



2020
TOWN OF SANDOWN
VOTER GUIDE

TOWN ELECTIONS
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

TOWN HALL
320 MAIN STREET

POLLS OPEN
8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

<p>Warrant Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (to be voted by ballot March 10, 2020).</p>

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN:</u>
SELECTMEN	3 Years 3 Years	Jonathan Goldman Bob Nickerson John Quevillon	Two
PLANNING BOARD	3 years 3 Years	Patricia Edris	Two
BUDGET COMMITTEE	2 Years	Benjamin Sharpe David J. Solomon	One
MODERATOR	2 Years	Kevin Major	One
FIRE ENGINEERS	3 Years 3 Years 3 Years	Jeff Farrell Dennis Giangregorio Wilfred Tapley	Three
CEMETERY TRUSTEE	3 Years	Stephen Winter	One
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND	3 Years		One
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 Years	Diana True	One
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLI	6 Years	Heather Zaganis	One

Deliberative Session was held on Saturday February 1st @ 9:00 am
Town Elections will be held on Tuesday March 10th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Town Hall

Warrant Article 2. Shall the Town 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 \$4,319,408. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,116,870, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

Estimated tax impact of the proposed operating budget of this article is \$6.57 per thousand. Estimated tax impact of the default budget of this article is \$6.27 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-1-0)

Article 2 provides the appropriations for the total operating budget for the Town of Sandown. It does not include funds for Special Warrant Articles, Capital Reserve Funds, Expendable Trust Funds or any other warrant articles.

[2020 Budget Proposals](#) See addendum – Warrant Article 2

[2020 Budget Proposals – payroll](#) See addendum – Warrant Article 2

[2020 Default Budget](#) See addendum – Warrant Article 2

Understanding the Estimated Tax Impact of a Warrant Article

The “estimated” tax impact noted on a warrant article is based only on the amount of the appropriation in the article and the total property valuation of the town.

The actual setting of the tax rate (completed in the fall) also involves any revenue received by the town. After a tax rate is calculated, the Board of Selectmen then has the option to use unreserved fund balance (surplus) to offset the rate and lower the tax impact.

The “estimated” rate stated on the warrant assumes there is **NO** revenue to offset the expenses, so this is basically a “worst-case scenario” because there is always revenue coming into the town. Unfortunately, we can’t say in January what the actual revenue will be for the entire calendar year.

Remember:

A tax rate reverts back to “0” on January 1. Any appropriations voted in March will build up the tax rate from zero.

Potential articles to be approved by voters and estimated tax impacts in 2020 are:

Article 2	6.57
Article 3	0
Article 4	.56
Article 5	.02
Article 6	.23
Article 7	.05
Article 8	.19
Article 9	.02
Article 10	.08
Article 11	.01
Article 12	.01
Article 13	>.01
Article 14	>.01
Article 15	.01
Article 16	>.01
Article 17	0
Article 18	0
Total	7.78

IF all articles pass, this estimates a **total town** tax rate of \$7.78/thousand – **not in addition** to the \$26.96 tax rate from 2019. **BUT**, this is assuming **NO** revenue – and there will be revenue. AND, the valuation of property in town will have updated figures for 2020 at the time of the setting of the rate and will include increases based on new properties and improvements to existing properties.

Example: The total estimated tax impact on the warrant articles approved in 2019 was \$8.07, but after all the factors were used in the calculation of the tax rate, the actual town tax rate in 2019 was \$4.76.

A “YES” vote will approve the Proposed 2020 Operating Budget for Town operating expenses.

A “NO” vote will reject the Proposed 2020 Operating Budget and use the 2019 Default Budget for Town operating expenses.

Warrant Article 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to accept a Highway Block Grant an amount expected to be received in the sum of One Hundred Seventy One Thousand One Dollars (\$171,001) for the road improvement programs to be recommended by the Sandown Highway Department and approved by the Sandown Board of Selectmen, said sum to be supplied by the State of New Hampshire.

Estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)



HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT AID

By law, all municipalities in the State having Class IV and V mileage are entitled to Highway Block Grant Aid. RSA 235:23 stipulates the funding apportionments. Highway Block Grant Aid is distributed to municipalities by the State of New Hampshire on a yearly basis with partial disbursements made four times a year. Sixty percent (60%) of the funds are distributed in the first two payments (30% in July and October) and the other 40% in the final two payments (20% in January and April). **The funds can only be used for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of each municipality's Class IV and V highways.** It can, therefore, be used to be part of the match for a project in the bridge aid program. It also can be used towards equipment to maintain the local roads. The intent here is that it be used towards the local roads; i.e., not used to build a new library or school or buy a fire truck.

Highway Block Grant Aid funds represent a portion of the State's highway revenues received in the preceding fiscal year including revenues resulting from SB 367. There are two "pots" of money from which allotments are made. The first, identified as Apportionment A, represents 12% of the State's highway revenues. One-half of that "pot" is distributed among the municipalities based on their population in proportion to the entire State's population and the other half is disbursed based on a municipality's Class IV and V road mileage in proportion to the total statewide Class IV and V mileage. In general, the allocation of these funds represents a disbursement of approximately \$1,500 for each mile of Class IV and Class V highway inventoried by each municipality and \$13 for each person residing in a municipality based on the state planning estimate of population.

The formula for dispensing funds from the second "pot" of money (a set sum of \$400,000) is less straightforward. It was established to assist those municipalities having high roadway mileage to maintain and whose overall value of property (on an equalized basis) is very low in relationship to other communities. In FY 2020, 18 municipalities received funds from this "pot".

As the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is responsible for determining the actual disbursements of funds, it is important that they be provided accurate and current information regarding each municipality's Class IV and V mileage. This is typically accomplished by filling out the "Information Report" sent to municipalities each year by the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance. At the conclusion of each municipality's yearly legislative meeting (i.e. Town Meeting), the NHDOT should be notified

of all changes to the community's roadway system. The information should include the length and location of all Class IV and V highways reclassified, accepted, and/or discontinued by the municipality that year.

The total amount of funding distributed statewide annually over the last five state fiscal years is:

FY 2016 \$34,843,581

FY 2017 \$34,931,513

FY 2018 \$35,859,434

FY 2019 \$36,342,370

FY 2020 \$36,915,537

For more information contact: Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483. Telephone: 603.271.3344

A “YES” vote will allow the Town of Sandown to utilize the State’s Block Grant aid to assist with maintaining and upgrading various town-maintained roads.

A “NO” vote will not allow use of the State’s Block Grant aid and would mean that road expenses would be paid through the operating budget and raised through taxation.

Special Warrant Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$370,000) to be added to the previously established Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.
Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.56 per thousand.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

The Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund is used for road improvements and road reconstruction in accordance with the Road Improvement Plan. The proposed road improvements for 2020 total \$470,000. This article would raise and appropriate a sum of \$370,000. The balance of \$100,000 is included in the paving line item of the Highway Department Operating Budget.

The breakdown of the 2020 road improvements are as follows:

Miles	Road	Type of Work	Estimated Cost
	Wells Village Road – Segment 2	Reconstruction	470,000
		Total Estimated Cost	470,000
		Warrant Article	370,000
		Highway Budget Paving Line Item	100,000

Segment 2 of Wells Village Road – 4,700 foot remainder of Wells Village Road (from Eagle Ridge Road to Hampstead Road) will require reclaimed stabilized base reconstruction along with drainage improvements.

This project is in accordance with the current Road Improvement Plan which is shown below. The plan is also on the town website and a copy is on file at the Selectmen’s Office.



January 28, 2019

Mr. Arthur Genuardo; Public Works Director
Sandown Highway Department
Post Office Box 1756
Sandown, New Hampshire 03873

Subject: **Sandown Road System Action Plan – 2020 through 2024**

Dear Mr. Genuardo:

In 2008 this office worked cooperatively with your Department on preparation of a document entitled Sandown Road System Action Plan – 2008. Within that Action Plan we identified a prioritized series of individual but systematic public roadway improvement projects, which effectively took the form a capital improvement program for Sandown's Class V public highway system for the ten year period which concluded in 2018. A retrospective review of the 2008 Action Plan reveals all but one (Wells Village Road) of the major/collector roads scheduled for improvement at the time the Action Plan was adopted are now complete. As you are aware, a 4,750 foot long segment of Wells Village Road (Chester town line to Eagle Ridge Road) is scheduled to be completed in 2019 with the remainder (Eagle Ridge Road to Hampstead Road) tentatively scheduled for the following year (2020). Taken together, it is fair to say the 2008 Action Plan served the Town of Sandown well over the decade that has passed since its adoption.

