



TOWN OF AUBURN VOTER'S GUIDE

**GUIDE TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
2018 TOWN MEETING &
2018 AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING**

AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL

March 13, 2018

Polls open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.



TOWN OF AUBURN

Dear Fellow Residents of Auburn:

This year marks the Town of Auburn's 10th experience with the Official Ballot Voting process that is commonly known as "SB2". The first portion of the annual Town Meeting was held on February 3rd. At that deliberative session, the voters in attendance were presented with the articles on the warrant as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. After discussion of each article, there were no amendments made so the articles remain in their original format. All of these articles are being included on the ballot by the Town Clerk for your consideration at the second portion of Town Meeting. Your chance to cast your vote on these issues, within the privacy of the voting booth, is **Tuesday, March 13th from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Auburn Village School.**

In concert with the Auburn School Board, we are again pleased to provide you with this joint publication that details the issues and items you will be asked to cast your votes on in March.

We realize that sometimes lengthy legal language required by law to write various warrant articles can be confusing to voters who have not been actively involved in the debate that created the article. To help voters have a clearer understanding of each topic, we have prepared the ensuing Voter's Guide for your consideration. The guide is meant to explain, in common language, the intent of each article, as well as offer some background information on the topic. This guide supplements the annual Town Report, which will be available at the Town Hall, the Library, the Police Station and online via the Town's website (www.auburnnh.us). Should you have any questions regarding your town government after reviewing these documents, we urge you to contact any of our Board members or Town Administrator Bill Herman (483-5052) for further information or clarification. Any one of us would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Important decisions regarding the level or type of service your school district and town government delivers to you will be made at the polls. In addition, there are positions within the town and school district governments which will be elected by your vote. We urge you to consider the issues, make informed decisions, and please come to the Auburn Village School on Tuesday, March 13th to cast your vote.

Auburn residents will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed budget and other issues by answering "Yes" or "No" to the questions on the official ballot that will be used in conjunction with the annual election. We are pleased to present you with this 2018 Voter's Guide to assist you as you prepare to vote on the various issues appearing on the School District and Town Meeting warrants.

Tax impact information listed in the guide will not be listed on the ballot. We have provided this information here to give voters an idea of what the individual items will cost if voters approve the item. The tax impact information listed in the voter's guide is simply an estimate based on a current snapshot in time using information and revenue projections that are available today. However, the actual tax rate is not set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHRA) until September or October, using actual information that is available then.

In closing, we would like to "Thank You" for the opportunity to represent you, and we appreciate your consideration as we work together to maintain Auburn as a great community to live in.

Sincerely,

James F. Headd, Chairman
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1. To choose candidates for Town Offices.

FOR SELECTMAN

Three Years

Vote for not more than ONE

Keith Leclair

Russell Sullivan

_____ (Write-in)

FOR MODERATOR

Two Years

Vote for not more than ONE

Kathleen Porter

_____ (Write-in)

FOR HIGHWAY AGENT

Three Years

Vote for not more than ONE

Michael Dross

Francis 'Jack' McFarland

_____ (Write-in)

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Years

Vote for not more than ONE

Nancy J. Mayland

_____ (Write-in)

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Three Years

Vote for not more than ONE

_____ (Write-in)

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Two Years

Vote for not more than ONE

_____ (Write-in)

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Three Years

Vote for not more than ONE

Dorothy J. Carpenter

_____ (Write-in)

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Six Years

Vote for not more than ONE

Joanne T. Linxweiler

_____ (Write-in)

FOR POLICE COMMISSION

Three Years

Vote for not more than ONE

Michael Rolfe

Glenn Shaw

_____ (Write-in)

FOR PLANNING BOARD

Three Years

Vote for not more than TWO

Steve Grillo

Ronald Poltak

_____ (Write-in)

2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the existing Auburn Zoning Ordinance as proposed and recommended by the Auburn Planning Board, in conformance with NH RSA 675:1, et seq., and include the following: (The full text of the proposed regulations is posted and available for inspection at the Town Hall, and is also available to review on the Town web site at www.auburnnh.us).

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Auburn Planning Board for the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 4.04(4) to permit certain structures, with an area of two hundred (200) square feet or less, within side and backyard setbacks, but no closer than fifteen (15) feet to any property line.
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES _____ NO _____

[NOTE: A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Auburn Town Offices and is also posted with the text of the proposed amendments at the Auburn Town Offices and on the Town of Auburn web site – www.auburnnh.us.]

This article was proposed by the Planning Board. The proposal concerns the ability of property owners to have an accessory structure such as a shed, gazebo or greenhouse on their property and be in full compliance with all of the required side and back property setbacks.

With a number of appeals for this type of use and issue going to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, relief is often granted. It was felt if there has not been major concerns in allowing this type of use by local homeowners, the zoning regulation should be modified to make appropriate accommodations for both the benefit of the property owners and the reduction of appeals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The proposal would amend Article 4.04—District Regulations—General to allow accessory structures such as sheds, gazebos and greenhouse to be up to two hundred (200) square feet in size and maintain a minimum building setback of fifteen (15) feet from the side and/or rear property lines. Maximum building /lot coverage and front setback requirements under appropriate district regulation(s) shall still be enforced.

If this proposed amendment is approved, the Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer will be able to issue building permits for these types of structures without property owners having to appeal for a Variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Currently, any shed or accessory structure that is more than one hundred and twenty (120) square feet, property owners have to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the Planning Board's recommendation and will make changes to the zoning regulations for accessory structures such as sheds, gazebos and greenhouses.

A **"No"** vote would leave the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance unchanged in the area of accessory structures, and would require property owners to continue to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for certain structures larger than 120-square-feet.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Auburn Planning Board for the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 3.13 (1) to require multi-unit dwellings to have minimum lot sizes no less than the acreage requirement per dwelling unit for the zoning district in which the dwelling is to be located.
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES ____ NO ____

[NOTE: A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Auburn Town Offices and is also posted with the text of the proposed amendments at the Auburn Town Offices and on the Town of Auburn web site – www.auburnnh.us.]

This article was proposed by the Planning Board. The intent of the proposal is to address an oversight in changes made in the Multi-Family Dwellings (Section 3.13) of the Auburn Zoning Ordinance in 2009. The current ordinance does not require each dwelling unit of a multi-family structure / development have a minimum lot size. The current regulations requires the *"floor area per unit shall not exceed five (5%) percent of the minimum lot size, nor be less than eight hundred (800) square feet."* Required overall lot size can also be determined to be based on the ability of the property to *"have a sufficient communal water system and communal sewer system approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services"*.

