



TOWN OF AUBURN AND AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT

GUIDE TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 2023 TOWN MEETING & 2023 AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL March 14, 2023

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



Dear Fellow Residents of Auburn:

We are pleased to provide you with this Guide to the Second Session of 2023 Town and School District Meetings. The Second Session, a ballot voting day, will be held **Tuesday, March 14**th from **7am-7pm** at the **Auburn Village School**.

Produced jointly with the Auburn School Board, this guide is intended to explain, in common language, each article that voters will be asked to vote upon. It also provides some background information on each of the 11 Town and 2 School District ballot articles.

The First Session, or "Deliberative Session" of the Town and School meetings were held on February 4th. Voters in attendance considered each article, and agreed to place all 13 on the ballot without any changes. This first session was preceded by months of work by the Board of Selectmen, School Board, and Budget Committee.

Voters will elect officers and make decisions about important town and school matters on March 14. We encourage you to consider the issues, make informed decisions, and participate that day. Additional information on some articles is available on the town website, along with voter registration details. We welcome your questions prior to voting – please feel free to contact any of us individually, or the Town Administrator Chris Sterndale, via email or phone 603-483-5052.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you, and for your consideration of these important matters. We look forward to seeing you on March 14th.

Sincerely,

Auburn Board of Selectmen Keith N. Leclair, Chair Michael J. Rolfe Thomas F. Carroll

Article 1	
To choose candidates for Town Offices.	FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE One Year
FOR SELECTMAN	Vote for not more than ONE
Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	D '1711'
vote for not more than ONE	David Zaleski
Michael J. Rolfe	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	
	FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Three Years
FOR TOWN CLERK	Vote for not more than ONE
Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	Barbara Carpenter
Kathleen A. Sylvia	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	
	FOR POLICE COMMISSION
FOR TOWN TREASURER	Three Years Vote for not more than ONE
Three Years	vote for not more than 3112
Vote for not more than ONE	David C. Dion
Christine Tewksbury	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	
FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	FOR PLANNING BOARD Three Years Vote for not more than ONE
	Jeffrey Porter
Marilyn Cavanaugh	(Write-in)
(Write-in)	(Wille-iii)
FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	
James D. Thompson	
(Write-in)	

Article 2:

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:

In Article 8 - 55 and Older Housing Regulations, Section 8.07:

Replace the current Section (8) which now reads:

"(8) <u>Building Height:</u> Building height shall be limited to one story unless the following criteria are met:

The second floor has an at-grade access; or

The second and third floor is served by an elevator.

The maximum building height shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet for single-family and multi-family units and support facilities."

With the following Section (8):

"(8) Building Height The maximum building height shall not exceed thirty five (35) feet for a single family and multi-family units and support facilities."

YES	NO	

This article is proposed by the Auburn Planning Board.

In 2020, the Town revised its Zoning Ordinance to provide special regulations for housing developments restricted to residents aged 55 and over.

This amendment would not change the maximum height (35') of buildings in such developments but would remove the requirement for elevators or at-grade access to second floor. Since implementation, the Planning Board has determined that elevators or at-grade access should be optional, rather than required.

A "Yes" vote would remove the requirement for at-grade access or elevators.

A "No" vote would leave those requirements in place

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items related to the second year of a five-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 \$36,744 over FY 2022 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 Thirty-six thousand seven hundred and forty-four dollars (\$36,744), to fund those cost items for FY 2023. Cost items for FY 2024, FY 2025 and FY 2026 will be presented to the voters for their approval in March 2024, March 2025 and March 2026 in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. (Majority Vote Required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES	NO	

This article is proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Police Commissioners.

Most officers of the Auburn Police Department are members of a collective bargaining unit known as the Auburn Police Union. In November, 2021, the town and union agreed to a contract that now extends through March of 2027.

As part of that agreement, cost items that increase each year are brought forward for Town Meeting approval. In general terms, the funds requested this year will cover step increases (3%) and a cost of living adjustment (1.5%) for officer positions covered by the Auburn Police Union. Funding also covers related Social Security, Medicare and/or NH Retirement System costs.

