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Your vote is respectfully requested at the

Annual Town Elections

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Room

and the

Annual Town Meeting

Thursday, March 10th, 2022

6:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Room

Warrant and Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Town of Chester

Budgeted Revenues Summary & Detail

	FY 20/21 BOS Budgeted	FY 20/21 BC Budgeted	FY 21/22 BOS Budgeted	FY 21/22 BC Budgeted	FY 22/23 BOS Budgeted	FY 22/23 BC Budgeted
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Excavation Tax	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Penalties and Interest	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Business Licenses and Permits	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000
Heating Permits	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Building Permits	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700	\$ 13,400	\$ 13,400	\$ 13,400	\$ 13,400
Revenue From State of NH	\$ 446,627	\$ 446,627	\$ 447,627	\$ 447,627	\$ 535,122	\$ 535,122
Revenue From Charges For Services	\$ 128,781	\$ 128,781	\$ 101,882	\$ 101,882	\$ 217,382	\$ 217,382
Revenue from ARPA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 551,734	\$ 551,734
Revenue From Capital Res/Sp Rev Fund	\$ 1,572,495	\$ 1,572,495	\$ 1,000,513	\$ 1,000,513	\$ 1,748,000	\$ 1,748,000
Other Financing Sources - Fund Balance	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 555,000	\$ 555,000
Total Anticipated Revenue Summary	\$ 3,339,803	\$ 3,339,803	\$ 3,091,422	\$ 3,091,422	\$ 4,748,638	\$ 4,748,638

	FY 20/21 BOS Budgeted	FY 20/21 BC Budgeted	FY 21/22 BOS Budgeted	FY 21/22 BC Budgeted	FY 22/23 BOS Budgeted	FY 22/23 BC Budgeted
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Excavation Tax	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Penalties and Interest	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
UCC Filing Fees	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000
Fire Dept Heating Permits	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Fire Dept - Permits/Fines	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Building Permits	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Dog Licenses	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800
Marriage Licenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
Certificates - Birth & Death	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Pistol Permits	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Other Licenses & Permits	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
NH Highway Block Grant	\$ 144,597	\$ 144,597	\$ 144,597	\$ 144,597	\$ 144,370	\$ 144,370
State Rooms and Meals Tax	\$ 268,093	\$ 268,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 269,093	\$ 390,752	\$ 390,752
Other State Revenue - Misc. (incl SB4)	\$ 33,937	\$ 33,937	\$ 33,937	\$ 33,937	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
Planning Board Applications	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Zoning Board Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Landfill Tire Fees	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Recycling - Aluminum	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Recycling - Scrap Metal	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Recycling - Paper/Magazine	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Recycling - Propane Tanks	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Recycling - Appliances	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700
Transfer Station - TV/Computers	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Ambulance Transport Fees	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Rents Long Term Use - Tower	\$ 17,457	\$ 17,457	\$ 20,076	\$ 20,076	\$ 20,076	\$ 20,076
Rents - Post Office	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810	\$ 24,206	\$ 24,206	\$ 24,206	\$ 24,206
Rents - Kitchen	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Rents - Wason Cottage	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Miscellaneous Revenue - all others	\$ 15,764	\$ 15,764	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Return Check Fees	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Public Access Television	\$ 36,925	\$ 36,925	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000
PD Special Revenue Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,609	\$ 30,609	\$ -	\$ -
From Capital Res-CIP	\$ 784,205	\$ 784,205	\$ 183,904	\$ 183,904	\$ 760,000	\$ 760,000
From Capital Res - Hwy CIP	\$ 751,365	\$ 751,365	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 950,000	\$ 950,000
Hwy - ARPA Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 551,734	\$ 551,734
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 555,000	\$ 555,000
Total Anticipated Revenue Detail	\$ 3,339,803	\$ 3,339,803	\$ 3,091,422	\$ 3,091,422	\$ 4,748,638	\$ 4,748,638

