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Your vote is respectfully requested at the

Annual Town Elections
Tuesday, March 10th, 2020
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Multi-Purpose Room

and the

Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, March 14th, 2020
9:00 AM
Multi-Purpose Room

Warrant and Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

2020-2021 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 tenth (10th) day of March 2020, at 7:00 AM to act on Articles 1 through 8. The polls will close at 7:00 PM. After the ballots are counted, the Meeting will continue on Saturday, the fourteenth (14th) day of March 2020, at 9:00 AM in the Chester Multipurpose Room. Article 9 through Article 32 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 4.5.2 - Parking Lot Requirements – by amending Subsections 4.5.2.2 and 4.5.2.5.

Purpose: To change the word “handicapped” to “accessible”, and to update the reference to the federal and state regulations governing Accessible Parking.

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 4.9.2 - Home Business – by adding Subsection 4.9.2.8.

Purpose: To allow for optional Site Plan Review for some Home Business permit applications.

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 5.3.5 - Dimensional and Area Requirements.

Purpose: To add a simple cross-reference to Article 5.3.5 - Dimensional and Area Requirements to Subsection 5.7.5.2 - Lot Size Determinations (already existing).

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 5.7.2 - Definitions.

Purpose: To add a definition for “Basal Area,” and amend the definition of No Clearing Buffer Zone.

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 6 - Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To eliminate the unit-density incentive bonus for age-restricted housing, and increase the unit-density incentive bonus for workforce housing, in order to help the Town accomplish its fair-share obligation to address the State’s critical shortage of workforce housing.

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 11.2.2.3 – Public Hearing and Notice.

Purpose: To amend Subsection 11.2.2.3 to extend the time period, from 30 to 45 days for scheduling an administrative appeal hearing, to comply with the statutory change to NH 676:7,II.

Article #8 -

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # 7** to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend: Article 11.5 – Expiration of Special Exception and Variance.

Purpose: To provide for the expiration of unexercised special exceptions and variances approved prior to August 19, 2013 as authorized by RSA 674:33, I-a(b) and RSA 674:33, IV(c).

Article #9 – Road Bond

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for road improvements; and to authorize the issuance of not more than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain, and accept any aid or funds from the State of New Hampshire, the Federal Government, and private sources, if any, as they may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate thirty-seven thousand seven hundred eight dollars and thirty-three cents (\$37,708.33) for the first year’s interest payment. This Article must pass by a 2/3 ballot vote.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.05 (first year only)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes / 1 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 1 yes / 5 no / 0 abstain

Article #10 – Two New Fulltime Firefighters

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety-two thousand four hundred ninety-one dollars (\$192,491) for the purpose of hiring and outfitting two (2) fulltime career firefighter/EMTs in order that the Town may have coverage twelve hours a day, seven days a week. One hundred five thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$105,250) is for wages, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) is for outfitting, and eighty-five thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars (\$85,741) is for benefits.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.27

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote - 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote - 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #11 - Steeple Repair at Chester Congregational Church

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of helping to defray the expense of structural work on the steeple of the Chester Congregational Church which houses the Town Clock. The actual amount of said donation is to be conditioned upon the Congregational Church raising an equal amount of funding between Town Meeting of March 10th, 2020 and Town Meeting of March 9th, 2021. The amount donated will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.04

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote - 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote - 4 yes / 0 no / 2 abstain

Article #12 - Optional Tax Credit for Combat Service

Shall the Town adopt the Optional Tax Credit for Combat Service per RSA 72:28-c in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) per year. To qualify, a person shall be a resident of this Town engaged at any point during the taxable period in combat service as a member of the New Hampshire National Guard or a reserve component of the United States armed services, called to active duty. This credit would be in lieu of and not in addition to the standard and optional Veteran’s credits. The service member would be eligible for the credit in each tax year in which the combat service occurs. If passed this credit would be effective as of April 1, 2020.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote - 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote - 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #13 - Establish PACT Revolving Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of funding the Town of Chester’s Public Access Community Television related costs and to enable purchase of cable TV equipment, as may be approved from time to time by the governing board, and to raise and appropriate from the Town’s unassigned fund balance the amount of forty-five thousand four hundred fifty-three dollars (\$45,453) for deposit into said revolving fund. This sum to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020 and no amount to be raised by taxation. All future revenues received from cable franchise fees shall be deposited into the Revolving Fund for Public Access Cable Television Fund and money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unassigned fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the PACT Committee and Board of Selectmen and no further legislative body approval is required to expend. These funds may be expended only for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television. Ballot vote required. If this Article passes, Warrant Article #15 shall be tabled.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote - 4 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote - 0 yes / 5 no / 1 abstain

