

2- Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Kensington 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 \$2,464,571 (two million four hundred sixty-four thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,327,010 (two million three hundred twenty-seven thousand and ten dollars). 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.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$137,561 from the budget adopted last year of \$2,327,010. The net estimated impact is \$.34 per thousand dollars of valuation. (thirty four cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

3- Re-adopt Optional and All Veterans' Tax Credit – due to legislation changes

Shall the Town of Kensington vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) per year? If readopted, the All Veterans' Tax Credit, previously adopted, will also be \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) per year, the same amount as the Optional Veterans Tax Credit. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year.

(Recommended/Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen ?-?)

The tax impact of this article is not known.

4- Road Reconstruction

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) for road reconstruction and maintenance of town roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2024. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.495 per \$1,000 valuation. (forty-nine point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

5- Fire and Emergency Services CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. These funds to be used for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.185 per \$1,000 valuation. (eighteen point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

6. Evaluation of parcels for town acquisition

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) for the purpose of evaluating parcels for potential town acquisition related to needed new facilities for Public Safety and Emergency Services.

The tax impact of this article is an increase of \$.185 per \$1,000 valuation. (eighteen point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

7- Tuition Reimbursement and Training for Police Officers

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to be placed into the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund. These funds to be used for specialty training, training instructor incentives, tuition reimbursement and educational incentives for Kensington Police Department employees.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.074 per \$1,000 valuation. (seven point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

8- Appropriate Funds to the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be placed into the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund for the purchase of police department items and related services.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.062 per \$1000 valuation. (six point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

9- Appropriation to Fire and Emergency Services CRF- Earned Revenue

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. This amount is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance and represents the total of all permit fees and inspections received by Kensington Fire Rescue throughout 2022. These funds will be earmarked for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services.

This article has no tax impact.

10- Grange Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars) for maintenance on the Grange Hall. The funds will be used for, but not limited to, structural repairs to the roof, painting the remaining exterior elevations, annual maintenance such as pest control, heating system maintenance, and water testing, and any unforeseen repairs as the roof structure is rehabilitated.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.032 per \$1,000 valuation. (three point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

11- Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (eight thousand dollars) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This is the first of four annual installments, which will be used to pay the assessor's cost for the State of NH required revaluation due next in 2028. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.019 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

12- Acceptance of Land

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept two gifts of land, identified as map 17 lot 16 owned by Deborah and Lee Hearn (wetlands within the Great Meadows) consisting of 5 acres, and map 17 lot 23 owned by Peter Kuegel (wetlands within the Great Meadows) consisting of 5 acres. The purpose of the gifts is to ensure the permanent protection of these parcels through conservation which will provide protection of wildlife habitat and scenic enjoyment by the general public.

Further, to raise and appropriate up to \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) to offset the cost of the ownership transfer.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.004 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

13- Social Services Request for Waypoint

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 (Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars) for Waypoint's youth and family support. Waypoint (Previously Richie McFarland Children's Center) provides early intervention programs that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families, services for youth experiencing homelessness, support for families with children with a chronic illness, and family and children programming. This investment will increase family stability, promote socialization in families, enhance child development, and provide concrete support in times of crisis to youth and families in Kensington. This is a special warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.005 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point zero five cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

14- Social Services Request from Rockingham Community Action

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to Rockingham Community Action for the purpose of providing financial assistance, budgeting education & support to Kensington residents in crisis to move them toward self-sufficiency. This is a special warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.003 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point zero three cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

15- Social Services Request from Meals on Wheels

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$988 (nine hundred eighty-eight dollars) to Meals on Wheels for the purpose of providing meals and safety services to qualified Kensington residents. Our services helped 4 (four) Kensington residents and provided them 892 meals and wellness checks. The town support makes a difference. This is a special warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.002 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point zero two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)