

BA 2021
WARRANT

The inhabitants of the Town of Kensington in the County of Rockingham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

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Article 01 Elect Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing

Article 02 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 \$2,144,917 (two million one hundred forty-four thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,107,121 (two million one hundred and seven thousand one hundred and twenty-one 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 board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$186,751 from the budget adopted last year of \$1,958,165. The net estimated impact is \$.476 per thousand dollars of valuation. (forty-seven point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 03 Accept Tannery Way as Town Road

To see if the town will vote to accept Tannery Way as a town road. The road has been inspected by the Town Engineer and Road Manager and meets the design and construction specifications in the town regulations. If accepted the road will be maintained by the town.

The board unanimously recommends this article.

There is no tax impact for this warrant article.

Article 04 Establish Police Public Safety Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY REVOLVING FUND under the provisions of RSA 35-B:2 II for purchase police department items and related services. This will be funded by police operating revenue and/or appropriations of monies by warrant article. The balance of the funds will be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend.

The board unanimously recommends this article.

There is no tax impact from this warrant article.



Article 05 Road Reconstruction

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 (one hundred thirty 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, 2022. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.331 per \$1,000 valuation. (thirty-three point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 06 Appropriate funds from fund balance for Fire and E

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. This amount is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. These funds will be earmarked for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

There will be no tax impact from this appropriation.

Article 07 Appropriate to Fire and Emergency Services CRF

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. These funds are earmarked to be used for upkeep, installation, and repair of hydrants and cisterns used for fire suppression activities in Kensington.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.063 per \$1000 valuation. (six point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 08 Police Department Vista Body Camera Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,555 (seventeen thousand five hundred fifty-five dollars) to purchase 8 (eight) WatchGuard Vista HD extended capacity body cameras with ballistic vest camera mounts and Wi-Fi docking station. These cameras will replace 8 (eight) WatchGuard Vista body cameras that were purchased in 2016, the serviceable life expectancies of which have expired.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.044 per \$1000 valuation. (four point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)



Article 09 Grange Hall Maintenance and Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) for needed maintenance on the Grange Hall. This amount is to come from unassigned fund balance. The funds will be used for, but not limited to, replacing the shingles on the shed roof, doing necessary heating system maintenance, exterior painting, carpentry needed to replace rotten boards, exterior foundation work to improve pest control, and addressing items cited in the Safety Committee Report dated September 23, 2019.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

There will be no tax impact for this article.

Article 10 Add to Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,300 (six thousand three hundred dollars) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This is the third of five annual installments, which will be used to pay the assessor's cost for the State of NH required revaluation due next in 2023. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.016 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 11 Build Out Analysis

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) for the purpose of the governing body conducting a build out analysis for the town. This analysis would be a tool in the growth management process and would help the Town to be sufficiently prepared for potential future development.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

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

Article 12 Purchase Police Department Storage Shed

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,595 (four thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars). To purchase a 12-foot x 16-foot woodshed for storage needed at the Kensington Police Department for equipment needed on site. The cost of the woodshed is \$3095.00 and additional \$1500.00 for land excavation for leveling the ground where the shed will be placed.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.011 per \$1000 valuation. (one point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)



Article 13 Appropriation to Fire and Emergency Services CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1077 (one thousand seventy-seven 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 2020. These funds will be earmarked for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

There is no tax impact on this article.

Article 14 Social Services Request for Richie McFarland Child

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 (Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars) for the Richie McFarland Children's Center's (RMCC) early intervention program that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families. This investment will support the cost of providing early childhood special education, pediatric therapies and family support services to Kensington residents. RMCC bases the request on three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per child served which is less than five percent (5%) of the annual cost for weekly home-based therapies. This past year RMCC served five (5) Kensington children. This is a special warrant article.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.005 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 15 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 board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

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

Article 16 Social Service Request for Meals on Wheels

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) to Meals on Wheels for the purpose of providing meals and safety services to qualified Kensington residents. This is a special warrant article.

The board unanimously recommends this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.0006 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point zero six cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)