Article #14 – Rescind PACT Special Revenue Fund

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from the cable franchise fees paid by Comcast under the Cable Television Renewal Franchise between Comcast and the Town of Chester to expenditures for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. This Article must pass by a 2/3 ballot vote. If Article 13 does not pass, this article shall be tabled.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes / 1 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes / 5 no / 1 abstain

Article #15 - PACT

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$36,925) 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. If Article #13 passes, this Article shall be tabled.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 4 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Article #16 – Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended amount of four million nine hundred ninety-eight thousand six hundred fifty-five dollars (\$4,998,655) 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. Tally vote - 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain. The Board of Selectmen recommends four million nine hundred ninety-eight thousand six hundred fifty-five dollars (\$4,998,655) by a Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

	BOS	BC
General Government	\$ 2,215,913	\$ 2,215,913
Public Safety	\$ 1,420,030	\$ 1,420,030
Highways, Streets, Bridges	\$ 758,823	\$ 758,823
Sanitation	\$ 218,638	\$ 218,638
Health & Welfare	\$ 42,212	\$ 42,212
Culture & Recreation	\$ 289,812	\$ 289,812
Conservation & Eco. Dev.	\$ 1,205	\$ 1,205
Debt Service	\$ 52,022	\$ 52,022
Total Appropriation	\$ 4,998,655	\$ 4,998,655

Article #17 – CIP Funding

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) 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: \$0.98

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 4 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #18 - CIP Projects

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred five dollars (\$784,205) for the following projects:

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| Library Computer Upgrades | Equipment Upgrades |
| PACT | Evidence Room Ventilation |
| Police Department | Radios |
| Fire Department | Personal Protective Equipment |
| Fire Department | Asphalt Hotbox |
| Highway Department | Surveying & Engineering Services |
| Highway Department | Roadwork |
| Highway Department | Zero-Turn Gas Lawnmower |
| Building Department | |

and withdraw seven hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred five dollars (\$784,205) from the Municipal Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #19 – Highway CIP Funding

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty-one thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars (\$751,365) 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 fifty-one thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars (\$151,365) which is the anticipated grant amount this year from the New Hampshire Highway Block Grant to be used to offset this appropriation and the remaining six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to be raised through taxation.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.84

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #20 – Highway CIP Projects

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty one thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars (\$751,365) for roadwork in the Town of Chester and withdraw seven

hundred fifty one thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars (\$751,365) from the Highway Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund created for these purposes.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #21 – Petitioned Warrant Article – SB2

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the legislative body of the Town of Chester on the second Tuesday of March.

This Article must pass by a 3/5 ballot vote.

Article #22 – 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

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #23 – Roadside Tree Removal

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town vote to establish an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Roadside Tree Removal Fund, for the removal of any roadside tree or portion thereof in the Town’s easement which is a public safety hazard and a danger to the residents of the community, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund, and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.07

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 4 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Tally Vote – 0 yes / 5 no / 1 abstain

Article #24 - Ortho Rectifying Maps

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of Orthorectifying our town tax maps. This will align (i.e., rectify) flat property lines with the topography of the land to fully utilize the Town’s new GIS mapping system.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.02

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 4 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Tally Vote – 1 yes / 5 no / 0 abstain

Article #25 - 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: \$0.15

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 1 abstain

Article #26 - Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Town Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2019 Town Meeting.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.03

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #27 – Historic Building Capital Reserve Fund

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35 in order to fund the repair and restoration of the Town’s historic buildings, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in this fund. Further to authorize the transfer of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the June 30th, 2020 unassigned fund balance and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from any surplus remaining from Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation. Further to authorize the Board Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any grants for these projects that may be available. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #28 - Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153 VI to collect an additional fee of a maximum of five dollars (\$5.00) for the purpose of supporting a municipal and transportation improvement fund, which shall be deposited into a capital reserve fund established for the purpose of supporting Town transportation improvement; and shall the Town authorize the establishment of this Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) to be known as the “Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund” for the purpose of funding said improvements; and further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Ballot vote required.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 0 yes / 5 no / 1 abstain

Article #29 – Great Hill Cemetery Maintenance Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a to be known as the Great Hill Cemetery Maintenance and Expansion Fund for the general maintenance and capital expansion of said cemetery, and to raise and appropriate one dollar (\$1.00) to be placed in this fund, and further to appoint the Great Hill Cemetery Board of Trustees or the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 1 yes / 5 no / 0 abstain

Article #30 – Historical Document Digitization

Special Warrant Article. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500) for the purpose of beginning the digitization of the Town’s historical records collection, and further to authorize the Board Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any grants for this project that may be available.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.02

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Tally Vote – 5 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Recommended by Budget Committee

Tally Vote – 6 yes / 0 no / 0 abstain

Article #31 – Petitioned Warrant Article – Indigenous Peoples Day

To see if the Town will vote to change our national holiday called Columbus Day and rename it Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town of Chester in order to honor Native Americans, our country’s first inhabitants.