- A "Yes" vote would approve the cost items for the second year of the collective bargaining agreement.
- \overline{A} "No" vote would not provide funding for the second year costs, and would result in the Town and Union returning to negotiations on a new agreement in 2023.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)
to be added to the Revaluation Fund previously established. The sum of \$25,000 to come
from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2022 with no additional
amount to come from taxation in 2023. (Majority Vote Required.) (Recommended by the
Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES	NO	

Every five years, the Town is required by state law to re-assess the value of all properties. The purpose of the "revaluation" is to update the market value of each property for taxation. Auburn contracts with a private firm to provide assessing services, including the revaluation. This will be done in 2023, and again in 2028. The cost of the revaluation in 2023 will be over \$100,000.

The purpose of the Revaluation Fund, created in 1997, is to save funds throughout the five-year revaluation cycle, rather than pay the entire amount every five years. The Fund has not had funds added to it for the past few years, so most of the 2023 revaluation costs are included in the operating budget.

By beginning to save for the 2028 revaluation now, the Town will avoid a large one-time expense at that time. The proposal for this year is to take funds from the general fund (surplus) so there will be no tax impact in 2023.

A "Yes" vote will add \$25,000 to the Revaluation Fund from the general fund surplus.

A "No" vote will add nothing to the fund.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed into the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum of \$10,000 to come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2022 with no additional amount to come from taxation in 2023. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

	YES	NO	

This article is proposed by the Board of Selectmen. In 2016, voters established an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of having funds available to cover the expenses of accrued employment benefits such as vacation and sick leave, paid out when an employee leaves the Town's employ. These are legal liabilities the Town has as an employer.

Over the past three years, an average of \$12,000 has been expended from this fund, and the current balance is approximately \$32,000. The Board of Selectmen are anticipating the retirement of senior employees over the next few years. If approved, funds will come from the unreserved fund balance and have no tax impact in 2023.

A "Yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$10,000 from the unreserved fund balance to the Benefits Liability fund, with no tax impact.

A "No" vote would leave the Benefit Liability fund with a balance of approximately \$32,000.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Ten Thousand dollars (\$210,000) to be placed into the Fleet Maintenance and Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The sum of \$210,000 to come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2022 with no additional amount to come from taxation in 2023. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES NO

This article is proposed by the Board of Selectmen. In 2020, voters established an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of maintaining or replacing vehicles and equipment owned and operating by various Town departments as needs arise. The intention was to manage unanticipated expenses town-wide instead of carrying larger amounts in various department budgets to cover "what ifs." Recent uses of these funds include major repairs to fire department truck pumps, roughly \$18,000 in 2022.

The amount proposed in 2023 (\$210,000) is much higher than what has been typical thus far. The Board of Selectmen have proposed this one-time large appropriation into the fund because of two factors:

- 1-A proposal to purchase a replacement tanker truck for the fire department is anticipated in 2024 or 2025. The price of this vehicle is expected to be much higher than originally anticipated by the Town's Capital Improvement Planning. Setting aside a large amount this year from surplus funds will allow the Town to reduce the tax burden of a truck purchase.
- 2 As part of an agreement with the Auburn School District, the Town received \$180,000 from the proceeds of a land sale made by the District. This one-time event produced larger than normal Town revenues in 2022 and the Board of Selectmen believe that the resulting unreserved fund balance (surplus) is larger than necessary.

The Fleet Maintenance and Replacement Expendable Trust Fund will continue to be used for unanticipated repairs in 2023, in addition to the planned major purchase on the horizon. The current balance of the fund is roughly \$29,000. The proposed amount of \$210,000 would all come from the unreserved fund balance (surplus), with no new taxes raised.

- A "Yes" vote would authorize the deposit of \$210,000 in funds from the undesignated fund balance into the Fleet Maintenance and Replacement Fund. The resulting balance of that fleet fund would be approximately \$239,000.
- A "No" vote would not authorize that deposit, leaving the fleet fund balance at approximately \$29,000.

