

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WINDHAM, NH
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Budget and Warrant for 2017 on Monday, **January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the Community Development Department, in accordance with RSA 32. A second hearing, if necessary, will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm, at the Community Development Department. The proposed budget figures are as follows:

General Government	\$ 2,303,230.00
Public Safety	\$ 7,351,050.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges	\$ 1,204,580.00
Sanitation	\$ 836,450.00
Health and Human Services	\$ 41,330.00
Welfare	\$ 45,540.00
Culture and Recreation	\$ 1,487,605.00
Debt Service	\$ 86,215.22
Capital Outlay - Roads	<u>\$ 360,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Budget	<u>\$ 13,716,000.22</u>

Note that the Default Budget for 2017 would be \$13,430,215.22

The Selectmen will also address all Petition and Special Warrant Articles including:

(1)	\$ 850,000	For the purpose of purchasing a Fire Quint Aerial for the Fire Department to replace the 1980 Ladder truck. The funding for this purchase would come from a 12 year bond with estimated annual payments of \$85,000 based on current interest trends.
(2)	\$ 50,000	For Property Maintenance Trust.
(3)	\$ 30,000	For Earned Time Trust.
(4)	\$ 32,500	For Searles School Marketing and Maintenance. Funding to come from Searles Revenue Fund.
(5)	\$ 100,000	To establish a new Facilities Improvement Trust. Funding to come from the 2016 fund balance.
(6)	\$ 900,000	For the purpose of paying the costs to design, engineer, and construct improvements to the Windham Greenway Recreational Trail, including paving said trail. \$720,000 of amount to be reimbursed to the Town as part of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant with the balance of \$180,000 to be paid from the 2017 appropriations. Note that this appropriation would be deemed null and void should the Town not receive the TAP Grant. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(7)	\$ 50,000	For the purpose of replacing the Town's phone system. The system is 30 years old. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(8)	\$ 85,000	To replace the carpeting and hard flooring at the Library, as well as painting of the building's exterior. \$4,735 of this appropriation will be funded from an existing CRF. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.

(9)	\$ 100,000	To establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing the Police Station Dispatch Center. The anticipated cost of the project is \$280,000. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.* If the Greenway Article does not move forward to warrant this project will be changed to a standard funding article to appropriate \$280,000 to complete the replacement in 2017.
(10)	\$ 11,190.00	To fund the first year of a new three year contract with the Municipal Union from 2017-2020. The added cost for 2018 to be \$17,130, in 2019 \$20,440, and in 2020 \$6,160. The contract will expire on March 31, 2020.
(11)	\$ 36,190.00	To fund the first year of a new three year contract with the Fire Union from 2017-2020. The added cost for 2018 to be \$30,210, in 2019 \$36,160, and in 2020 \$9,460. The contract will expire on March 31, 2020.
(12)	\$ 39,840.00	To fund the first year of a new three year contract with the Police Union from 2017-2020. The added cost for 2018 to be \$43,090, in 2019 \$41,530, and in 2020 \$10,170. The contract will expire on March 31, 2020.
(13)	\$ 20,000.00	To fund the programs and celebrations planned for the Town's 275th Anniversary Celebration in the summer of 2017.
(14)	\$ 6,000.00	For improvements within the Mcllvaine Town Forest. Funding to come from the Forest Fund established for this purpose. Article has no additional impact on tax rate.
(15)	\$ 300,000.00	To reconstruct the Moeckel Pond Dam. Funding to come from a \$150,000 State Land Conservation Grant and \$150,000 in donations from the Friends of Moeckel Pond. Article is null and void if either the grant or donations are not received.
(16)		To adopt By-Laws for the Management of the Mcllvaine Town Forest; owned by the Town and under the stewardship of the Forestry Committee.
(17)	\$ -	For funding associated with allowing the BOS to accept a perpetual easement deed on tax map 25-C-250 (Moeckel Pond Dam) as well as an access easement over Bay Leaf Road in Pelham. Easements are needed as part of applying for the grant to reconstruct Moeckel Pond Dam. A cost of \$1 may be needed for the purchase.
(18)		To adopt the "all veteran" property tax credit under RSA 72:28-b. The amount of the credit is the same as the current \$500 credit given to veterans eligible under existing law.
(19)		To discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds and return any accumulated balances to the General Fund. These funds have either not been active for many years, the project has been completed, or they carry very low balances: Fire Station Renovations (\$122.49), Route 111 Complex (\$1,475.97), Old Fire Station Renovations (\$6,084.27), Senior Center (\$169.04), and Salt Shed (\$1,645.95).

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	To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey or lease the former Police Station/Pre-School facility and associated land for an amount TBD (lot 2-D-900). Said conveyance to include an option to repurchase the premises any time after a period of years TBD for the sum TBD and upon such other terms as may be acceptable to the Selectmen.
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\$ 2,610,720 Subtotal Special Articles

	2017	2016	\$ Inc/(Dec)	% Inc/(Dec)
Operating Budget	\$ 13,716,000.22	\$ 13,563,309.39		
Special Articles	\$ 2,610,720.00	\$ 507,600.00		
Gross Appropriation	\$ 16,326,720.22	\$ 14,070,909.39	\$ 2,255,810.83	16.032%
Less: Revenues	\$ (2,013,235.00)	\$ (262,279.39)		
Total Budget (Net)	\$ 14,313,485.22	\$ 13,808,630.00	\$ 504,855.22	3.656%

As exhibited above, if all special articles are approved (total \$2,610,720), the gross appropriation will increase by \$2,255,810.83 or 16.032% over 2016. The total gross budget for 2017 would then be \$16,326,720.22 before use of other revenue sources.

The 2017 net budget, on which the tax rate is set, would be \$14,313,485.22 which represents a total budget increase of \$504,855.22, or 3.656% after taking into account the use of \$32,500 from the Searles Revenue Fund, \$720,000 State Grant (Greenway), \$150,000 in State Grant and \$150,000 in donations (Moeckel Pond Dam), \$850,000 in bonds (Fire Quint), \$4,735 in use of CRF (Library), \$6,000 in Use of Forest Funds, and \$100,000 in use of fund balance (Facilities Trust). (Grand total of \$2,013,235 in revenue).

Dated: December 22, 2016

**Posted by: David Sullivan
Town Administrator**