Article #32 – 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.

**Town of Chester
Budgeted Revenues Summary**

	FY 18/19 BOS Budgeted	FY 18/19 BC Budgeted	FY 19/20 BOS Budgeted	FY 19/20 BC Budgeted	FY 20/21 BOS Budgeted	FY 20/21 BC Budgeted
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
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	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700
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	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700
Revenue From State of NH	\$ 410,539	\$ 410,539	\$ 410,540	\$ 410,540	\$ 445,589	\$ 445,589
Revenue From Charges For Services	\$ 128,017	\$ 128,017	\$ 128,016	\$ 128,016	\$ 128,017	\$ 128,017
Revenue From Capital Res/Sp Rev Fund	\$ 1,195,601	\$ 1,195,601	\$ 1,670,802	\$ 1,670,802	\$ 1,572,495	\$ 1,572,495
Other Financing Sources - Fund Balance/Bonds	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 3,145,453	\$ 100,000
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$3,113,057	\$3,113,057	\$5,078,258	\$4,088,258	\$6,470,454	\$3,425,001

	FY 18/19 BOS Budgeted	FY 18/19 BC Budgeted	FY 19/20 BOS Budgeted	FY 19/20 BC Budgeted	FY 20/21 BOS Budgeted	FY 20/21 BC Budgeted
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
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	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700
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	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 122,000
Dog Licenses	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800	\$ 7,800
Marriage Licenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Certificates - Birth & Death	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
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	\$ 147,614	\$ 147,614	\$ 147,614	\$ 147,614	\$ 151,365	\$ 151,365
State Rooms and Meals Tax	\$ 261,325	\$ 261,325	\$ 261,325	\$ 261,325	\$ 261,325	\$ 261,325
Other State Revenue - Misc. (incl SB4)	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 32,899	\$ 32,899
Planning Board Applications	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Zoning Board Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
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	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Recycling - Paper/Magazine	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250
Recycling - Propane Tanks	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Recycling - Appliances	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Transfer Station - TV/Computers	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Ambulance Transport Fees	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Rents Long Term Use - Tower	\$ 17,457	\$ 17,457	\$ 17,457	\$ 17,457	\$ 17,457	\$ 17,457
Rents - Post Office	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810	\$ 22,810
Rents - Kitchen	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
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	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Return Check Fees	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Public Access Television	\$ 40,520	\$ 40,520	\$ 36,693	\$ 36,693	\$ 36,925	\$ 36,925
From Capital Res-CIP	\$ 840,081	\$ 840,081	\$ 384,109	\$ 384,109	\$ 784,205	\$ 784,205
From Capital Res - Hwy CIP	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 751,365	\$ 751,365
From Great Hill Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From Bonds/Notes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 495,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 145,453	\$ 100,000
Total Anticipated Revenue	\$3,113,057	\$3,113,057	\$5,078,258	\$4,088,258	\$6,470,454	\$3,425,001