Actual and Budget Expenditures Summary

	FY 20/21 Actual	FY 21/22 Budget	FY 22/23 BOS Requested	BOS % Increase (Decrease)	FY 22/23 BC Requested	BC % Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	\$ 39,642	\$ 58,028	\$ 46,229	-20.3%	\$ 46,229	-20.3%
Administrative	\$ 133,817	\$ 139,950	\$ 135,813	-3.0%	\$ 135,813	-3.0%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 120,693	\$ 141,486	\$ 149,515	5.7%	\$ 149,515	5.7%
Election	\$ 20,908	\$ 12,632	\$ 18,850	49.2%	\$ 18,850	49.2%
Financial	\$ 142,776	\$ 148,805	\$ 150,442	1.1%	\$ 150,442	1.1%
Budget Committee	\$ 398	\$ 1,223	\$ 1,223	0.0%	\$ 1,223	0.0%
Treasurer	\$ 11,877	\$ 13,987	\$ 13,937	-0.4%	\$ 13,937	-0.4%
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$ 15,732	\$ 20,100	\$ 20,100	0.0%	\$ 20,100	0.0%
Information Technology	\$ 129,229	\$ 126,292	\$ 147,305	16.6%	\$ 147,305	16.6%
Assessor	\$ 80,700	\$ 85,478	\$ 87,989	2.9%	\$ 87,989	2.9%
Legal	\$ 58,781	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	0.0%	\$ 65,000	0.0%
Benefits	\$ 808,520	\$ 949,641	\$ 1,096,329	15.4%	\$ 1,096,329	15.4%
Planning	\$ 77,364	\$ 81,620	\$ 98,466	20.6%	\$ 98,466	20.6%
Zoning	\$ 13,994	\$ 18,718	\$ 18,612	-0.6%	\$ 18,612	-0.6%
Buildings	\$ 296,160	\$ 312,811	\$ 333,173	6.5%	\$ 333,173	6.5%
Stevens Hall	\$ 7,775	\$ 11,902	\$ 11,902	0.0%	\$ 11,902	0.0%
Cemetery	\$ 13,964	\$ 26,866	\$ 17,560	-34.6%	\$ 17,560	-34.6%
Insurance	\$ 105,662	\$ 107,075	\$ 106,244	-0.8%	\$ 106,244	-0.8%
Advertising & Regional Dev.	\$ 8,448	\$ 8,482	\$ 8,743	3.1%	\$ 8,743	3.1%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 2,086,438	\$ 2,330,096	\$ 2,527,432	8.5%	\$ 2,527,432	8.5%
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Dept.	\$ 791,881	\$ 805,199	\$ 865,517	7.5%	\$ 865,517	7.5%
Ambulance	\$ 122,839	\$ 126,305	\$ 130,094	3.0%	\$ 130,094	3.0%
Fire Department	\$ 388,101	\$ 431,861	\$ 419,208	-2.9%	\$ 419,208	-2.9%
Forest Fire	\$ 1,724	\$ 2,001	\$ 2,001	0.0%	\$ 2,001	0.0%
Ambulance Billing	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.0%	\$ 1	0.0%
Building Inspection	\$ 102,891	\$ 112,632	\$ 116,507	3.4%	\$ 116,507	3.4%
Emergency	\$ 8,516	\$ 11,181	\$ 11,681	4.5%	\$ 11,681	4.5%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,415,952	\$ 1,489,180	\$ 1,545,009	3.7%	\$ 1,545,009	3.7%
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
Highway	\$ 708,317	\$ 786,043	\$ 788,838	0.4%	\$ 788,838	0.4%
Street Lighting	\$ 4,231	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300	0.0%	\$ 4,300	0.0%
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	\$ 712,548	\$ 790,343	\$ 793,138	0.4%	\$ 793,138	0.4%
SANITATION						
Transfer Station	\$ 211,721	\$ 192,354	\$ 216,600	12.6%	\$ 216,600	12.6%
Landfill	\$ 10,561	\$ 10,800	\$ 11,150	3.2%	\$ 11,150	3.2%
TOTAL SANITATION	\$ 222,282	\$ 203,154	\$ 227,750	12.1%	\$ 227,750	12.1%
HEALTH & WELFARE						
Animal Control	\$ 1,489	\$ 2,500	\$ 15,000	500.0%	\$ 15,000	500.0%
Health Agencies	\$ 21,269	\$ 21,752	\$ 21,752	0.0%	\$ 21,752	0.0%
General Assistance	\$ 6,209	\$ 12,450	\$ 8	-99.9%	\$ 8	-99.9%
Welfare-Intergovernment	\$ 4,512	\$ 4,512	\$ 4,512	0.0%	\$ 4,512	0.0%
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 33,479	\$ 41,214	\$ 41,272	0.1%	\$ 41,272	0.1%
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Recreation	\$ 67,240	\$ 78,750	\$ 81,758	3.8%	\$ 81,758	3.8%
Wason Pond	\$ 6,294	\$ 23,463	\$ 5,593	-76.2%	\$ 5,593	-76.2%
WP Caretaker Cottage	\$ 571	\$ 1,099	\$ 750	-31.8%	\$ 750	-31.8%
WP Bath House	\$ 219	\$ 280	\$ 221	-21.1%	\$ 221	-21.1%
WP Commission	\$ 800	\$ 256	\$ 1,906	644.5%	\$ 1,906	644.5%
Library	\$ 169,960	\$ 169,880	\$ 186,620	9.9%	\$ 186,620	9.9%
Patriotic	\$ 801	\$ 1,000	\$ 750	-25.0%	\$ 750	-25.0%
PACT	\$ 5,875	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.0%	\$ 1	0.0%
Chester Senior Citizens	\$ 24,481	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	0.0%	\$ 15,000	0.0%
Town Fair Fireworks	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,250	-39.3%	\$ 4,250	-39.3%
Spring Hill Farm	\$ 4,877	\$ 4,250	\$ 7,000	64.7%	\$ 7,000	64.7%
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 281,118	\$ 300,979	\$ 303,849	1.0%	\$ 303,849	1.0%
CONSERVATION						
Conservation Commission	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0.0%	\$ 1,200	0.0%
Agricultural Commission	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 5	0.0%	\$ 5	0.0%
TOTAL CONSERVATION	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,205	\$ 1,205	0.0%	\$ 1,205	0.0%
Subtotal before Debt	\$ 4,753,017	\$ 5,156,171	\$ 5,439,655	5.5%	\$ 5,439,655	5.5%
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal	\$ 50,357	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.0%	\$ 1	0.0%
Interest	\$ 1,663	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.0%	\$ 1	0.0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 52,020	\$ 2	\$ 2	0.0%	\$ 2	0.0%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 4,805,037	\$ 5,156,173	\$ 5,439,657	5.5%	\$ 5,439,657	5.5%