With this amendment, the Planning Board is proposing *"the minimum lot size for each multi-unit dwelling shall not be less than the acreage requirement per dwelling unit for the zone in which it is located."*

For example, under the proposed amendment, if a five-unit multi-family dwelling were proposed to be built on a property in the Commercial—2 zone (where multi-family dwelling units are allowed by Special Exception), a minimum of a 10-acre lot would be required to support the proposed multi-family dwelling unit. The minimum lot size in the C-2 zone is two-acres.

The Planning Board believes this will help to maintain the overall rural character of Auburn while still enabling the establishment of multi-unit dwellings in the community.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the Planning Board's recommendation and will establish minimum lot size requirements for multi-family dwelling units that are consistent for the zone they are located.

A **"No"** vote would leave the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance unchanged in the area of minimum lot size for multi-family dwelling units and will enable the potential development of this housing type on smaller sized lots than allowed for other types of development.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by voter petition for the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend the Auburn Zoning Ordinance to re-zone Tax Map #10, Lots #19 and #20 from current Residential Two District (R-2) to Commercial Two District (C-2) to be consistent with other immediate properties on both sides of Hooksett Road adjacent to Exit 2 of NH Route 101. **(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES ____ NO ____

[NOTE: A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Auburn Town Offices and is also posted with the text of the proposed amendments at the Auburn Town Offices and on the Town of Auburn web site – www.auburnnh.us.]

This article was proposed by a petition of 34 Auburn voters. The proposal is to re-zone two properties on Hooksett Road near Exit 2 of NH Route 101 from Residential Two District (R-2) to Commercial Two District (C-2). The two parcels include Tax Map #10, Lot #19 owned by the Auburn School District and Tax Map #10, Lot #20 owned by the Manchester Water Works. The School District parcel includes 58.393-acres of land, while the MWW property totals 26-acres.

The proposal is to expand the current C-2 District that exists in this immediate area. The C-2 District generally covers both sides of Hooksett Road between Rockingham Road and NH Route 101, but only the north side of Hooksett Road from NH Route 101 to Old Candia Road. This proposal would match the commercial zone on the south side of NH Route 101 to Old Candia Road.

With an interest in potentially expanding the commercial or business base of Auburn, town officials believe this is an area that would provide opportunity moving forward, particularly with the potential of a natural gas pipeline coming through the NH Route 101 corridor in the next five years. The petition warrant article was developed by members of the Auburn School Board, was signed by a majority of the members of the School Board and is supported by the Board of Selectmen. Officials of Manchester Water Works do not oppose the proposal as it includes property they own.

The property owned by the School District was purchased in 2006 for approximately \$650,000 when a joint school between Auburn and Candia was being considered. When that prospect failed to move forward, the voters authorized the School Board to sell the property in 2016. That same year, voters also approved a citizens petition that eliminated the cluster development provisions in the Town's Zoning Regulations. When the School Board had the property appraised under those new conditions, the value of the property came in at less than what it was purchased for, and the School Board took the property off the market. Although there are no current plans for the property, changing the zone to commercial should restore value to the property and perhaps allow for it to be sold and returned to the tax rolls.

In considering this petition at a January 17, 2018 public hearing, some members of the Planning Board expressed concern for "spot zoning" in this instance, while a majority of the Planning Board were concerned property owners in the residential zone along Dollard Road were not notified of the proposal. The Planning Board voted 3 to 2 to not recommend the proposal. Town Counsel has since confirmed all of the required and appropriate notices for this petition article had been met or exceeded.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the petition request and would re-zone this area as a Commercial Two District.

A **"No"** vote would not change the zone in this area and would leave this approximate 85-acres in a Residential Two District.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No 4 as proposed by citizen petition for the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article 2.02(28) "Dwelling Unit, Accessory" to permit detached Accessory Dwelling Units.
(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)**

YES NO

[NOTE: A copy of the text of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Auburn Town Offices and is also posted with the text of the proposed amendments at the Auburn Town Offices and on the Town of Auburn web site – www.auburnnh.us.]

This article was proposed by a petition of 32 Auburns voters. The proposal would change the Town's current standards allowing Accessory Dwelling Units that voters approved in 2017 in order to come into compliance with new standards approved by the New Hampshire Legislature (RSA 674) in 2016.

As proposed by citizen petition, a further change would be made to the Town's standards to allow Accessory Dwelling Units to be detached from a primary dwelling unit.

The Town of Auburn has allowed Accessory Dwelling Units through the Town's Zoning Ordinance for a long time. Changes adopted by voters in 2017 were made to ensure the Town was in compliance with the new standards contained in state law, while still enabling the Town to regulate their locations within the community. One of Auburn's current standards is that an Accessory Dwelling Unit is "*one or more rooms attached to a dwelling unit*" and "*must be accessible from the single family dwelling unit to which it is attached*". The unit shall have a firewall separating it from the attached dwelling, and shall have interconnecting smoke and/or fire alarms.

As proposed, the Zoning Ordinance amendment would allow Accessory Dwelling Units on a property of an existing single family dwelling without being attached to that dwelling. It could be part of a stand alone garage, barn or similar facility, or it could be a stand alone structure all by itself. Nothing in the petition article would change the fact any Accessory Dwelling Unit would still need to meet all other requirements of the zoning ordinance provisions such as not exceeding 750-square-feet, having an approved septic system and meeting building codes.

The Planning Board does not recommend this change from the current standards for Accessory Dwelling Units as they believe it would not be in keeping with the intent or spirit of the citizen's desires to maintain the rural character of the community. Having a detached unit, particularly as a stand-alone "tiny home" could present problems with existing lots and neighborhoods which could see the addition of a second separate dwelling unit on these parcels. Under state law (RSA 674), the Town is not allowed to use lot size as a means for determining whether an Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be allowed.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the petition article and will amend the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance to allow Accessory Dwelling Units to be attached to the primary dwelling unit or separate from the primary dwelling unit.

A **"No"** vote would approve the Planning Board's recommendation and leave the Town of Auburn Zoning Ordinance unchanged concerning Accessory Dwelling Units.

