



Article 01 ELECT OFFICIALS

Article 02 ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY DONATED

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the municipality for any public purposes. This authorization, in accordance with RSA 31:95-e, shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting. (Majority vote required)

Article 03 BOARD AUTHORITY TO BUY OR SELL LAND

To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (Majority vote required)

Article 04 COMMUNITY POWER PLAN ADOPTION

Should the Town adopt the Kensington Community Power Plan, authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the Plan, and take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E? The Kensington Community Power Plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The Plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.

Tax Impact: None

Article 05 MODIFY THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION CRITERIA

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Kensington, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$175,000 for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$200,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$220,000.

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 \$42,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$63,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 MODIFY VETERAN'S CREDIT

Shall the town modify the Veteran's Tax and All Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, from its current tax credit of \$500 (five hundred dollars) per year to \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars)? (Majority vote required)

Article 07 MODIFY SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY

Shall the town modify the Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:35, from its current tax credit of \$700 (seven hundred dollars) per year to \$1400 (fourteen hundred dollars)? (Majority vote required)



Article 08 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 \$2,603,198 (two million six hundred three thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,463,083 (two million four hundred sixty-three thousand and eighty-three 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 \$138,627 from the budget adopted last year of \$2,464,571. The net estimated impact is \$.20 per thousand dollars of valuation. (twenty cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 09 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, 2025. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.294 per \$1,000 valuation. (twenty-nine point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 10 APPROPRIATE MONEY TO FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES C

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (twenty 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 \$.037 per \$1,000 valuation. (three point seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 11 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT AND TRAINING FUND

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 (fifteen 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 \$.022 per \$1,000 valuation. (two point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 12 APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE POLICE SAFETY REVOLVING F



Article 12 To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate \$15,000 (fifteen 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 \$.022 per \$1000 valuation. (two point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 13 APPROPRIATE TO REVALUATION CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,907 (nine thousand nine hundred and seven dollars) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This is the first of five annual installments, which will be used to pay the assessor's cost for the State of NH required revaluation due next in 2028, estimated at \$47,628. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.015 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 14 GIFT OF LAND FROM KACZMAREK

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept a gift of land, identified in the Lot Line Adjustment plan of Elaine H Kaczmarek and Town of Kensington dated _JULY 2023 that is composed of a portion of Map 8 Lot 13 and would convey .267 acres to Map 8 Lot 14 (Grange Hall parcel). Upon acceptance by the Town, the current owner of such land shall donate .267 acres, or 11,645 square feet, more or less, to the Town's Grange Hall parcel. The Town's intended use of the land is for public parking behind the Grange Hall for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

Further, to raise and appropriate up to \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) to offset the cost of the ownership transfer

The tax impact of this article is \$009. per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 15 GRANGE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$4,000 (nine thousand dollars) to do annual maintenance on the Grange Hall. The funds will be used for annual maintenance such as pest control, heating system maintenance, cleaning, and water testing, and for any unforeseen repairs needed as the structure is repaired.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.006 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation)



Article 16 APPROPRIATION TO FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CRF

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 2023. These funds will be used for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services.

This article has no tax impact.

Article 17 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 is \$0.003 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 18 SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY A

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 \$.002 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 19 SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST MEALS ON WHEELS

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (one thousand 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 with 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 \$.001 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)



Article 20 SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST ONE SKY COMMUNITY SERVICES

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 (seven hundred dollars) to One Sky Community Services Inc. to be added to their One Sky Readiness Fund and to address those critical client needs that are currently not funded and will not be funded in the future, for items like medical supplies, clothing, food, dental care, temporary housing, home modifications and emergency assistance. All monies that are raised yearly through our fundraising efforts go directly into this fund.

Our mission is to enable every person we serve to grow and enhance their abilities to live as independent, valued, participating members of their community. This is a special warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.001 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)