At the direction of the Board of Selectmen your Department and this office once again collaborated on development of an Action Plan for municipal road system improvements. This time for the five year period which will run from 2020 through 2024. In addition to Wells Village Road, we identified two other major Class V collector roads (Odell Road and Cross Road) that are in need of significant improvement during this five year period. Based upon our review of current road system conditions, we recommend the following systematic improvements be undertaken and completed on an annual basis commencing in 2020:

- **Fiscal Year 2020:**

Subject to 2019 Town Meeting approval of funding needed to complete the northwesterly segment of Wells Village Road (Segment #1 – Sandown/Chester municipal boundary to Eagle Ridge Road), a 4,750 foot length of Wells Village Road will be reconstructed during Fiscal Year 2019. The following year (Fiscal Year 2020) the 4,700 foot remainder of Wells Village Road (Segment #2 – Eagle Ridge Road to Hampstead Road) will be reconstructed in an identical manner. Specific betterments are to include: (a) selective roadside drainage

improvements; (b) reclaimed stabilized base reconstruction of the existing paved roadway and shoulder surfaces supplemented with an additional 4 to 6 inch thickness of crushed gravel road base material where conditions warrant; (c) installation of hot bituminous pavement (3 inch thickness) to a nominal width of 20 feet flanked by 2 foot wide graded gravel shoulders; and (d) miscellaneous repairs or replacements. The estimated project cost of Wells Village Road – Segment #2 is \$470,000.

- **Fiscal Year 2021:**

The program goal for Fiscal Year 2021 is reconstruction of the southerly portion of Odell Road (Segment #1). Given the total length of Odell Road (10,100 feet), for budgetary reasons, reconstruction of this collector road is proposed to occur over a two year period. In Fiscal Year 2021 reconstruction of the 4,900 foot segment of Odell Road extending from Main Street to Excalibur Drive is planned. Specific betterments are to include: (a) selective roadside drainage improvements; (b) reclaimed stabilized base reconstruction of the existing paved roadway and shoulder surfaces supplemented with an additional 4 to 6 inch thickness of crushed gravel road base material where conditions warrant; (c) installation of hot bituminous pavement (3 inch thickness) to a nominal width of 20 feet flanked by 2 foot wide graded gravel shoulders; and (d) miscellaneous repairs or replacements. Estimated cost of Odell Road – Segment #1 is \$540,000.

- **Fiscal Year 2022:**

The program goal for Fiscal Year 2022 is reconstruction of the northerly portion of Odell Road (Segment #2) extending 5,200 feet from Excalibur Drive to the southerly limit of recently improved paved roadway surface at Fremont Road. Specific betterments shall be identical to those planned at Segment #1. Estimated Cost of Odell Road – Segment #2 is \$570,000.

- **Fiscal Year 2023:**

The program goal for Fiscal Year 2023 is reconstruction of the 3,500 foot length of Cross Road situated between Sargent Road and North Road. Specific betterments are to include: (a) selective roadside drainage improvements; (b) reclaimed stabilized base reconstruction of the existing paved roadway and shoulder surfaces supplemented with an additional 4 to 6 inch thickness of crushed gravel road base material where conditions warrant; (c) installation of hot bituminous pavement (3 inch thickness) to a nominal width of 20 feet flanked by 2 foot wide graded gravel shoulders; and (d) miscellaneous repairs or replacements. Estimated cost of Cross Road is \$385,000.

- **Fiscal Year 2024:**

The program goal for Fiscal Year 2024 is reconstruction of a series of residential streets situated near the northwest corner of the community: Cricket Lane; Highland Avenue and Bingham Circle. These three public streets have an estimated collective length of 5,250 feet. Specific betterments are to include: (a) selective roadside drainage improvements; (b) reclaimed stabilized base reconstruction of existing paved roadway and shoulder surfaces supplemented with an additional 4 inch thickness of crushed gravel base material; (c) installation of hot bituminous pavement (3 inch thickness) to a nominal width of 20 feet

flanked by 2 foot wide graded gravel shoulders; and (d) miscellaneous repairs or replacements. Estimated project cost is \$525,000.