3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items for year three of a three-year collective bargaining agreement which resulted from negotiations between the Auburn Board of Selectmen, the Auburn Police Commission and the Auburn Police Union, Local 216 and which represents an estimated increase of \$13,865 over FY 2017 salaries, fringe benefits and other cost items at the current staffing level for the ensuing year; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$13,865), such sum representing the negotiated increase over 2017 salaries, fringe benefits and other cost items at the current staffing levels. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

YES _____ NO _____

This article was proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Police Commissioners. In 2012 members of the Auburn Police Department exercised their right to form a collective bargaining unit that is known as the Auburn Police Union. Included in this unit, as certified by the NH Public Employees Labor Relations Board, are 16 positions including two full-time and one part-time Sergeants, and five full-time and six part-time Police Officers. In 2013, the Auburn Police Union and the Town of Auburn were able to reach agreement for a first time collective bargaining agreement that covered the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, which was approved by voters in March 2013. In 2014, agreement was reached for a second contract that covered the two-year period of April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016. Funding for this agreement was approved by voters in both in March 2014 and March 2015.

In 2016, agreement was reached for a third contract that covered the three year period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019. Funding for the first two years of that three-year agreement was approved by voters in March 2016 and March 2017.

Article 3 of the 2018 Town Warrant is seeking funding for the cost items of the third and final year of that three-year agreement which totals \$13,865.

In general terms, the funds will cover the potential of a 1.95% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all position and a single step increase (2%) for all the full and part-time officers covered by the Auburn Police Union, as defined by the wage scale included with the collective bargaining agreement. The funding also includes the costs of the related payroll benefits of Social Security, Medicare and/or the NH Retirement System, depending on the position.

The COLA and step increase adjustments are exactly the same that are included in the proposed operating budget for all other full and part-time Town employees who are not part of a collective bargaining unit.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the cost items for year three of the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Auburn and the Auburn Police Union.

A **"No"** vote would not provide funding for year three of the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Auburn and the Auburn Police Union, and would return both sides to the negotiations table during 2018 to work on a new agreement.

2018 Tax Impact: \$0.02

4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement in the amount of Two hundred-fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000.00) for the purpose of leasing a new Rosenbauer Smartcab FX Medium Rescue Vehicle for the Auburn Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the down payment for the cab and chassis for that purpose, with this amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2017; This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation (escape) clause. (Majority vote required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES ____ NO ____

This article was proposed by the Board of Selectmen to replace an aging rescue vehicle with a new medium duty rescue vehicle that is designed to meet the needs of the Town of Auburn. For the past 30 years, the Town has operated a rescue vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of 17,500 pounds.

Part of the decision to seek a replacement was based on a need to increase the size and capacity of the rescue vehicle. With the current vehicle, we have experienced the following:

- ◆ The transmission was replaced in 2015 and had to be completely overhauled in 2017, Every time the truck goes into second gear, the transmission slips.
- ◆ Finding parts for the electronics is often difficult and expensive because the body is now considered an antique. The wiring is old, brittle and has been cut & spliced many times.
- ◆ Personnel have to climb over things to get to equipment needed in an emergency
- ◆ With a crew, the rescue currently weighs 17,000 pounds. That's a lot of weight to constantly have on the chassis and for the engine to pull.

For nearly nine months, members of the Fire Department's Truck Committee worked to design and develop specifications for the replacement of Rescue 1, and then solicit proposals for a new replacement vehicle. Six vendors submitted proposals on building a new medium duty rescue vehicle.

Rosenbauer New England, LLC was chosen as they quoted on the exact vehicle the Town of Auburn needs now and for the next 30 years. Not only did they fulfill our needs and specifications, they were also the lowest price of the six vendors who submitted proposals. Based in Brunswick, Maine, Rosenbauer's bid of \$317,000 is less than all other proposals received, and is approximately \$55,000 cheaper than a neighboring community is going to pay over the life of a lesser vehicle they placed into service in 2016.

The Auburn truck will be built on a Kenworth commercial cab and chassis that will provide a GVW of 34,000. If the warrant article is approved and the Town orders the vehicle, it will not be completed or put into service for approximately 10 to 12 months. These vehicles are custom-made to order.

As presented, the Town will front \$100,000 towards the vehicle in 2018. This will effectively purchase the Kenworth cab and chassis, on which Rosenbauer will then built the new rescue vehicle. The Town will finance the remaining \$215,000 through a lease/purchase process with five annual payments of approximately \$46,000. These payments would be made from 2019 through 2024.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the acquisition of the proposed medium duty rescue vehicle and authorize a \$100,000 payment towards the vehicle.

A **"No"** vote would not authorize any new acquisition, and the Auburn Fire Department will continue to use and maintain the current Rescue 1 vehicle.

2018 Tax Impact: \$0.00

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to purchase the 1.9-acre parcel of land (Tax Map #26, Lot #10) on Hooksett Road adjacent to existing Town property occupied by the Griffin Free Public Library. This sum to come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2017 with no additional amount to be raised by taxation in 2018.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES ____ NO ____

This article was proposed by the Board of Selectmen. For 124 years, the Griffin Free Public Library has served the interests and needs of Auburn. Sitting on a half-acre lot, the last major improvement was an expansion of the parking lot to accommodate 10 vehicles. The lot is now maxed-out.

Town officials recognized years ago the future of the library was limited. In order to maximize their space, the library staff and Trustees installed movable shelving to open up meeting space and use a patio area for outdoor events. Still, the current space limits their options. Despite the limitations, foot traffic in the library is up 34% over the last two years. The number of programs, clubs and activities at the Griffin Free Public Library continues to grow. The number of people participating in these activities is up 100%.

Approximately five years ago, land immediately adjacent to the library property went on the market. Recognizing a potential opportunity for the Town, the Library Trustees and Board of Selectmen met with the property owners. Unfortunately, the parties could not agree on a purchase price. Late in 2016, other potential uses of this property were under consideration including potential townhouses and an auto garage. Knowing the Town was not in a position to act quickly and that the property owners did not want to wait until a March Town Meeting vote, a group of 15 Auburn residents and officials formed the "Friends of Auburn". They met with the Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to determine the Town's interest in potentially owning this property. Receiving positive encouragement and support, the Friends of Auburn negotiated with the property owners and secured a 1.9-acre parcel of land adjacent to the library property.

