Systems section of the Ordinance.

The proposed new section defines solar collection systems broadly, not limiting them to photovoltaic cells, but including storage devices and mounting and tracking hardware, among other equipment. The type of solar collection system is determined based on how it is mounted (roof or ground), how it is to be used (residential, commercial, etc.), its power generation capacity and, for a ground-mounted system, how much land it will cover. The proposed section specifies in which underlying land use districts each type of system may be installed (in compliance with law and with all necessary permits). Except for wholly roof-mounted residential systems, site plan review addressing pre- and post-installation site conditions and layout, equipment specifications, emergency access, buffers, fencing, and stormwater flow requirements, among others, is required. The section would also require secured undertakings to promptly and safely remove the equipment in the event of abandonment or decommissioning.

Article #10 Town Impact Fees

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would establish a three-year interval for recurring review of Town Impact Fees, as follows:

AMEND Section 25.8, Review and Establishment of Fees, to establish a three-year interval for reviewing current Impact Fees, starting in 2020.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Explanatory Note: The Planning Board recommends that the Ordinance require Impact Fees to be reviewed every three years, rather than “periodically,” which is undefined. None of the proposed changes to the Ordinance would affect any existing land use, solar collection system or any project for which a building permit has been issued before their adoption.

You are further notified to appear at the Florence Rideout Elementary School Gymnasium in said Wilton, Thursday the 12th day of March 2020 at 6:30 P.M. to act upon the following:

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) (gross appropriation) for the purpose of performing asset management for the Town’s stormwater collection system and public works department and, to authorize the issuance of not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, further, to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and the rate of interest thereon; and, to further authorize the Select Board to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) it being understood that repayment of the loan funds will include up to

100% principal forgiveness in the amount up to \$30,000. And further to appropriate this year's interest payment of \$250 on bonds or notes to come from unassigned fund balance. Passage of this warrant article is contingent upon the Town receiving funds from the CWSRF in order to eliminate the need for payment of loan principal through tax dollars. Further, to authorize the Select Board to take all other actions necessary to carry out and complete this project. (Requires a 2/3 ballot vote).

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This warrant article is to authorize and appropriate a sum of \$30,000 to fund the development of an asset management program for the Town's storm water collections system. The project would be funded by a loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). This plan will assist in determining the condition of the existing infrastructure and establish a prioritization for any needed capital improvements. This loan qualifies for 100% principal forgiveness from the NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Fund and has no tax rate impact. In essence, it is a 100% grant to pay for this project with minimal interest charged. \$250 will be raised and appropriated from unassigned fund balance to cover any interest costs.

Article #12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the wastewater collection system, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed \$30,000 under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. Seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$30,000 in principal forgiveness, with no impact on the sewer user rate or tax rate. (Requires 2/3 majority vote.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is similar to the one above and is not intended to have any impact on taxation.

Article #13 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Five Million Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$5,063,388) for general municipal operation for the year 2020. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is the operating budget for the Town and does not include appropriations included in any other warrant articles. Residents should refer to the budget worksheet handouts prepared and presented at the Budget Committee Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 (attached to this Voter's Guide).

Article #14 Lease Agreement for Highway Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) for the purpose of making the third-year lease payment (of the 7 year lease approved by warrant article #14 at the 2018 Town Meeting) on the Highway Department 2019 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.08 per thousand (\$8.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is the third lease payment out of seven lease payments on the 2019 Highway Department's 10-Wheel Dump Truck. The seven-year lease was approved at the 2018 Town Meeting. This vehicle is an essential piece of equipment for the Highway Department.

Article #15 Lease Payment on Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$8,942) for the purpose of making the third-year lease payment (of the 4-year lease approved by warrant article #13 at the 2018 Town Meeting) on the Police Department 2017 Cruiser. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$ 0.02 per thousand (\$2.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is the third-year lease payment out of four lease payments on the 2017 Police Cruiser. The four-year lease was approved at the 2018 Town Meeting.

Article #16 Bridges Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to be added to the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any action related thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.93 per thousand (\$93.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is to continue contributing to the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established. We have three Bridges in Town under consideration for repair/rehabilitation. An article follows for the Stage Coach Road Bridge, but we must also concern ourselves with the Old County Farm Road Bridge and King Brook Road Bridge. Stage Coach Road Bridge is on the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Bridge Aid Program for year 2021, and the Town is currently working with an approved Engineering firm as respects the scope and fee for the project. Old County Farm Road Bridge is in the process of being evaluated from an Engineering perspective. It is prudent to put funds away at this time noting that any of the Towns Bridges that are in the NHDOT Bridge Aid Program will be reimbursed 80% of the overall cost in phases up to the completion of the project.