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Emergency Social Health Fund created in 2004. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. At the end of 2022, the fund held approximately \$16,000. (Majority Vote Required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)				
YES NO				
This article is proposed by the Board of Selectmen. The Emergency Social Health fund was created in 2004 but there is little record of the purpose in mind at the time. Funds have not been added or spent from the fund since.				
The Board is proposing to discontinue the fund as a housekeeping measure, and funds will return to the unreserved fund balance for other uses.				
A "Yes" vote will eliminate the Emergency Social Health Fund and move funds to the fund balance.				
A "No" vote will leave \$16,000 in the Emergency Social Health Fund.				

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. This re-adoption is a procedure required by changes in state law and maintains the current eligibility and benefits for Auburn veterans. (Majority Vote Required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES	NO	

State law was changed in 2022 to expand the "All Veterans Tax Credit," to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. State law also states that when any tax credit programs are amended, that towns must re-adopt the credit.

Auburn has adopted the "All Veterans Tax Credit," instead of the "Standard Veterans Tax Credit." The "Standard" Credit is available only to veterans of certain (wartime) periods. The "All Veterans" Credit is available to all honorably discharged veterans. The Credit is \$500. If this warrant article fails and the All Veterans Credit is not re-adopted, only certain veterans will be eligible for the tax credit.

A "Yes" vote continues the existing credit for veterans and expands it to currently serving individuals.

A "No" vote would revert Auburn to the Standard Credit, available only to certain veterans.

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Auburn, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$225,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$255,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$315,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES	NO
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This article is proposed by the Board of Selectmen. The Town has long offered elderly homeowners with very low incomes and little assets a reduction in property taxes. Residents may apply for this assistance, which reduces the assessment on their home. The purpose is to help these long-time Auburn residents to stay in their homes as they age.

By law, Town Meeting determines the eligibility limits and the amount that is exempt from taxation. All property owners pay the same tax rate.

The Town will undergo the required 5-year revaluation of properties in 2023, and the Board of Selectmen are anticipating a large increase in the value of homes. When this happens, the tax rate typically falls, so the revaluation does not automatically increase tax bills dramatically. However, the amount of the elderly exemption does not automatically change, so those few elderly residents with the exemption could see very large increases in their bills. Roughly 12 residents currently receive the exemption.

The proposed change in exemption amounts, but not in eligibility, is an attempt by the Board of Selectmen to protect those currently receiving the benefit from large surprises in tax bills next year. The net cost to the town will be roughly the same. This exemption was last changed by Town Meeting in 2007.

A "Yes" vote will increase the exemption amount for eligible taxpayers.

A "No" vote will leave the exemption amount at current levels.

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey property north of Audubon Way, approximately 84 acres known as Map 4 Lot 5-3 on town tax maps, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen find to be in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen is under agreement with the Manchester Water Works to exchange the parcel for two other parcels, which will allow for town cemetery expansion and the relocation of the intersection of Depot Road and Hooksett Road. The parcel to be sold is landlocked and under a conservation easement. (Majority Vote Required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

YES	NO	

This article is proposed by the Board of Selectmen. Following several years of discussions with the Manchester Water Works ("MWW"), the Board has agreed to a land exchange, and is asking Town Meeting to allow the conveyance of town-owned land off Audubon Way and close to Lake Massabesic.

To help facilitate the conservation of the property and to acquire grants, the Town came into possession of the property in 2010. Development is prohibited by a conservation easement. No municipal use has been identified for the property, which is surrounded by MWW and Audubon Society land. The MWW approached the Town several years ago with an interest in owning the parcel and managing it with its abutting land.

The Town has identified two parcels of Manchester Water Works property that would address local needs. First is part of Map 10 Lot 3, off Eaton Hill Road Ext. and behind the Town cemetery. A portion of that land will be transferred to the town for future cemetery expansion. Second is a different portion of the same MWW parcel, at the intersection of Hooksett Rd. and Depot Rd. This intersection has poor visibility for turning, and moving it South would provide considerable safety improvements.

The Town and MWW have appraised the properties and portions to be exchanged. Along with drainage improvements to be made by the Town, the proposed exchange represents relatively equal value and no money will change hands. The full agreement between the Town and MWW is posted on the Town's website, and is also currently in the approval process in the City of Manchester.

- A "Yes" vote would authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the property in any manner they see fit.
- A "No" vote will keep the land in town ownership.

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 \$6,390,709? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,165,074, 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. (Majority vote required.)