Following several discussions with the Board of Selectmen, the Friends of Auburn raised \$200,000 to purchase the property with the sole intent of holding it for the Town. In doing so, they are providing an interest-free loan to the Town with the full support of the Board of Selectmen. The purchase price for the property in October 2017 was \$190,000. Additional expenses have included title search, legal fees & costs (\$6,028.59), deed recording (\$20.49), LCHIP Surcharge at Registry (\$25), Real Estate Transfer Tax (\$1,425), Title Insurance (\$380) and prorated property taxes (\$379.08). When the Town purchases the property, the Friends of Auburn will face an additional Real Estate Transfer tax (\$1,425) and LCHIP surcharge (\$25), bringing the total expenses incurred to \$199,708.16. When the Town purchases the property, the Town will only be covering those actual expenses incurred by the Friends of Auburn.

There is nothing specifically planned now and nothing would happen immediately. Without the addition of this land, nothing is possible and future library growth can only happen somewhere else. If the Town acquires this property, it opens up a host of potential opportunities. That could mean an expansion of the library. It could mean the establishment of a "community center" type facility as was discussed at the Deliberative Session. It could mean different things for young residents and seniors alike. With the land, Griffin Free Public Library and the Town of Auburn can plan for the future which is not possible today.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the purchase of the property abutting the Griffin Free Public Library on Hooksett Road for the future use by the Town.

A **"No"** vote would not approve the purchase of property and may result in it being sold to another entity for a different use.

2018 Tax Impact: \$0.00

6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B: 2, II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation programs and donations shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's general fund. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same upon order of the Board of Selectmen. These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B and subject to a policy to be developed by the Board of Selectmen. No expenditure from this fund shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

YES ____ NO ____

This article was proposed by the Board of Selectmen. In 2017, the Board of Selectmen approved requests from the Parks and Recreation Commission to offer three different recreation programs for specific interests and age groups provided the cost of the program be covered by the registration fees charged to the participants so there would be no cost to the taxpayers.

The three programs offered included a Fast Track Running Program during the summer, a Lil' Yogis Yoga Program in the fall and a babysitting and child care safety course which booked to capacity and will be offered again in 2018. Collectively, the three programs cost \$2,835.12 to operate, while registration fees generated \$3,591 in revenue. In order to handle these three programs, public hearings had to be held for the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend funds as these were outside of the Town operating budget.

By establishing a Recreation Revolving Fund as allowed by state statute, the Town through the Parks & Recreation Commission would be able to offer similar programs through the course of the year without impacting the Town budget or tax rate. The programs would have to pay for themselves and, occasionally, excess funds would be able to be used to help reduce the costs of other programs or could cover the costs of other programs.

A Recreation Revolving Fund enables the development of "pay as you go" programs for Auburn residents of all ages. The fund is separate from the Town's general fund and any money that goes through the fund can only be used for recreation purposes, and can not obligate the Town to spend any other public funds that are not already budgeted.

If approved, the fund would be managed through the Town Treasurer, and would be fully reported in the annual Town Report and records, and would be included in the annual audit of Town finances and accounts. This is very similar to the Police Details Revolving Fund and the Conservation Fund that Auburn voters established in earlier years.

A **"Yes"** vote would authorize the establishment of a Recreation Revolving Fund that could support various recreation programs without raising funds from taxes.

A **"No"** vote would not authorize the establishment of a Recreation Revolving Fund to support various programs through registration fees charged for each program.

2018 Tax Impact: \$0.00

7. To see if the Town will vote to permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment in accordance with RSA 202-A:11-b. If approved, this authorization shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by a future Town Meeting vote.

YES ____ NO ____

This article was proposed by the Board of Selectmen. For more than 15 years now, the Griffin Free Public Library and the Board of Library Trustees have operated under the belief the provisions of RSA 202-A:11-b had been adopted by the voters of Auburn. However, in researching the record of past Town Meetings, it was determined these provisions were never adopted.

Generally speaking, this article would deal with the 10-cents per page photocopying charge the Library has when members of the public make copies of materials while at the Library, or if they were to print materials from a computer using a printer owned by the Library. This results in a few hundred dollars in income a year, which is fully managed and accounted for by the Treasurer of the Library, and is included in the annual financial reports and audit of all Town financial records.

At this point in time, those are the only charges the Library has for the use of equipment by patrons. The funds raised and retained help off-set to a limited extent the repair or upgrading of that equipment or for the purchase of books and other supplies.

Auburn learned it had not formally adopted this statutory provision when the NH Department of Revenue Administration (NHDRA) was surveying all municipalities on the adoption of a number of different statutory provisions such as the acceptance of gifts and grants to the semi-annual billing for property taxes. It was during that survey process that it was determined the question had not be placed before Town Meeting voters in the past when current officials had thought it had been.

This action is viewed as a housekeeping action which will not change anything in current operations.

A **"Yes"** vote would authorize the retaining of the revenue received from photocopying by the Griffin Free Public Library and sustain current practice.

A **"No"** vote would not authorize the retaining of this revenue by the Griffin Free Public Library. Instead, it would have to be turned over to the Town Treasurer to become part of the Town's general fund and would eliminate it from use in providing some support to the Library.

8. To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Auburn?

YES ____ NO ____

This article was provided by the State of New Hampshire and the Board of Selectmen agreed to put it forward to the voters.

In 2017, the New Hampshire Legislature passed SB 191 which establishes Keno as a revenue source to fund full-day kindergarten in New Hampshire. In response to that, the New Hampshire Lottery has launched a new lottery game called KENO 603, which will be played exclusively in taverns and restaurants that have active liquor pouring licenses.

The law as written and signed by Governor Sununu, provides the option to municipalities to allow Keno in their communities by putting it on as a warrant article to be considered by citizens at their annual town meetings. That is what the Auburn Board of Selectmen has chosen to do — put the question before the voters and allow them to decide whether they want to allow Keno within the Town of Auburn.

Operation of Keno in the State of New Hampshire has been assigned to the New Hampshire Lottery. Of the requirements that are known today, there are only two current establishments that would qualify to host Keno. They include the Auburn Tavern and the Auburn Pitts. It is certainly possible other establishments would qualify in the future.

At least one of these establishments are interested in offering its customer Keno. They would not be able to do so unless the Town approves the warrant article allowing the operation of keno games in the Town of Auburn.