Article #17 Construction of Stage Coach Road Bridge

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the final design, bidding, Right-of-Way, and construction for the replacement of the Stagecoach Road Bridge over Burton Pond Outlet as part of the State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program. The State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program will reimburse Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) and the balance of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to come from the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or to take any other action related thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is seeking funding for the construction/replacement of Stage Coach Road Bridge. The overall cost of the project is \$750,000. NHDOT will reimburse the Town \$600,000 with the balance of \$150,000 coming from the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. With the passing of Article #16 this proposed funding will have no tax impact.

Article #18 Welcome Sign

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$7,300) for the purpose of building a previously approved town branded welcome sign on the Lions Club structure on Route 101. The sum to come from undesignated fund balance. This represents funds from article #23 approved at the March 2018 Town Meeting. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is to clarify that the previously approved town branded welcome sign will be incorporated into the Lions Club sign structure on Route 101 as the original intended location was not approved by NH DOT.

Article #19 Stipend to Town Treasurer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450) for the purpose of increasing the stipend paid to the Town Treasurer to One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) per year. If approved this additional amount will be added to the current stipend in the budget for ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action related thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.0012 per thousand (\$0.12 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is for a stipend increase for the Town Treasurer. Currently the Treasurer receives a stipend of \$750 annually, which was found to be much less than Treasurer stipends in similar-size communities.

Article #20 Stipend to Deputy Treasurer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the purpose of paying a stipend to the Deputy Treasurer. If approved this stipend will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.0003 per thousand (\$0.03 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is to create a stipend for the Deputy Treasurer. Currently the Deputy Treasurer does not receive a stipend.

Article #21 Full Time Fire Chief

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of creating the position of Full-time Fire Chief, using Grade 13 on the Town Employee salary scale, and hiring a person to fill this position. This appropriation represents a partial year's wages and benefits, including participation in the New Hampshire Retirement System. If approved, this position will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.13 per thousand (\$13.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: No

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is to create a new position. For more information, please see the PowerPoint presentation on the Fire Department's webpage.

Article #22 Fire Department Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) for the purpose of replacing the Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs), and authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) from the Fire Department Air Packs Capital Reserve Fund previously created for that purpose. The balance of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.31 per thousand (\$31.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: For a detailed explanation, please see the PowerPoint presentation on the Fire Department's webpage.

Article #23 Fire Department Pagers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of replacing Fire Department pagers and converting their pager encoder to High Band. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04 per thousand (\$4.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: For a detailed explanation, please see the PowerPoint presentation on the Fire Department’s webpage.

Article #24 Repairing Out of Service Water Holes

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of repairing current out of service water holes. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.13 per thousand (\$13.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: For a detailed explanation and a list of Current Out of Service Dry Hydrant Locations, please see the PowerPoint presentation on the Fire Department’s webpage.

Article #25 Highway Department Garage Building Space & Needs Study

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$10,275) for the purpose of preparing a space and needs study for the Highway Department Garage Building needs. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.03 per thousand (\$3.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: The Highway Department has outgrown their outdated garage building, and a study needs to be done to see what is needed to plan for a future garage building.

Article #26 Public Works Garage Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$64,725) to be placed in the Public Works Garage Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.17 per thousand (\$17.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This is basically the “savings account” so that when the time comes to purchase land and build a new highway garage building, there will be money available for that purpose, and the entire amount would not need to be funded from taxation all at once.

Article #27 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000) to be placed in the Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and associated equipment. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.08 per thousand (\$8.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This is basically the “savings account” so that when the time comes to purchase a new police cruiser, there will be money available for that purpose and the entire amount would not need to be funded from taxation all at once.

Article #28 Highway Department Sidewalk Tractor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$120,900) for the purpose of purchasing a Sidewalk Tractor and associated equipment and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$120,900) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated tax impact: \$0.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Explanatory Note: This article is to fund the purchase of a new Sidewalk Tractor for the Highway Department. As the money is proposed to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, no impact on taxation is anticipated.

Article #29 Purchase of Stone and Gravel

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of purchasing stone and gravel to be placed on the unpaved roads of the Town of Wilton. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.07 per thousand (\$7.00 per \$100,000)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: No

Explanatory Note: This article is proposed to allow the purchase of stone and gravel which will be placed on some of the unpaved roads in town to allow for better access. No plan has been designed for the distribution of the stone and gravel; it is agreed that it would be done at the discretion of the Road Agent.