YE	ES	NO

Economic challenges facing households this year are having a similar impact on town services and finances. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee have worked over the past several months to deliver a budget proposal that maintains quality town services without drastic increases in the tax burden.

Factors driving the operating budget this year include:

Inflation. Dramatic increases in the past year, and future uncertainty of fuel, utility, and material costs are reflected in several areas of the budget. The Cost-of-Living adjustment for town employees is the largest in memory, but is necessary to attract and retain skilled personnel.

Fire service. The fire department currently employs two career firefighter/EMTs to staff the station during weekdays. The call firefighting force complements the daytime crew and acts as the first responders for nights and weekends.

The department has long planned to expand the career force, in an effort to have responders in the station around the clock and to reduce response times on nights and weekends. This year's budget proposes funds to do that with two new full-time positions, which will provide 24/7 station coverage. We will continue to rely upon the call firefighters throughout the day. The 24-hour schedule has become the industry standard, and moving to this model is expected to help Auburn retain career firefighters, who often leave for other departments on this schedule.

Health Insurance. With fast-rising insurance premiums in one of our largest costs, the Board solicited new providers and options this year. By changing plans in mid-2023, the town will be able to save about \$70,000 each year, without increasing the net cost to employees. Property Revaluation. A full revaluation of properties in town is required in 2023, creating a large single cost this year. See discussion of Article #4 above.

Additional revenue sharing from the state allowed for a one-time reduction in the road reconstruction budget this year.

A "Yes" vote will authorize the spending of the budget amount (\$6,390,709) for A "No" vote will authorize the spending of the (lesser) Default Budget amount. The calculation of the default amount is set by law, essentially the prior year's budget adjusted for certain prior commitments and one-time expenses.

TOWN OF AUBURN 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Department Executive Department Total Election, Regis & Vital Stats Total Financial Administration Total Legal Expenditures Total Personnel Administration Total Planning & Zoning Total Government Buildings & Mainten Total Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$290,486 \$102,426 \$112,019 \$28,000 \$535,737	\$2022** \$283,271 \$99,495 \$106,089	2023 \$317,027 \$110,668
Election, Regis & Vital Stats Total Financial Administration Total Legal Expenditures Total Personnel Administration Total Planning & Zoning Total Government Buildings & Mainten Total Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$102,426 \$112,019 \$28,000 \$535,737	\$99,495 \$106,089	\$110,668
Financial Administration Total Legal Expenditures Total Personnel Administration Total Planning & Zoning Total Government Buildings & Mainten Total Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$112,019 \$28,000 \$535,737	\$106,089	
Legal Expenditures Total Personnel Administration Total Planning & Zoning Total Government Buildings & Mainten Total Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$28,000 \$535,737	2000 Dec 2000 Co. 100	
Personnel Administration Total Planning & Zoning Total Government Buildings & Mainten Total Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$535,737		\$176,541
Planning & Zoning Total Government Buildings & Mainten Total Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total		\$36,553	\$28,000
Government Buildings & Mainten Total Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total		\$531,997	\$580 <i>,</i> 500
Cemeteries Total Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$35,151	\$14,620	\$31,651
Insurance Total Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$131,939	\$132,104	\$171,377
Advertising & Regional Assoc Total General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$39,374	\$30,052	\$36,507
General Government Total Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$147,159	\$118,626	\$157,598
Police Department Total Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$9,929	\$9,617	\$10,171
Ambulance Total Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$123,303	\$117,722	\$130,300
Fire Department Total Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$1,477,228	\$1,378,152	\$1,587,013
Building Inspection Total Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$93,509	\$92,147	\$96,314
Emergency Management Total Other Public Safety Total	\$629,587	\$610,934	\$707 <i>,</i> 759
Other Public Safety Total	\$79,152	\$69,073	\$82,238
	\$504	\$660	\$504
UP I O CO T I I	\$500	\$1,303	\$1,000
Highways & Streets Total	\$1,103,511	\$1,178,809	\$1,146,199
Street Lighting Total	\$6,000	\$6,040	\$8,100
Solid Waste Disposal Total	\$22,251	\$14,374	\$21,000
Health Administration Total	\$2,758	\$2,629	\$2,905
Animal & Pest Control Total	\$23,609	\$22,826	\$25,110
Health Agencies & Hospitals Total	\$5,875	\$5,875	\$5,875
Direct Assistance Total	\$15,500	\$3,852	\$10,000
Intergovernmental Welfare Pmts Total	\$4,471	\$4,471	\$4,471
Parks & Recreation Total	\$138,657	\$118,842	\$164,796
Library Total	\$214,812	\$188,119	\$237,480
Patriotic Purposes Total	\$6,500	\$6,339	\$6,800
Conservation Administration Total	\$4,684	\$923	\$4,588
Principle on LT Bonds & Notes Total	\$1	\$0	\$1
Interest on LT Bonds & Notes Total	\$1	\$0	\$1
Interest on Tax Anticipation Total	\$1	\$0	\$1
Land & Improvements Total	\$55,720	\$35,272	\$20,000
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipmen Total	\$48,214	\$48,213	\$48,214
Buildings Total	\$0	\$0	\$0
Road Reconstruction	\$600,000	\$494,520	\$460,000
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	De NOTES AND		
2023 DEFAULT BUDGET:	\$6,088,568	\$5,763,520	\$6,390,709