Since Keno was approved last summer, eight communities have already approved of the games, while many others will be voting on the issues at the March, April or May ballot voting. One of the communities that has already approved Keno is the City of Manchester, where several taverns and restaurants have already begun to sell Keno tickets. At least one of the those establishments are within two miles of both Auburn businesses that could be allowed to operate Keno. As one of the Auburn establishments owners commented to the Board of Selectmen, their ability to maintain a competitive offering for their customers who are interested in playing Keno rests with their ability to offer Keno. If they are not able to do so, some of their customer base may be lost to nearby Manchester establishments that already offer Keno.

There is no regulation of Keno by the local government. Just the decision to allow it to take place within the community. If approved, all issues and processes concerning Keno will be managed through the New Hampshire Lottery.

A **"Yes"** vote would allow the operation of Keno games within the Town of Auburn.

A **"No"** vote would not allow the operation of Keno games within the Town of Auburn and would prevent local businesses from offering this game to their customers.

2018 Tax Impact: \$0.00

9. 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 amounts 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 **\$5,329,161**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$5,346,125**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Auburn 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. NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

YES ☐ NO ☐

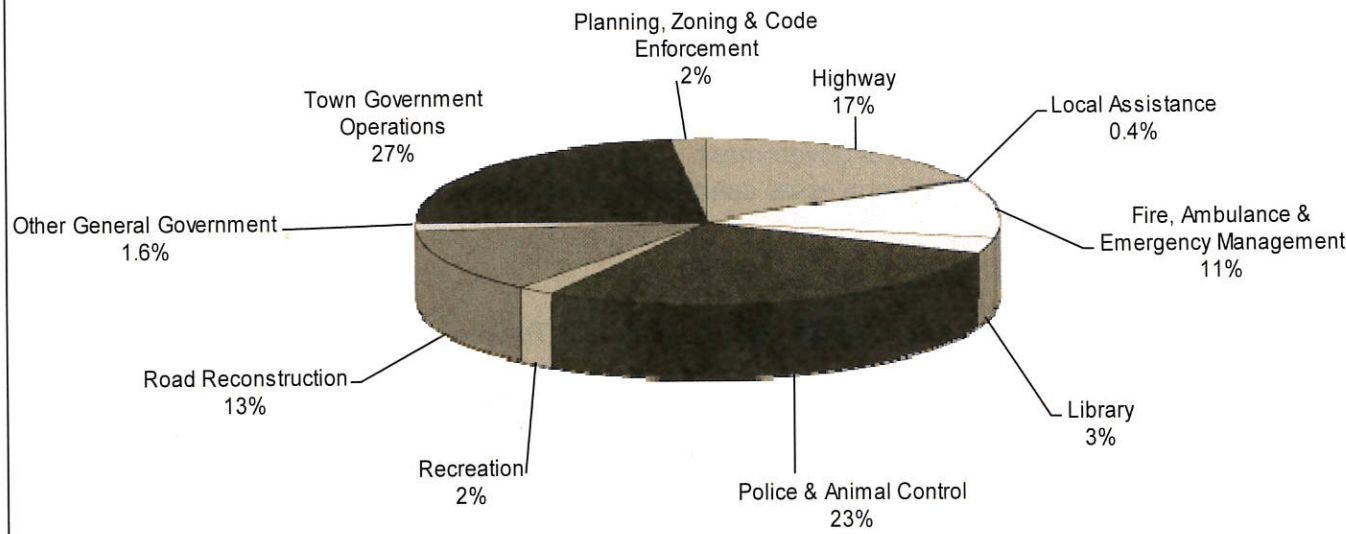
A **"Yes"** vote would approve the proposed 2018 operating budget totaling \$5,329,161 as presented by the Budget Committee.

2018 Tax Impact: \$4.24

A **"No"** vote would not approve the proposed operating budget as presented by the Budget Committee and would result in the Default Budget totaling \$5,346,125, calculated by the Board of Selectmen, being adopted.

2018 Tax Impact: \$4.26

2018 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET BREAKDOWN



TOWN OF AUBURN

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET and 2018 DEFAULT BUDGET

Department	Budgeted 2017	Expended 2017**	Proposed 2018	Default Budget
Executive	259,727.00	243,302.00	268,767.00	262,786.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	81,978.00	82,423.00	95,810.00	93,780.00
Financial Administration	97,767.00	89,548.00	160,833.00	158,850.00
Legal Expenditures	57,000.00	36,109.00	42,000.00	57,000.00
Personnel Administration	394,311.00	383,029.00	433,853.00	431,616.00
Planning & Zoning	33,751.00	41,563.00	37,651.00	33,751.00
General Government Buildings	134,786.00	102,899.00	127,443.00	127,377.00
Cemeteries	36,323.00	27,036.00	25,280.00	26,050.00
Insurance	109,571.00	109,172.00	115,065.00	115,065.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	8,583.00	8,584.00	8,829.00	8,829.00
Other General Government	120,514.00	113,086.00	113,213.00	114,832.00
Police	1,161,580.00	1,036,592.00	1,209,875.00	1,204,439.00
Ambulance	80,083.00	80,083.00	83,896.00	83,896.00
Fire	416,239.00	353,388.00	416,944.00	407,316.00
Building Inspection	66,057.00	60,869.00	69,864.00	66,648.00
Emergency Management	701.00	126.00	8,427.00	701.00
Other Public Safety - Town Details	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Highways & Streets	943,006.00	966,282.00	942,865.00	943,006.00
Street Lighting	13,500.00	12,092.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal	11,500.00	19,367.00	18,800.00	16,800.00
Health Administration	2,597.00	1,336.00	2,565.00	2,596.00
Animal & Pest Control	19,830.00	18,697.00	20,471.00	20,052.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,875.00	5,875.00
Direct Assistance	16,969.00	17,249.00	19,521.00	16,969.00
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	4,471.00	4,471.00	4,471.00	4,471.00
Parks & Recreation	89,438.00	79,684.00	111,171.00	87,743.00
Library	156,544.00	144,701.00	169,272.00	159,477.00
Patriotic Purposes	6,650.00	6,484.00	6,850.00	6,650.00
Conservation Commission	2,767.00	904.00	2,351.00	2,351.00
Principle - Bonds & Notes	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Interest - Bonds & Notes	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	72,696.00	72,696.00	72,696.00	72,696.00
Road Reconstruction	800,000.00	752,627.00	700,000.00	800,000.00
Recreation Improvements	23,000.00	23,923.00	20,000.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$5,228,742.00	\$4,894,122.00	\$5,329,161.00	\$5,346,125.00

**** Expended 2017 Column is as of January 2, 2018 and does not reflect final December postings, year-end adjustments or accrued expenses.**

2018 Town of Auburn – Proposed Budget Summary

The proposed 2018 operating budget of \$5,219,573 as presented by the Auburn Budget Committee represents an increase of 2.1% from the approved Town budget for 2017. The estimated tax rate increase in the Town portion of property taxes would be \$0.15 to support this proposed budget.