The series of annual systematic roadway improvement projects described above may be summarized by the following graphic:

<u>Program Year</u>	<u>Project Name/Length</u>	<u>Est. Cost (in 2019 dollars)</u>
2020	Wells Village Road – Segment #2 (4,700’)	\$470,000
2021	Odell Road – Segment #1 (4,900’)	\$540,000
2022	Odell Road – Segment #2 (5,200’)	\$570,000
2023	Cross Road (3,500’)	\$385,000
2024	Cricket Lane (2,750’)	\$275,000
	Highland Avenue (1,700’)	\$170,000
	Bingham Circle (800’)	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
		\$525,000

We trust you will find information presented in the foregoing summary consistent with our recent discussions and your Department’s expectations. As always, please contact the writer at your convenience if you should have questions or further instructions related to this matter.

Sincerely:

Steven B. Keach, P.E.
President
Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc.

A “YES” vote will allow the Town of Sandown to perform the above-noted road improvements on Wells Village Road.

A “NO” vote will prevent any road improvements on the above-noted roadway and restrict the Town to perform only hazardous road repairs on the section of Wells Village Road from Eagle Ridge to Hampstead Road.

Special Warrant Article 5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement not to exceed five years in the amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of leasing/purchasing cardiac monitoring equipment for the Fire and Rescue Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the first year's payment. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. This article is designated as a special warrant article by the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.02 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

The current primary cardiac monitor purchased refurbished in 2013 has been out of support for several years. We have been fortunate to have a local vendor who is able to support the current monitor. However, in 2019 the State of NH Bureau of EMS discovered that this particular brand of monitor is not able to do certain needed tasks, when dealing with a pediatric cardiac arrest patient. Also, the US Food and Drug Administration has recently released a ruling that this cardiac monitor (LIFEPAK12) will no longer meet their standards, it will need to be replaced prior to February 3, 2021. In looking at these facts, and that to maintain ambulance, unit and crew licensure, and to provide the best care for our patients, we determined the current cardiac monitor will need to be replaced. In replacing the cardiac monitor, there is now an additional support agreement that will be needed to maintain the cardiac monitor. Due to cost considerations, we are requesting to enter into a multi-year lease/purchase of the cardiac monitor and multi-year onsite maintenance plan.

A "YES" vote will allow the Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement to lease new cardiac monitoring equipment for the Fire and Rescue Department. Future years' payment will be appropriated in the town's operating budget.

A "NO" vote will prevent the Selectmen from leasing new cardiac monitoring equipment for the Fire and Rescue Department.

Special Warrant Article 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$149,999) for site work and construction of a new salt shed at the Highway Garage. Costs will be offset by \$ 62,866 of unassigned fund balance, which represents the 2019 Municipal Aid received and \$67,366 Municipal Aid to be received in 2020. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.23 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 3-4-0)

Sandown was notified about and received a payment on or about Oct. 9, 2019 from the NH state treasurer in the amount of \$67,366.18 as part of a \$20 million allowance of “municipal aid” included in the biennial state budget enacted in September 2019. We anticipate receiving a second payment for approximately the same amount which would be a total of \$134,732.36.

These funds are unrestricted aid to cities and towns with a formula that was based on the total number of students in each town and the number of students eligible for the free and reduced lunch program in the school year immediately preceding the distribution. This year’s distribution is considered unanticipated revenue; however, the second-year payment will be anticipated and should be accounted for in the budget process. The second payment is expected on or before October 1, 2020.

This money may be used to reduce the property taxes, expended for any purpose for which a municipality may legally spend money, or used for a combination of both. As required under RSA 31:95-b, a public hearing was held on November 4, 2019 to accept these funds. The selectmen reported at that time they were undecided on where to spend the funds. Ultimately the board chose to not use this year’s money to reduce property taxes but, felt it would be a better use of funds to spend them on a project or capital improvement which would have a longer lasting savings. A small portion of the funds was spent on having a structural engineer assess the Town Hall and that report is currently pending. A decision was made to propose a new salt shed. Having a larger shed will save on hauling rates since more salt can be stored and would fulfil a future stormwater requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to better manage our salt storage. Our existing shed holds 120 tons of salt at a time and has to be refilled after most storms. The proposed shed will hold approximately 1200 tons. If you’d like to see a shed like this in person, the Town of Hampstead’s salt shed would be exactly what we’re proposing. It’s located at 11 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

[Images of proposed salt shed](#) See Addendum – Warrant Article 6

A “YES” vote will purchase a new salt shed at the Highway Garage using the municipal aid funds to offset the cost.