Article #30 Authorize the Select Board to Lease Town-Owned Property

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Select Board to lease town-owned property located at Webb Road and Route 101, and further identified as Town Tax Map E-023, for longer than one year, to Quinn Bros. Corp. (“Quinn”), and to further authorize the continued operation of Quinn’s gravel operation at the property, subject to Quinn obtaining and/or maintaining all necessary excavation permits and other required approvals, and further subject to the taxation authority of the Town for non-governmental use of governmental land pursuant to RSA 72:23 and such other terms determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Select Board to take any action necessary to carry out this vote. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board: Yes

Explanatory Note: There has been a lot of conversation at the Select Board Meetings regarding the continued operation of the Quinn Bros. Corp. gravel operation at the property identified as Town Tax Map E-023. This article will authorize the Select Board to act in the best interest of the Town of Wilton in extending the lease for longer than one year.

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Wilton:

Article #31

New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution

We the people of the town of Wilton, hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire’s economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Wilton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Wilton's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Wilton's Select Board within 30 days of this vote.

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Wilton:

Article #32

To see if the town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular parties or candidates.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the select board to the town of Wilton's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Article #33

To accept the report of Agents, Auditors and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article #34

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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2020	APPROVED 2019	ACTUAL Dec 2019	REQUESTED BUDGET 2020	APPROVED 2020	REQUEST INCREASE	APPROVED INCREASE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Board of Selectmen	10,668	10,668	10,724	10,724	0.52%	0.52%
Town Administration	225,022	188,131	190,028	190,028	-15.55%	-15.55%
Town Meeting	160	136	420	420	162.50%	162.50%
Boards & Committees	808	807	2,100	2,100	159.90%	159.90%
TOTAL "Executive"	236,658	199,742	203,272	203,272	-14.11%	-14.11%
Town Clerk	171,275	168,878	172,780	172,780	0.88%	0.88%
Voter Registration	917	579	1,899	1,899	107.09%	107.09%
Election Administration	175	24	1,250	1,250	614.29%	614.29%
TOTAL "Elec, Reg, & Vital"	172,367	169,481	175,929	175,929	2.07%	2.07%
Financial Administration	60,726	53,883	75,889	75,889	24.97%	24.97%
Accounting and Auditing	17,500	28,461	20,000	20,000	14.29%	14.29%
Assessing	25,000	25,492	25,000	25,000	0.00%	0.00%
Tax Collector	1,220	1,936	1,670	1,670	36.89%	36.89%
Treasury	808	1,593	1,808	1,808	123.76%	123.76%
Information Systems	78,000	81,140	53,000	53,000	-32.05%	-32.05%
Purchasing	30,000	1,505	5,100	5,100	-83.00%	-83.00%
TOTAL "Financial Admin"	213,254	194,010	182,467	182,467	-14.44%	-14.44%
Legal Expenses	30,000	24,112	30,000	30,000	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL "Legal Expenses"	30,000	24,112	30,000	30,000	0.00%	0.00%
Benefits not Allocated to Other	407,476	305,058	415,820	415,820	2.05%	2.05%
TOTAL "Benefits"	407,476	305,058	415,820	415,820	2.05%	2.05%
Planning Board	55,128	56,173	69,040	69,040	25.24%	25.24%
Zoning Board	10,548	9,663	11,420	11,420	8.27%	8.27%
TOTAL "Planning & Zoning"	65,676	65,837	80,460	80,460	22.51%	22.51%
Government Buildings	88,413	35,595	40,463	40,463	-54.23%	-54.23%
Cemetery Maintenance	41,516	16,847	47,825	47,825	15.20%	15.20%
Property & Liability Insurance	22,925	37,081	42,500	42,500	85.39%	85.39%
Economic Development Pro	1	0	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL "Building & Other"	152,855	89,524	130,789	130,789	-14.44%	-14.44%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV	1,278,286	1,047,763	1,218,737	1,218,737	-4.66%	-4.66%
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department	818,976	759,618	879,129	879,129	7.34%	7.34%
Total "Special Duty Expenses"	1	30,085	4	4	300.00%	300.00%
Police Station Building	18,552	15,750	17,760	17,760	-4.27%	-4.27%
Wilton Ambulance	181,178	181,178	170,131	170,131	-6.10%	-6.10%
Fire Department	117,732	105,566	134,691	134,691	14.40%	14.40%
Fire Dept. Building	28,198	25,231	29,490	29,490	4.58%	4.58%
Building Inspection	45,982	42,744	49,501	49,501	7.65%	7.65%
Emergency Management	6,242	7,998	6,624	6,624	6.12%	6.12%
Communications	127,020	127,039	131,402	131,402	3.45%	3.45%
TOTAL "Public Safety"	1,343,881	1,295,209	1,418,732	1,418,732	5.57%	5.57%