2022-2023 Proposed Warrant & Budget

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Chester Municipal Offices in said Chester on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 2022, at 7:00 AM to act on Articles 1 through 7. The polls will close at 7:00 PM. After the ballots are counted, the Meeting will continue on Thursday, the 10th day of March 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Chester Multipurpose Room. Articles 8 through 23 will be taken up at that time.

Article #1

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

Article #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 1** to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend: Article 2 – Definitions – Impervious Surfaces

Purpose: To add a clarifying definition of “Impervious Surfaces” as referenced in Table 1.

Article #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 2** to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend: Article 2 – Definitions – Sign Types

Purpose: To amend the definitions of various sign types.

Article #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 3** to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend: Article 5.3.3.12 –Bed & Breakfasts

Purpose: To amend Section 5.3.3.12 – Bed & Breakfasts by adding a prohibition against the conversion of detached structures into Bed & Breakfasts.

Article #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 4** to the Town's Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend: Article 5.7.8 – Buffers & Setbacks

Purpose: To mitigate excessive impacts to wetlands and their buffers/setbacks by future driveway crossings.

Article #6

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 5** to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend: Article 11.2 – ZBA Organization

Purpose: Increase the number of appointed alternate members on the Zoning Board of Adjustment from three (3) to five (5) alternate members.

Article #7

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 6** to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend: Article 2 – Definitions - Educational Institutions

Purpose: To amend the definition of “Educational Institutions” and differentiate between public and business educational facilities.

Article #8 – Recission of Road Agent Position

Shall the Town rescind the action of the 1924 and 1992 Town Meetings to elect a road agent for a two-year term and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a full-time road agent who will be the Supervisor of Roads. The term of the elected road agent will terminate at the 2023 Annual Town election. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand four hundred seventeen dollars (\$55,417) salary and benefits for the Supervisor of Roads position for six months in Fiscal Year 22-23. Salary and benefits for this position will be carried in the Operating Budget in future fiscal years.