A “NO” vote will prevent the purchase of a new salt shed at the Highway Garage and the municipal aid funds will go into the general fund.

**Special Warrant Article 7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of site work and expansion costs of the Center Cemetery. This article is designated as a special warrant article by the Board of Selectmen. Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.05 per thousand.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-1)**

Per [RSA 289:2](#) municipalities shall provide ‘... one or more suitable cemeteries for the interment of deceased persons...’. Sandown’s Center Cemetery is almost at its maximum for the plots that are available. This warrant article proposes to expand the cemetery to keep in compliance with the above-referenced RSA by providing more plots for sale. The total costs are anticipated to be \$38,000 and includes but is not limited to: survey, tree and stump removal, site work, excavation, fencing, gravel roadways, loam and seeding. A \$30,000 appropriation will come from this warrant article and an additional \$8,000 will come from the Cemetery Trustee accounts.

[Aerial Map](#) – See Addendum Warrant Article 7

A “YES” vote will appropriate \$30,000 to cover the costs of site work and expansion costs of the Center Cemetery.

A “NO” vote will prevent any town funds from being used to expand the Center Cemetery.

Special Warrant Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.19 per thousand.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

As reported in 2015, the State of New Hampshire forced the closure of the bridge located on Phillips Road. This bridge was on the [State's Red List](#) for many years and suffered too much deterioration to remain open. We are happy to report temporary repairs were made and the road was reopened. This bridge will eventually need full replacement. The cost of this replacement is estimated to be over \$1 million. The bridge located on Odell Road is deteriorating and will also need to be repaired/replaced at an estimated cost of \$100,000. The long-term plan is to continue to put money away in the capital reserve fund to save for this project. We are hoping to receive 80% of the cost back on the Phillips Road bridge from the [State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid program](#) but funds will not be available until 2027 and that is contingent on the program still being in place.

A "YES" vote will add \$125,000 to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

A "NO" vote will not add any additional funds to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Warrant Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$13,750) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.02 per thousand.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

Under the rules of the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and per [RSA 75:8-a](#), the town is required to conduct a revaluation of property values every 5 years. This revaluation process can typically cost anywhere from \$45,000 for a cyclical revaluation to over \$150,000 for a full revaluation if the properties are not reviewed cyclically. This fund allows us to appropriate a certain amount each year and “save” for future revaluations.

A “YES” vote will add \$13,750 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

A “NO” vote will not add any funds to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Warrant Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.08 per thousand.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

The Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2012 for the purpose of purchasing fire-fighting equipment and/or vehicles. This fund allows money to be saved for future needs but also makes it possible to be eligible for various grant opportunities. Many grants require the Town to have a certain percentage of matching fund in order to receive their grant.

Since this fund was created in 2012 the department has received the following equipment:

- Quint Ladder Truck Town Portion: \$160,000 Grant: \$497,000 (truck was a demo)
- SCBA equipment Town Portion: \$ 13,000 Grant: \$220,000
- Ambulance Town Portion: \$240,000

The department will need to replace the 1994 Freightliner Engine/Tanker truck next. Grant funds are not guaranteed from year to year, so it is possible the town would need to fund the full replacement of any vehicle. Therefore, the department continues to ask the voters to support this Capital Reserve Fund.

A “YES” vote will add \$50,000 to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.
A “NO” vote will not add any additional funds to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Warrant Article 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$4,625) for treatment to control exotic aquatic species including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond. Costs may be offset by grant funds. This article is designated as a special warrant article by the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

Exotic weeds including invasive variable milfoil and fanwort had spread in Phillips Pond to the point that treatment was recommended and approved by the voters in both 2018 and 2019. The pond was treated in both 2018 and 2019 and a reduction of the exotic weeds was evident in many areas of the pond. To continue to control regrowth, treatment is again recommended this year.