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2020	APPROVED 2019	ACTUAL Dec 2019	REQUESTED BUDGET 2020	APPROVED 2020	REQUEST INCREASE	APPROVED INCREASE
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
Highway Maintenance	489,984	512,737	551,278	551,278	12.51%	12.51%
Highway Garage Building	7,975	4,784	7,975	7,975	0.00%	0.00%
Resurfacing	395,265	323,801	384,265	384,265	-2.78%	-2.78%
MS4 Stormwater Expenses	15,750	2,418	57,552	57,552	265.41%	265.41%
Street Lighting	15,200	18,394	15,000	15,000	-1.32%	-1.32%
TOTAL "Highway & Streets"	924,174	862,134	1,016,070	1,016,070	9.94%	9.94%
SANITATION & WATER						
Recycling Center	170,069	170,069	207,150	207,150	21.80%	21.80%
Health Officer	2	171	831	831	0.00%	0.00%
Municipal Sewer Dept	411,284	0	421,644	421,644	2.52%	2.52%
Municipal Water Dept	278,407	0	288,463	288,463	3.61%	3.61%
TOTAL "Sanitation & Water"	859,762	170,240	918,088	918,088	6.78%	6.78%
DONATIONS						
Child Advocacy Center	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	-16.67%	-16.67%
CASA	500	500	500	500	0.00%	0.00%
Wilton Main Street Association	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	0.00%
Wilton Community Center	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%	0.00%
Home Health Care	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%	0.00%
Monadnock Family Services	4,596	4,596	4,596	4,596	0.00%	0.00%
Lamprey Health Care	1,000	1,000	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Bridges	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.00%	0.00%
American Red Cross	500	500	550	550	10.00%	10.00%
Milford Reg. Council	2,000	0	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Souhegan Valley Rides	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.00%	0.00%
Boys and Girls Club	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL "Donations"	28,296	25,796	24,846	24,846	-12.19%	-12.19%
WELFARE						
Aid to Disabled St. Joseph's	1,760	1,760	1,445	1,445	-17.90%	-17.90%
Welfare	41,196	20,215	40,757	40,757	-1.07%	-1.07%
TOTAL "Welfare"	42,956	21,975	42,202	42,202	-1.76%	-1.76%
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Parks & Playgrounds	18,595	11,456	17,695	17,695	-4.84%	-4.84%
Library	289,048	289,048	300,783	300,783	4.06%	4.06%
Patriotic Purposes	2,250	946	2,250	2,250	0.00%	0.00%
W-L Youth Center/Goss Park	26,250	26,250	26,250	26,250	0.00%	0.00%
Conservation Commission	8,735	6,276	8,735	8,735	0.00%	0.00%
Conservation Acquisition Fund		0	0	0		
TOTAL "Culture and Recreation"	344,878	333,977	355,713	355,713	3.14%	3.14%
DEBT SERVICE						
Fire Station	67,000	68,143	69,000	69,000	2.99%	2.99%
TOTAL	67,000	68,143	69,000	69,000	2.99%	2.99%
Sub-total	4,889,233	3,825,236	5,063,388	5,063,388	3.56%	3.56%
Sub-total w/o Revolving F	4,821,679	3,757,513	5,063,388	5,063,388	5.01%	5.01%