Actual and Budget Expenditures Summary

	FY 18/19 Actual	FY 19/20 Budget	FY 20/21 BOS Requested	BOS % Increase (Decrease)	FY 20/21 BC Requested	BC % Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	42,425	46,796	51,179	9.4%	51,179	9.4%
Administrative	58,847	165,429	150,372	-9.1%	150,372	-9.1%
Town Clerk	58,791	64,388	65,328	1.5%	65,328	1.5%
Election	13,788	13,624	17,228	26.5%	17,228	26.5%
Financial	126,112	140,927	142,446	1.1%	142,446	1.1%
Budget Committee	1,113	1,148	1,148	0.0%	1,148	0.0%
Tax Collector	51,615	60,802	61,249	0.7%	61,249	0.7%
Treasurer	12,111	12,272	12,287	0.1%	12,287	0.1%
Trustees of Trust Funds	8,261	18,600	10,100	-45.7%	10,100	-45.7%
Information Technology	110,218	129,065	150,519	16.6%	150,519	16.6%
Assessor	75,536	76,451	80,227	4.9%	80,227	4.9%
Legal	45,536	65,000	65,000	0.0%	65,000	0.0%
Benefits	702,039	816,101	843,030	3.3%	843,030	3.3%
Planning	74,982	86,086	82,551	-4.1%	82,551	-4.1%
Zoning	13,710	18,212	19,233	5.6%	19,233	5.6%
Buildings	274,597	298,451	308,523	3.4%	308,523	3.4%
Stevens Hall	9,764	10,703	11,902	11.2%	11,902	11.2%
Cemetery	16,351	29,984	30,461	1.6%	30,461	1.6%
Insurance	96,027	104,699	104,614	-0.1%	104,614	-0.1%
Advertising & Regional Dev.	8,104	8,248	8,516	3.2%	8,516	3.2%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,799,927	2,166,986	2,215,913	2.3%	2,215,913	2.3%
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Dept.	690,810	714,251	781,042	9.4%	781,042	9.4%
Ambulance	117,330	119,679	122,839	2.6%	122,839	2.6%
Fire Department	330,272	372,814	402,061	7.8%	402,061	7.8%
Forest Fire	2,000	2,001	2,001	0.0%	2,001	0.0%
Ambulance Billing	-	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Building Inspection	91,981	99,112	101,205	2.1%	101,205	2.1%
Emergency	7,150	10,381	10,881	4.8%	10,881	4.8%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,239,543	1,318,239	1,420,030	7.7%	1,420,030	7.7%
HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
Highway	697,913	745,115	754,523	1.3%	754,523	1.3%
Street Lighting	4,139	4,300	4,300	0.0%	4,300	0.0%
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	702,052	749,415	758,823	1.3%	758,823	1.3%
SANITATION						
Transfer Station	166,415	195,249	206,138	5.6%	206,138	5.6%
Landfill	12,141	8,650	12,500	44.5%	12,500	44.5%
TOTAL SANITATION	178,556	203,899	218,638	7.2%	218,638	7.2%
HEALTH & WELFARE						
Animal Control	-	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Health Agencies	16,950	23,050	22,750	-1.3%	22,750	-1.3%
General Assistance	10,579	13,900	12,450	-10.4%	12,450	-10.4%
Welfare-Intergovernment	4,512	4,512	4,512	0.0%	4,512	0.0%
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	32,041	43,962	42,212	-4.0%	42,212	-4.0%
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Recreation	65,592	70,179	76,504	9.0%	76,504	9.0%
Wason Pond	6,844	6,943	8,463	21.9%	8,463	21.9%
WP Caretaker Cottage	772	900	1,099	22.1%	1,099	22.1%
WP Bath House	174	280	280	0.0%	280	0.0%
WP Commission	-	455	256	-43.7%	256	-43.7%
Library	164,610	165,910	169,960	2.4%	169,960	2.4%
Patriotic	7	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
PACT	-	5,940	6,000	1.0%	6,000	1.0%
Chester Senior Citizens	10,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%	15,000	0.0%
Town Fair Fireworks	-	7,000	7,000	0.0%	7,000	0.0%
Spring Hill Farm	4,096	6,210	4,250	-31.6%	4,250	-31.6%
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	252,095	279,817	289,812	3.6%	289,812	3.6%
CONSERVATION						
Conservation Commission	801	954	1,200	25.8%	1,200	25.8%
Agricultural Commission	133	600	5	-99.2%	5	-99.2%
TOTAL CONSERVATION	934	1,554	1,205	-22.5%	1,205	-22.5%
<i>Subtotal before Debt</i>	<i>4,205,148</i>	<i>4,763,872</i>	<i>4,946,633</i>	<i>3.8%</i>	<i>4,946,633</i>	<i>3.8%</i>
DEBT SERVICE						
Principal	108,526	48,748	50,358	3.3%	50,358	3.3%
Interest	6,524	3,274	1,664	-49.2%	1,664	-49.2%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	115,050	52,022	52,022	0.0%	52,022	0.0%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	4,320,198	4,815,894	4,998,655	3.8%	4,998,655	3.8%

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

Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 – Multi-Purpose Room – 7 AM to 7 PM				
1	Town Officials			
2	Zoning: Parking Lot Requirements		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3	Zoning: Home Business		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4	Zoning: Dimensional and Area Requirements		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Zoning: Basal Area and No Clearing Buffer Zones		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Zoning: Open Space Subdivision		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Zoning: Public Hearing and Notice		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
8	Zoning: Expiration of Special Exception/Variance		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Saturday, March 14th, 2020 – Multi-Purpose Room – 9 AM				
Tax Impact				
9	Road Bond	\$0.05	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
10	Two New Fulltime Firefighters	\$0.27	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11	Steeple Repair	\$0.04	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12	Tax Credit for Combat Service		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
13	Establish PACT Revolving Fund	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14	Rescind PACT Special Revenue Fund	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15	PACT	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16	Operating Budget		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
17	CIP Funding	\$0.98	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
18	CIP Projects	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
19	Highway CIP Funding	\$0.84	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
20	Highway CIP Projects	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
21	Petition – SB2	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
22	300 th Anniversary	\$0.01	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
23	Roadside Tree Removal	\$0.07	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
24	Ortho Rectifying Maps	\$0.02	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
25	Winter Road Maintenance Fund	\$0.15	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
26	Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.03	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
27	Historic Building CRF	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
28	Transportation Improvement CRF	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
29	Great Hill Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
30	Historical Document Digitization	\$0.02	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
31	Petition – Indigenous Peoples Day	\$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
32	Reports, Other Business			

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