Tax Impact:	\$0.08
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #9 – Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2009 Town Meeting in order to prepare for the next Town revaluation in 2024.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.02
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 4 yes / 1 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #10 – Solar Array at Landfill

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease for a solar energy company to install a solar farm at the Town's closed landfill on Dump Road on such terms and conditions as determined by the Selectmen and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other actions necessary to carry out this vote.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00
Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #11 – Discontinuance of Hart Roberts Road

Shall the Town completely discontinue as an open highway under RSA 231:43 the following highway: the entire Hart Roberts Road from the intersection of Hart Roberts Road and Halls Village Road to the intersection of Hart Roberts Road and Jack Road. This discontinuance will take effect June 1st, 2022.

Tax Impact: \$0.00
Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #12 – Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the Budget Committee and Selectmen recommended amount of five million four hundred thirty-nine thousand six hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$5,439,657) for the operating budget for the support of Town government for the payment of salaries and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

	BOS	BC
General Government	\$ 2,527,432	\$ 2,527,432
Public Safety	\$ 1,545,009	\$ 1,545,009
Highways, Streets, Bridges	\$ 793,138	\$ 793,138
Sanitation	\$ 227,750	\$ 227,750
Health & Welfare	\$ 41,272	\$ 41,272
Culture & Recreation	\$ 303,849	\$ 303,849
Conservation & Eco. Dev.	\$ 1,205	\$ 1,205
Debt Service	\$ 2	\$ 2
Total Appropriation	\$ 5,439,657	\$ 5,439,657

Tax Impact: \$7.37
Recommended by Board of Selectmen Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain
Recommended by Budget Committee Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Article #13 – CIP Funding

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Town's Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.81
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #14 - CIP Projects

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$760,000) for the following projects:

Police	Cruiser with Outfitting	\$56,250
Fire	Repaving of Parking Lot	\$35,000
Highway	Annual Surveying & Engineering Services	\$10,000
Highway	Class 8 Plow Truck, Plow & Sander	\$240,000
Recreation	WP Causeway Bridge Reconstruction & Construction Management	\$418,750

and withdraw seven hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$760,000) from the Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes.

This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7-a, IV, and will not lapse until the work is complete, or December 31st, 2024, whichever comes first.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.00
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #15 - Highway CIP Funding

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one million forty-nine thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$1,049,370) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2015 Town Meeting with one hundred forty-four thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$144,370) which is the anticipated grant amount this year from the New Hampshire Highway Block Grant to be used to offset this appropriation, three hundred five thousand dollars (\$305,000) from the June 30th, 2022 unassigned fund balance, and the remainder of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to be raised through taxation.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.81
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #16 - Highway CIP Projects

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one million five hundred one thousand seven hundred thirty-four dollars (\$1,501,734) for roadwork in the Town of Chester and withdraw five hundred fifty-one thousand seven hundred thirty-four (\$551,734) from the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the remaining nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) from the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes.

This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7-a, IV, and will not lapse until the work is complete, or December 31st, 2024, whichever comes first.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.00
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #17 – Funding Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund known as the *Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund* established at the 2021 Town Meeting. Further to authorize the transfer of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the June 30th, 2022 unassigned fund balance for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation.

Tax Impact:	\$0.00
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #18 – PACT

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund known as the “PACT” Fund established at the 2003 Town Meeting, separate from the General Fund and funded by Comcast subscribers in the Town of Chester. If passed, this article will have no tax impact.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.00
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 4 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #19 – 300th Anniversary

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the capital reserve fund known as the *300th Anniversary Celebration Capital Reserve Fund* established at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.01
<i>Recommended by Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain</i>
<i>Recommended by Budget Committee</i>	<i>Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain</i>

Article #20 – Master Plan

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2019 Town Meeting.

Estimated Tax Impact:	\$0.01
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Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain
Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Article #21 - Winter Road Maintenance Fund

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) to be added to the expendable trust fund known as the Winter Road Maintenance Fund established at the 2006 Town Meeting and increased at the 2017 Town Meeting for the purpose of plowing, salting, sanding and general winter road maintenance in the Town of Chester. The Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund shall not exceed one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000).

Estimated Tax Impact:

\$0.14

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain
Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Article #22 – Petition Warrant Article: Amend Date of Indigenous Peoples Day

Shall the Town vote to amend celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day to August 9.