Under the “SB 2” budgeting process that Auburn adopted in 2008, should the proposed budget not be adopted, then a default budget of \$5,346,125 would take effect. The default budget represents an increase of 2.42% over the approved budget for 2017. Due to the anticipated net assessed valuation of the Town for 2018, this results in an estimated tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.17.

The potential tax rate impact for either budget is a mixed result of an increased tax base (net assessed valuation) in 2018, a leveling of other revenue sources available to the Town, and some increases and decreases in various operational expenses.

Highlighted below are the projects, equipment and/or items included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the same level of quality services the residents of Auburn have come to expect.

- The **Elections and Registration** overall budget reflects an increase due to there being three elections in 2018 (local March elections, September State Primary and November State General elections), where there was only one in 2017.
- The **Financial Administration** budget has been increased by \$63,000 to cover the required once every five years evaluation of property throughout the community.
- The **Legal Expenditures** budget has been reduced by \$15,000 in anticipation of less activity in this area.
- The **Personnel Administration** budget reflects a \$39,500 increase due in part to a rate increase for the employer's share of health insurance costs, for the full-years cost of coverage for a new full-time police officer position established in July 2017, and for six-months of funding coverage for one additional full-time police officer as of July 1, 2018.
- The **Insurance** budget that covers property and liability, workers compensation and unemployment compensation coverage has been increased by approximately \$5,500 to cover increases in workers compensation and property and liability coverage which are the result of the Town's claims record and overall economic trends.
- The **Police Department** budget has been increased by approximately \$48,295 due to maintain the Department's regular rotation of replacing two police cruisers a year through a lease/purchase process and to absorb the full year's wages of an additional full-time officer hired in July of last year.
- The **Emergency Management** budget reflects an increase of nearly \$7,500 to develop and provide a new mass notification system called “Everbridge” that will be able to be utilized by all emergency services departments and potentially the school district.
- The **Ambulance** budget reflects an increase of \$3,800 as a result of contractual obligations to the Town of Derry for this service.
- The **Solid Waste** budget was increased by \$7,000 to provide address new requirements concerning water sampling and testing for PFOAs at the closed landfill property.
- The **Direct Assistance** budget has been increased by \$2,500 based on the case load and expenditures of 2017.
- The **Recreation** budget reflects an increase of approximately \$21,700 due to increased costs for fields and property maintenance, and the purchase of basic tools and equipment.
- The **Library** budget reflects a \$12,728 increase in part to address computer system issues and to replace shelving in the area of the Children's Section of the library that are designed for large, thin picture books.
- The **Road Reconstruction** account has been reduced by \$100,000 as the Town is nearing a point when most major reconstruction work has been completed.
- The overall **Town Budget** includes the potential for Step Increases (2%) for Town employees, in addition to a general cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 1.95% for all employees.

2018 Town of Auburn - Default Budget Summary

The proposed 2018 operating budget of \$5,219,573 as presented by the Auburn Budget Committee represents an increase of 2.1% from the approved Town budget for 2017. The estimated tax rate increase in the Town portion of property taxes would be \$0.15 to support this proposed budget.

Under the "SB 2" budgeting process, should the proposed budget not be adopted, then a default budget of \$5,346,125 would take effect. The default budget, as developed by the Auburn Board of Selectmen, represents an increase of 2.42% over the approved budget for 2017, and carries an estimated tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.17.

While the Proposed Operating Budget and the Default Budget are similar in many ways, there are differences in how money is allocated between the two budgets.

The Default Budget begins with the approved budget of 2017. Clear one-time expenditures are to be deducted from that amount. Cost increases associated with contracted and other legal obligations the Town has (such as the number of elections scheduled during the year, personnel costs, fire and police dispatching services, ambulance service, assessing services, utility costs, NH Retirement System rates, etc.) are added to the budget.

Highlighted below are some of the major differences between the Proposed 2018 Default Budget and what is contained in the proposed 2018 Operating Budget:

- The **Legal Expenses** budget would remain at the 2017 level of \$57,000, which is \$15,000 higher than the Proposed Operating Budget amount.
- The **Fire Department** budget would be reduced by \$9,600, which would affect both personnel and prevent some repair and restorative work planned by the Cemetery Trustees from occurring at the Longmeadow Cemetery.
- The **Emergency Management** budget would be reduced by nearly \$7,500, which would eliminate the proposed mass notification system for the Town's emergency services departments.
- The **Direct Assistance** budget would be reduced by \$2,500 making it difficult to meet the case load and expenditures of 2017.
- The **Parks & Recreation** budget would be reduced by \$23,428 which would eliminate many property improvements and basic tool & equipment purchases.
- The **Road Reconstruction** budget would be level funded at 2017's amount of \$800,000 and not reduced to \$700,000.
- The **Library** budget would be approximately \$10,000 less what was budgeted, affecting both personnel, computer system improvements and the replacement of shelving in the Children's Room.
- The **Recreation Improvement** budget of \$20,000 is not included at all in the Default Budget. This budget line provides funding to build and install dugouts and make other safety improvements at the Wayne Eddows Recreational Area to address safety concerns for the ball teams.
- The overall **Town Default Budget** does not include the potential Step Increases (2.0%) and Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 1.95% for non-unionized Town employees as defined in the Town of Auburn Personnel Policy, and the associated costs for FICA, Medicare and NH Retirement System contributions for those wage increases.