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2020	APPROVED 2019	ACTUAL Dec 2019	REQUESTED BUDGET 2020	APPROVED 2020	REQUEST INCREASE	APPROVED INCREASE
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
Highway Dump Truck	29,000	28,625	29,000	29,000		WA 14
Police Cruiser Lease	8,942	8,942	8,942	8,942		WA 15
Stage Coach Bridge		59,895	750,000	750,000		WA 17
Stormwater CWSRF - Asset Management			250	250		WA 11
Wastewater SRF - Asset Management			0	0		WA 12
Wilton Signs			7,300	7,300		WA 18
Treasurer			450	450		WA 19
Deputy Treasurer			100	100		WA 20
Fire Chief Full Time			50,000	50,000		WA 21
Fire Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs)			240,000	240,000		WA 22
Fire Pagers			15,000	15,000		WA 23
Fire Water Hole Location			50,000	50,000		WA 24
Highway Space & Needs Garage			10,275	10,275		WA 25
Highway Sidewalk Tactor			120,900	120,900		WA 28
Gravel Roads - stone and gravel			30,000	30,000		WA 29
2003 Freightliner	160,000	148,208				
Police Cruiser Purchase	45,500	0				
X Mark Lawn Mower et al	11,130	11,130				
King Brook Road Bridge	1,400,240	0				
LED Lights	41,422	24,970				
SelectBoard Raises	0	0				
TOTAL 'Capital Outlay	1,696,234	281,770	1,312,217	1,312,217	-22.64%	-22.64%
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS						
Bridges CRF	300,000	300,000	350,000	350,000		WA 16
Highway Department Building/Design/Land			64,725	64,725		WA 26
Police Cruiser			31,000	31,000		WA 27
Fire Dept Vehicle CRF	50,000	50,000				
Fire Dept Air Pack CRF	75,000	75,000				
TOTAL 'Capital Reserve Funds	425,000	425,000	445,725	445,725	4.88%	4.88%
Sub-total ' Capital'	2,121,234	706,770	1,757,942	1,757,942	-17.13%	-17.13%
GRAND TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS	7,010,467	4,532,006	6,821,330	6,821,330	-2.70%	-2.70%
GRAND TOTAL W/O	6,942,913	4,180,588	6,821,330	6,821,330	-1.75%	-1.75%
REVENUES						
TAXES						
Interest & Penalties Del Tax	30,300	65,792	40,000		32.01%	-100.00%
Yield Tax	5,000	16,639	7,500		50.00%	-100.00%
Land Use Change	5,000	21,300	5,000		0.00%	-100.00%
Payment in Lieu of Tax	4,000	5,053	5,000		25.00%	-100.00%
Gravel Tax	6,000	5,113	5,000		-16.67%	-100.00%
TOTAL	50,300	113,896	62,500	0	24.25%	-100.00%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE STATE						
State Revenue Tax Program	189,000	235,612	230,000		21.69%	-100.00%
Highway Subsidy	129,032	130,006	130,000		0.75%	-100.00%
Reimbursement Forest	200	315	300		50.00%	-100.00%
GRANTS	1	0	1		0.00%	-100.00%
RR Tax State	900	689	600		-33.33%	-100.00%
State Bridge Aid	1,120,192	0	600,000		-46.44%	-100.00%

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2020	APPROVED 2019	ACTUAL Dec 2019	REQUESTED BUDGET 2020	APPROVED 2020	REQUEST INCREASE	APPROVED INCREASE
TOTAL	1,439,325	366,621	960,901	0	-33.24%	-100.00%
LICENSES & PERMITS						
Motor Vehicle Permits	701,800	833,007	775,000	0	10.43%	-100.00%
Dog Licenses	5,000	6,827	5,000	0	0.00%	-100.00%
Town Office Reimbursement	0	0	0	0		
Marriage Licenses	100	161	100	0	0.00%	-100.00%
UCC Filings	500	1,305	500	0	0.00%	-100.00%
Certified Copies	4,000	4,391	4,000	0	0.00%	-100.00%
Title Fees	500	2,050	1,000	0	100.00%	-100.00%
Boat Fees	1,000	1,392	1,000	0	0.00%	-100.00%
Building Permits	17,000	22,581	17,000	0	0.00%	-100.00%
TOTAL	729,900	871,714	803,600	0	10.10%	-100.00%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES						
Income From Departments	38,550	76,896	50,000	0	29.70%	-100.00%
TOTAL	38,550	76,896	50,000	0	29.70%	-100.00%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE						
Interest on Deposits	2,000	35,318	10,000	0	400.00%	-100.00%
TOTAL	2,000	35,318	10,000	0	400.00%	-100.00%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES						
Other R3505 (LGC Refunds)	0	108,239	50,000	0		
Reimbursements/Donations	13,000	26,121	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Fund Balance	30,000	484,000	7,300	0	-75.67%	-100.00%
Sale of Town Property	1,000	0	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%
Income From Water Dept	278,407	300,355	288,463	0	3.61%	-100.00%
Income From Sewer Dept	411,284	427,197	421,644	0	2.52%	-100.00%
Impact Fees	0	0	0	0		
Cemetery Income	0	0	5,000	0		
Withdraw From Capital Reserve	340,048	119,895	395,900	0	16.42%	-100.00%
Income From Trust Fund	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	1,073,739	1,465,807	1,168,307	0	8.81%	-100.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	3,333,814	2,930,252	3,055,308	0	-8.35%	-100.00%
Total Appropriations	7,010,467	4,532,006	6,821,330	6,821,330	-2.70%	-2.70%
Total Revenue	3,333,814	2,930,252	3,055,308	0	-8.35%	-100.00%
Taxes To Be Raised	3,676,653	1,601,753	3,766,022	6,821,330	2.43%	