The town has applied and was awarded a grant through the [NHDES Exotic Species Program](#) and will be reimbursed up to \$5,000 after this year's treatment is completed. This year's treatment will involve diver-assisted suction harvesting (DASH) only and does not involve any herbicide treatment. The anticipated diving costs for this year's treatment total \$12,500, however, last year's costs were less than anticipated and we were able to encumber or carry over \$7,875 toward this year's treatment costs. Therefore, the warrant article is asking to appropriate the difference of \$4,625.

A "YES" vote will appropriate \$4,625 to cover the costs of the treatment and the town will receive up to \$5,000 in reimbursement from the state grant program.

A "NO" vote will prevent any town funds from being used to treat variable milfoil and fanwort in Phillips Pond for this year. The grant funding will become null and void.

Special Warrant Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) for fireworks with a date and time to be determined by the Board of Selectmen. This article is designated as a special warrant article by the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 3-4-0)

In year's past, a fireworks display was hosted by the Town at the Old Home Day Fall Festival. With the failure of the 2019 warrant article to fund the Old Home Day Fall Festival, the fireworks display was canceled. During budget discussions for 2020 the Selectmen decided to put this to warrant article and let to voters decide whether or not they want this event.

A "YES" vote will appropriate \$4,500 for fireworks.

A "NO" vote will prevent any town funds being used for fireworks this year.

Special Warrant Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to be added to the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is less than \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

Definition of MS4 per the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website:

“Polluted [stormwater](#) runoff is commonly transported through municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s), and then often discharged, untreated, into local water bodies.

An MS4 is a conveyance or system of conveyances that is:

- owned by a state, city, town, village, or other public entity that discharges to waters of the U.S.,
- designed or used to collect or convey stormwater (e.g., storm drains, pipes, ditches),
- not a combined sewer, and
- not part of a sewage treatment plant, or publicly owned treatment works (POTW).

To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed or dumped into MS4s, certain operators are required to obtain [Federal stormwater permits](#) and develop stormwater management programs (SWMPs). The SWMP describes the stormwater control practices that will be implemented consistent with permit requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants from the sewer system.”

The Town of Sandown is subject to the requirements of the [MS4 general permit](#) and the above warrant article seeks to create a Capital Reserve Fund to save for the costs associated with implementing the MS4 permit requirements over the upcoming years. The current MS4 permit became effective 7/1/2018 and expires 6/30/2023.

With the assistance of Nick Cristofori from Comprehensive Environmental Inc. (CEI) the town filed the required annual report, developed and passed the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Ordinance (IDDE) as last town meeting, mailed the required public education materials and began to develop required Operating and Maintenance Plans for town infrastructure, street sweeping plan along with other requirements that are due during year two of the permit.

This year, 2020 which is year 2 of the MS-4 permit requirements include but are not limited to: submission of an annual report, mail public education materials, finalize the Operating and Maintenance Plan for town infrastructure, develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the Highway Garage and Transfer Station, provide Illicit Discharge Training, perform field work that involves mapping of all culverts and outfalls, dry weather screening and possible sampling of outfalls, review and develop guidelines for new development regarding the amount of impervious cover and other post construction requirements.

Funds added to the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund allows saving for future expenditures and if all funds are not expended, funds would remain in the Capital Reserve Fund to be used for future expenditures.

A “YES” vote will add funds to the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund.

A “NO” vote will not add any funds to the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Warrant Article 14. Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Government Building Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repair, maintenance and new construction of government buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) towards this purpose, and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Estimated tax impact of this article is less than \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)

The Sandown Planning Board has spent many years developing and updating a Capital Reserve Plan to assist the officials with planning for our future building needs. Although there is a plan, there is no fund in place to save for these improvements. The Selectmen decided this year to establish a fund to start putting money aside for the purpose of repair, maintenance and new construction of government buildings.

A “YES” vote will establish a Government Building Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate \$500 to the fund

A “NO” vote will not establish a Government Building Management Capital Reserve Fund and no funds will be appropriated

Special Warrant Article 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-1-0)

The Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund was established to pay for the costs of the annual Old Home Day Fall Festival Celebration. The Old Home Day Fall Festival is a community event open to all. It is a family-oriented day full of music, food, vendors, inflatable rides, stage performances, pie eating contests, children's bike parade and more. It also gives local organizations an opportunity to participate and fundraise at the event.

