

**ARTICLE 4: 2021 OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Ten Million, Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$10,267,295.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million, One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$10,132,269.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-3]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 5: POLICE UNION CONTRACT -----DRAFT-----**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Epping and the New England Police Benevolent Association – Local #28, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increases
2021	\$31,260.00
2022	\$58,370.00
2023	\$23,190.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$31,260.00) for the current budget year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the prior agreement. The total estimated aggregate cost for the three (3) years is Two Hundred

Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$240,855.00). Note: This agreement has an automatic renewal or “evergreen” clause. If approved, the terms of this agreement shall continue from year to year. The estimated additional cost attributable to the evergreen clause after 2023 is \$            per year.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen    ]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee    ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

#### **ARTICLE 6: ACCRUED BENEFITS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee    ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

#### **ARTICLE 7: TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee    ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

#### **ARTICLE 8: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee    ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

## **ARTICLE 9: WATSON ACADEMY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Watson Academy Repairs Expendable Trust Fund.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

## **ARTICLE 10: RECREATION FACILITIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Recreation Facilities Expendable Trust Fund.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

## **ARTICLE 11: LANDFILL CLOSURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1]**

**[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

## **ARTICLE 12: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be place in the previously established Government Buildings Expendable Trust Fund.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 13: EPPING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 14: HIGHWAY GARAGE ADDITION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for the purpose of constructing a 50' x 75' addition to the existing Highway Garage. The Highway Garage is located at 129 Coffin Rd., Map 24, Lot 96.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 15: BY PETITION: NEW OVERHEAD DOORS FOR THE EPPING FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BRICKYARD MUSEUM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to replace the overhead doors on the 1935 Fire Station, now being converted to the Epping Fire Department and Brickyard Museum. The doors will have windows as they were when this building was an active fire station.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 16: BY PETITION: ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$5,152.00) to enable Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program to continue to provide the meal service to older homebound and disabled Epping residents.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 17: CHANGE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR ASSISTANT POSITION TO FULL TIME**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$40,100.00) to change the current Part Time Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistant position to Full Time with benefits.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 18: MOTOR VEHICLE RACE TRACKS BYLAW CHANGE**

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the “By-Laws to the Regulation and Licensing of Motor Vehicle Race Tracks” as adopted by Article 20 of the March 1971 Town Meeting and amended by Article 36 of the March 1976 Town Meeting as amended by Article 14 of the March 1977 Town Meeting as amended by Article 15 of the March 1986 Town Meeting as amended by Article 18 of the March 1990 Town Meeting as amended by Article 32 of the March 1994 Town Meeting as amended by Article 26 of the March 2018 Town Meeting as follows:

Amend Article IV of the By-Laws which reads, “Sufficient fire protection equipment and facilities as may be required by the Fire Chief shall be provided on the race track premises at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator.”

To read as follows:

New Language - “Article IV: Sufficient fire protection equipment, personnel, planning and facilities as may be required by the Fire Chief shall be provided on the race track premises whenever the facility is open to the public and includes scheduled and

nonscheduled events, track rentals, practice sessions and private sessions at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator. Protection, equipment, personnel, planning and facilities shall adhere to all provisions of National Fire Protection Association 610 (NFPA 610) Guide for Emergency and Safety Operations at Motorsports Venues.”

2. Amend Article VI of the By-Laws which reads, “Adequate ambulance service shall be provided on the race track premises at all time during which the race track is open to the general public and/or operating, at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator. In determining what is adequate, consideration shall be given to the nature of the activities being conducted, the number of persons present on the race track premises, and the requirements of the Fire Chief.”

To read as follows:

New Language - “Adequate ambulance service shall be provided on the race track premises at all times during which the race track is open to the public and includes scheduled and nonscheduled events, track rentals, practice sessions and private sessions at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator. In determining what is adequate, consideration shall be given to the nature of the activities being conducted, the number of persons present on the race track premises, and the requirements of the Fire Chief. A Memorandum of Understanding shall be executed annually by the Fire Chief and the race track owner and/or operator detailing requirements for emergency medical services to include transport and standby responsibilities for the ensuing year prior to Fire Chief approval.”

**[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]**

**Majority vote required**

## **ARTICLE 19: BY PETITION: ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY ACTION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$11,300.00) for the purpose of funding Rockingham Community Action for its work in providing fuel, utility, food, homeless and housing assistance, budgeting education and support to Epping residents in crisis to move them toward self-sufficiency.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen ]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 20: BY PETITION: COMMUNITY CHILDREN’S FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of supporting services provided to residents by the Community Children’s Fund (CCF). CCF raises funds that are distributed to families in need in the form of vouchers that can be redeemed at local stores to purchase warm clothing and bedding. The organization also provides direct financial assistance to the schools to help cover student unmet needs.

**[Recommended by Board of Selectmen ]**

**[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee ]**

**Majority Vote Required**