Article #23 – Reports

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating hereto.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Warrant Article #8 – Recission of Road Agent Position

As the Town has grown in population over the past 20 years, it has also significantly increased its transportation infrastructure. The Town currently has about 55 miles of road, hundreds of major and minor culverts, many bridges, and numerous catch and retention basins, all which need regular repairs and maintenance and which occasionally require rebuilding and/or replacement.

The advantage of continuity in overseeing this infrastructure has been demonstrated over the past 15 years, as the same well-qualified Road Agent has been reelected every two years since he first took office in 2007. He has worked with the Board of Selectmen, Town staff, and the Budget Committee and Planning Board to meet increased volumes of work, improve financial processes and controls, include transportation projects in the Capital Improvement Plan, and increase quality, productivity, and cost-effectiveness in delivering maintenance services and capital projects.

Over the next seven to ten years, Chester will need to complete major rebuilding projects for over 30 roads, six major culverts, and two red-listed bridges, at an estimated cost of more than \$16 million. Most of these projects will take two or more years to engineer and complete. Professional and efficient planning and management will be essential for this largest portion of town expenditures. Currently the only requirement to be elected Road Agent is that the individual resides in Chester.

The Board of Selectmen believes that it may be time for Chester to transition from an elected Road Agent to an appointed Supervisor of Roads who would actively participate and monitor employees and contractors in the day-to-day management of road maintenance operations, including asphalt and gravel road maintenance, clearing of roadsides and culverts, winter maintenance, and emergency response due to accidents or acts of nature, and the planning and overseeing of major building and repair projects.

Just as the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief are employed professional safety officials providing long-term continuity of service to the Town, the Supervisor of Roads would be employed as a professional official responsible for the safety and good condition of town roads. He would report to the Board of Selectmen, who would direct and have final responsibility and accountability for the maintenance and construction of transportation infrastructure and the expenditure of funds for that purpose.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend that you vote YES on Warrant Article #8.

2022 Town Elections Candidates for Open Offices

The following people have filed their Declaration of Candidacy for open offices in the Town of Chester:

Elected Office	Term	# of Open Offices	Candidate
Selectmen	3 yrs.	1	Aaron Mansur Charles Francis Myette
Town Moderator	2 yrs.	1	Michael J. Scott
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 yrs.	1	Sara Jane Bibeau Nicholas Tranquillo
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 yrs.	1	Thomas J. Paton
Budget Committee Member	3 yrs.	1	
Budget Committee Member	2 yrs.	3	Ronald James McKinnon Jr.
Library Trustee	3 yrs.	2	Deborah J. Munson Mary L. Richardson
Village Cemetery Trustee	3 yrs.	1	Richard Omer Bellemore
Great Hill Cemetery Trustee	5 yrs.	1	Richard Omer Bellemore Penny J. Henderson
Wilcomb Townsend Trustee	1 yr.	1	Kathryn M. Burke Terry L. Kennett Elizabeth S. Liacos Beth Swanson
Wilcomb Townsend Trustee	5 yrs.	1	Lorna Hazelton
School Board Member	3 yrs.	2	Alexandre Nolan Bartels Jonathan Eckerman Sabrina N. Harris Valerie Weider

RSA 659:17, 2): To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Make the appropriate mark to the right of your choice.

Mark your selections on this Quick Guide and bring it with you to Election Day and Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 8 th , 2022 – Multi-Purpose Room – 7 AM to 7 PM				
1	Town Officials			
2	Zoning: Impervious Surfaces		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Zoning: Sign Types		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Zoning: Bed & Breakfasts		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Zoning: Buffers & Setbacks		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Zoning: ZBA Organization		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Zoning: Educational Institutions		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Thursday, March 10 th , 2022 – Multi-Purpose Room – 6 PM				
Gross Tax Impact				
8	Recission of Road Agent Position	\$0.08	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9	Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.02	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
10	Solar Array at Landfill		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11	Discontinuance of Hart Roberts Road		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12	Operating Budget	\$7.37	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
13	CIP Funding	\$0.81	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14	CIP Projects		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15	Highway CIP Funding	\$0.81	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16	Highway CIP Projects		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
17	Funding Fire Department Apparatus		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
18	PACT		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
19	300 th Anniversary	\$0.01	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
20	Master Plan	\$0.01	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
21	Winter Road Maintenance Fund	\$0.14	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
22	Petition: Indigenous Peoples Day		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
32	Reports, Other Business			

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