ESTIMATED HOMEOWNER COST FOR PROPOSED 2018 TOWN BUDGET

Budget by Department	Proposed 2018 Budget	% of Total 2018 Budget	Estimated Tax Dollars Per Year Based on Assessed Value					
			250K Home	300K Home	350K Home	400K Home	450K Home	500K Home
General Executive	\$ 268,767	4.76%	\$ 49.77	\$ 59.73	\$ 69.68	\$ 79.63	\$ 89.59	\$ 99.54
Elections & Registrations	\$ 95,810	1.70%	\$ 17.74	\$ 21.29	\$ 24.84	\$ 28.39	\$ 31.94	\$ 35.49
Financial Administration	\$ 160,833	2.85%	\$ 29.78	\$ 35.74	\$ 41.70	\$ 47.65	\$ 53.61	\$ 59.57
Legal Expense	\$ 42,000	0.74%	\$ 7.78	\$ 9.33	\$ 10.89	\$ 12.44	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.56
Personal Administration	\$ 433,853	7.69%	\$ 80.34	\$ 96.41	\$ 112.48	\$ 128.55	\$ 144.62	\$ 160.69
Planning & Zoning	\$ 37,651	0.67%	\$ 6.97	\$ 8.37	\$ 9.76	\$ 11.16	\$ 12.55	\$ 13.94
Government Buildings	\$ 127,443	2.26%	\$ 23.60	\$ 28.32	\$ 33.04	\$ 37.76	\$ 42.48	\$ 47.20
Cemeteries	\$ 25,280	0.45%	\$ 4.68	\$ 5.62	\$ 6.55	\$ 7.49	\$ 8.43	\$ 9.36
Insurance	\$ 115,065	2.04%	\$ 21.31	\$ 25.57	\$ 29.83	\$ 34.09	\$ 38.35	\$ 42.62
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$ 8,829	0.16%	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.96	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.94	\$ 3.27
Other General Government	\$ 113,213	2.01%	\$ 20.97	\$ 25.16	\$ 29.35	\$ 33.54	\$ 37.74	\$ 41.93
Police Department	\$ 1,209,875	21.44%	\$ 224.05	\$ 268.86	\$ 313.67	\$ 358.48	\$ 403.29	\$ 448.10
Ambulance	\$ 83,896	1.49%	\$ 15.54	\$ 18.64	\$ 21.75	\$ 24.86	\$ 27.97	\$ 31.07
Fire Department	\$ 416,944	7.39%	\$ 77.21	\$ 92.65	\$ 108.10	\$ 123.54	\$ 138.98	\$ 154.42
Building Inspection	\$ 69,864	1.24%	\$ 12.94	\$ 15.53	\$ 18.11	\$ 20.70	\$ 23.29	\$ 25.88
Emergency Management	\$ 8,427	0.15%	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.87	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.81	\$ 3.12
Other Public Safety - Town Details	\$ 1,000	0.02%	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.37
Highway Department	\$ 942,865	16.71%	\$ 174.60	\$ 209.52	\$ 244.45	\$ 279.37	\$ 314.29	\$ 349.21
Street Lighting	\$ 13,500	0.24%	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.00
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 18,800	0.33%	\$ 3.48	\$ 4.18	\$ 4.87	\$ 5.57	\$ 6.27	\$ 6.96
Health Officer	\$ 2,565	0.05%	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.76	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.95
Animal Control	\$ 20,471	0.36%	\$ 3.79	\$ 4.55	\$ 5.31	\$ 6.07	\$ 6.82	\$ 7.58
Health Agencies	\$ 5,875	0.10%	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.96	\$ 2.18
Direct Assistance	\$ 19,521	0.35%	\$ 3.61	\$ 4.34	\$ 5.06	\$ 5.78	\$ 6.51	\$ 7.23
Intergovernmental Welfare	\$ 4,471	0.08%	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.49	\$ 1.66
Parks & Recreation	\$ 111,171	1.97%	\$ 20.59	\$ 24.70	\$ 28.82	\$ 32.94	\$ 37.06	\$ 41.17
Library	\$ 169,272	3.00%	\$ 31.35	\$ 37.62	\$ 43.89	\$ 50.15	\$ 56.42	\$ 62.69
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 6,850	0.12%	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.78	\$ 2.03	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.54
Conservation Commission	\$ 2,351	0.04%	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.87
Long Term Debt - P & I	\$ 2	0.00%	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$ 1	0.00%	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
FD Fire Truck (Lease)	\$ 72,696	1.29%	\$ 13.46	\$ 16.15	\$ 18.85	\$ 21.54	\$ 24.23	\$ 26.92
Road Reconstruction	\$ 700,000	12.40%	\$ 129.63	\$ 155.55	\$ 181.48	\$ 207.41	\$ 233.33	\$ 259.26
Recreation Improvements	\$ 20,000	0.35%	\$ 3.70	\$ 4.44	\$ 5.19	\$ 5.93	\$ 6.67	\$ 7.41
Sub-Total (Operating Budget)	\$ 5,329,161	94.44%	\$ 986.88	\$ 1,184.25	\$ 1,381.63	\$ 1,579.00	\$ 1,776.38	\$ 1,973.75

Warrant Articles								
Auburn Police Union Contract	\$ 13,865	0.25%	\$ 2.57	\$ 3.08	\$ 3.59	\$ 4.11	\$ 4.62	\$ 5.14
Medium Rescue Vehicle	\$ 100,000	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hooksett Road Land Purchase	\$ 200,000	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Library Income from Machines	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Allow Operation of Keno	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sub-Total (Warrant Articles)	\$ 313,865	5.56%	\$ 4.70	\$ 5.64	\$ 6.58	\$ 7.52	\$ 8.46	\$ 9.41

Total Town Budget 2018	\$ 5,643,026	100.00%	\$ 991.58	\$ 1,189.90	\$ 1,388.21	\$ 1,586.53	\$ 1,784.84	\$ 1,983.16
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2017 Approved Total Tax Rate

Town	\$ 2,748,440	4.09	\$ 1,022.50	\$ 1,227.00	\$ 1,431.50	\$ 1,636.00	\$ 1,840.50	\$ 2,045.00
Local School	\$ 9,147,577	13.59	\$ 3,397.50	\$ 4,077.00	\$ 4,756.50	\$ 5,436.00	\$ 6,115.50	\$ 6,795.00
State School	\$ 1,584,249	2.38	\$ 595.00	\$ 714.00	\$ 833.00	\$ 952.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 1,190.00
County	\$ 734,269	1.09	\$ 225.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 381.50	\$ 436.00	\$ 490.50	\$ 545.00
	\$ 14,214,535	21.15	\$ 5,287.50	\$ 6,345.00	\$ 7,402.50	\$ 8,460.00	\$ 9,517.50	\$ 10,575.00



AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTING

MARCH 13, 2018

To choose candidates for School District Offices.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
Three Years
Vote for not more than TWO

Barbara Carpenter

Jason Tyburski

_____ (Write-in)

2. Shall the Auburn School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,300,000 for the purpose of financing the addition / renovation to the Auburn Village School, and authorize the issuance of not more than \$14,300,000 of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1, et. Seq., as amended); to authorize the Auburn School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Auburn School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Auburn School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$357,500 for the first year's interest payment on the bond? **(3/5 ballot vote required) (Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

YES ____ NO ____

In June 2017, the Auburn School Board engaged town departments in a workshop facilitated by Primex, a public organization that supports counties, towns and school districts throughout New Hampshire. The workshop was assembled to understand why the plans to add to and renovate the Auburn Village School failed to pass the previous two years. The result of this workshop was the School Board formulating a School Improvement Committee. This committee was made up of Auburn residents, school board members, school personnel and town government. After many meetings and open dialogue, the committee unanimously supported the new plan being proposed today to add to and renovate the school.