^{**}Expended 2022 column is as of January 9, 2023 and does not reflect final December postings, year-end adjustments or accrued expenses.

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTING

MARCH 14, 2023

Article 1

To choose candidates for School District Officers.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
Three Year Term
Vote for not more than ONE

Janice A. Baker (Write-in)

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK Two Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

Kathleen A. Sylvia (Write-in)

Article 2 Shall the Auburn School District 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 \$16,840,574? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$16,563,953, 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__

Article 3 Shall the Auburn School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Auburn School Board and the Auburn Education Association, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year.

<u>Year</u>	Estimated Increase
2023-2024	\$180,510
2024-2025	\$302,269
2025-2026	\$316,894

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,510 for the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

(Recommended by the School Board) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

YES NO	O
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The majority of the approximate \$276,621 increase in the proposed operating budget is due to:

Þ An increase in student transportation costs, due to new transportation provider

P An increase in tuition rate to Pinkerton Academy,

▶ An increase in health insurance rates.

Þ Year 1 of the new collective bargaining agreement with the teaching staff, and

D Wage and benefit increases for non-union staff

A "Yes" vote would approve the proposed 2023-2024 operating budget totaling 16,840,574 as recommended by the Budget Committee.

2023 Estimated Tax Impact: Local Education - \$13.07

State Education - \$ 1.35

A "No" vote would not approve the proposed operating budget as recommended by the Budget Committee and would result in the default budget totaling 16,563,953, calculated by the School Board, being adopted.

2023 Estimated Tax Impact: Local Education - \$12.66

State Education - \$ 1.35

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023 APPROVED BUDGET and 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

Department	Approved 2023	Proposed 2024
Instruction		•
Regular Programs	8,137,593	7,999,656
Special Programs	2,563,666	2,774,283
Other Programs	75,685	82,091
Support Services		
Student Support Services	783,400	796,684
Instructional Staff Services	183,475	186,891
General Administration		
Other School Board	46,886	47,374
Executive Administration		
SAU Management Services	382,812	413,738
School Administration Service	609,830	665,071
Plant Operations and Maintenance	872,606	707,736
Student Transportation	845,859	1,212,498
Support Service, Central and Other	224,334	271,758
Non-Instructional Services		
Food Service Operations	220,354	240,685
Facilities Acquisition and Construction		Ŷ
Site Acquisition	- 1	*
Architectural/Engineering	1=0	=
Debt Service		
Debt Service - Principal	705,000	745,000
Debt Service - Interest	469,085	432,110
Fund Transfers		
To Food Service	=	9
To Other Special Revenue	265,000	265,000
To Capital Projects	100	, -
To Expendable Trust/Fiduciary Funds	=	=
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	16,385,584	16,840,574
WARRANT ARTICLES		
Auburn Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement	*	180,510
Building Expendable Trust Fund	Ξ	E
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	16,385,584	17,021,084

TOWN OF AUBURN AND AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BALLOT VOTING

AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL March 14, 2023

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