The balance as of 12/31/19 in the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund is \$1,121.15

The balance as of 12/31/19 in the Old Home Day Donation Fund is \$100.73

There were no funds appropriated for the 2019 Old Home Day Fall Festival and no event was held.

Expenses for the Old Home Day 2018 Fall Festival were \$7,258.77

Revenue deposited into the general fund from booth rentals totaled \$1,573.00.

A "YES" vote will add \$7,000 to the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund for the 2020 Fall Festival

A "NO" vote will not add any additional funds to the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund. The committee could expend the balance in the Expendable Trust Fund but no additional town funds could be used for a 2020 Fall Festival.

Special Warrant Article 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to support Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth. If this warrant article passes, future appropriations will be included in the operating budget. This article is designated as a special warrant article by the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated tax impact of this article is less than \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-1-0)

As part of the Town's operating budget, donations are made to certain Health and Human Services organizations who assist residents of our community. Sandown serves 11 groups who include Community Health Services of Greater Derry, Lamprey Healthcare, Retires Senior Volunteer Program, Rockingham County Community Action, Haven, Vic Geary Center, American Red Cross, Child Advocacy Center, Community Care Givers, Rockingham Nutrition (Meals on Wheels) and Court Appointment Special Advocates (CASA). Each organization has their specialized area of assistance.

The Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth is reaching out to their service communities to help fund their program. For many years they received federal grant funding, however, those federal agencies have decided to share with other organizations as well and SoRock has lost much of its support. Unfortunately, the drug crisis in our community is still a battle. This organization has become an integral part in fighting this epidemic for not only the youth but for the adults and seniors who are left with the effects and are parenting a second time around.

It has been past practice to first put these requests for funding to the voters before placing in the operating budget. Below is information about what this organization does for our residents.

[SoRock](#) - See addendum – Special Warrant Article 16.

A "YES" vote will appropriate \$4,500 for Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth and allow the selectmen to place it in the Operating Budget Health and Human Services account going forward in future years.

A "NO" vote will not allow a donation to Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth.

**Petitioned Warrant Article 17. Shall the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to research the feasibility of entering into a long-term lease with a tower development company to construct a telecommunications tower on town property only within the existing Business District as delineated by Article 1, Part D Business District, Section 1, submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-0)**

Petitioner: David Solomon

This article is non-binding and advisory only.

A “YES” vote will show the Board of Selectmen how many voters are in favor of researching and potentially entering into a long-term lease with a tower development company.

A “NO” vote will show the Board of Selectmen how many voters are not in favor of researching and potentially entering into a long-term lease with a tower development company.

Petitioned Warrant Article 18. Shall the Town vote to rescind RSA 41:14-a, which allows the Selectmen to sell land, buildings or both, submitted by petition.
(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 1-4-0)
(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 1-4-2)

Petitioner: David Solomon

In 2015 the residents passed a warrant article to adopt RSA 41:14-a to allow the Selectmen to sell land, buildings or both provided they follow the provisions of that RSA. Those provisions are listed below. The article was to remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. This petition seeks to rescind the 2015 adoption of RSA 41:14-a.

41:14-a Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both. –

I. If adopted in accordance with RSA 41:14-c, the selectmen shall have the authority 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, where a board or commission or both, exist. After the selectmen receive the recommendation of the planning board and the conservation commission, where a board or commission or both exist, they shall hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the selectmen, prior to the selectmen's vote, according to the provisions of RSA 39:3, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the town meeting. The selectmen's vote shall take place no sooner than 7 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing which is held.

II. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of and the selectmen shall have no authority to sell:

- (a) Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the conservation commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A.
- (b) Any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under RSA 31:112.
- (c) Any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 498:4-a or RSA 547:3-d.

A “YES” vote rescinds the adoption of RSA 41:14-a, the Selectmen’s authority to sell land, buildings or both and would require the sale of property to be voted on by the residents at town meeting.

A “NO” vote will keep the adoption of RSA 41:14-a in place as previously voted and the Selectmen would be allowed to negotiate the sale of property so long as they follow the provisions of said RSA.

NOTE: Additional information on many of the above warrant articles can be found on the Town of Sandown website on the [Town/School Election](#) page.