This new plan will add classroom space to get all children under one roof. It will also improve the security of the entire school. Additionally, it will address many needs for other aspects of the school including, but not limited to, the cafeteria, Administration, Nursing and Storage.

The Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$14,300,000 represents an over 40% reduction of the cost of the project proposed in 2017.

With this plan, we will be able to address the most critical problems facing the school!

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the proposed bond issue and the proposed addition and renovation to the Auburn Village School for a guaranteed maximum price of \$14,300,000.

A **"No"** vote would not allow for the borrowing of construction funds as proposed and the proposed addition and renovation to the Auburn Village School would not take place.

2018 Tax Impact: \$0.52

Auburn Village School Proposed Improvement Plan

Goals:

1. **Remove portable & modular structures** and have all kids in the same brick and mortar building.
2. **Comply with safety & security findings** from the NH Department of Homeland Security survey, including improving access to the building and traffic flow.
3. Address space shortages and add space for additional classroom, special education, nursing, teacher and cafeteria space.
4. Allow room for student enrollment growth and **changing educational needs over time**.

Plan Highlights

- **New Classrooms and Space**

The renovation and addition will add 5 classrooms to allow for enrollment growth, future full day Kindergarten and to accommodate 21st century educational needs:

Instructional Space	# Today	# After Project
Classrooms in the building	22	35
Science labs	1	2
Portables & modular classrooms	9	0
Total Instructional Space	32	37

And add 6 spaces for special education and group learning:

Resource & Group Learning Space	# Today	# After Project
Resource / Special Education	7	8+
Small Learning Spaces	0	4
Teacher Meeting Space	1	2
Total Resource & Group Learning Space	8	14+

The Resource / Special Education space will be able to adjust to educational needs.

- **Larger Cafeteria**

The cafeteria will be renovated and expanded, allowing more students to be served faster, have fewer lunch periods, and get all students eating around the lunch hour.

- **Renovations**

- ◆ Larger, more secure entrance, front office and administration space
- ◆ More space for Nurse's Office Renovated bathrooms for students
- ◆ More bathrooms for teachers More storage including for voting booths

Additional areas included in this new proposed project:

- Redoing the ball fields and creating a new exterior basketball court/paved play area to replace existing one
- Redoing roof on majority of building

Items NOT included in this new proposed project:

- No Gymnasium addition, but space planned on property to add later if desired
- No complete renovation to exterior facade or all interior spaces - only portions being renovated
- No complete upgrade to mechanical systems - upgrades will be done over time through annual maintenance budget
- No additional parking or change in traffic flow at this time

Total cost is \$14.3M

- This is 42% lower than last year's \$24.8M plan
- 15 year bond at 3% rate (as of 1/5/2018)
- 15-year estimated tax rate increase is \$1.76 per thousand

Tax Impact

Assessed Value	Annual Tax Increase	Monthly Equivalent	Daily Equivalent
\$ 150,000	\$ 264	\$ 22	\$ 0.72
\$ 200,000	\$ 352	\$ 29	\$ 0.96
\$ 250,000	\$ 440	\$ 37	\$ 1.21
\$ 300,000	\$ 528	\$ 44	\$ 1.45
\$ 350,000	\$ 616	\$ 51	\$ 1.69
\$ 400,000	\$ 704	\$ 59	\$ 1.93
\$ 450,000	\$ 792	\$ 66	\$ 2.17
\$ 500,000	\$ 880	\$ 73	\$ 2.41

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3. Are you in favor of the Auburn School District raising and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts 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 \$13,915,116? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,842,587, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Auburn School District 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 School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

YES ____ NO ____

The majority of the \$190,134 increase in the proposed operating budget is due to:

- ⇒ an increase to student transportation costs,
- ⇒ an increase in the number of Special Education students, and
- ⇒ contractual wage and benefits increases previously approved by voters in 2017.

A **"Yes"** vote would approve the proposed 2018-2019 operating budget totaling \$13,915,116 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

2018 Tax Impact: Local Education - \$13.86
State Education - \$ 2.35

A **"No"** vote would not approve the proposed operating budget as recommended by the Budget Committee and would result in the Default Budget totaling \$13,842,587, calculated by the School Board, being adopted.

2018 Tax Impact: Local Education - \$13.76
State Education - \$ 2.35

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017 APPROVED BUDGET and 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Department	Budgeted 2017	Proposed 2018
Instruction		
Regular Programs	6,981,818.00	6,855,912.00
Special Programs	3,086,453.00	3,134,786.00
Other Programs	71,345.00	69,930.00
Support Services		
Student Support Services	834,423.00	729,139.00
Instructional Staff Services	255,762.00	260,295.00
General Administration		
Other School Board	36,161.00	33,009.00
Executive Administration		
SAU Management Services	287,029.00	299,931.00
School Administration Service	435,044.00	424,686.00
Business	4,199.00	0.00
Plant Operations and Maintenance	636,447.00	645,805.00
Student Transportation	692,119.00	783,266.00
Support Service, Central and Other	215,423.00	210,544.00
Non-Instructional Services		
Food Services Operations	216,340.00	227,808.00
Facilities Acquisition and Construction		
Site Acquisition	1.00	1.00
Architectural/Engineering	1.00	1.00
Fund Transfers		
To Food Service	1.00	1.00
To Other Special Revenue	0.00	240,000.00
To Capital Projects	1.00	1.00
To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	0.00	1.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 13,752,567.00	\$ 13,915,116.00
WARRANT ARTICLES		
Building Renovation / Addition	0.00	14,300,000.00
Debt Service - Interest	0.00	357,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 13,752,567.00	\$ 28,572,616.00

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March 13, 2018

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