

# **TOWN OF NEW DURHAM**



## **VOTER'S GUIDE**

### **SESSION #1 (DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

**Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

**New Durham Elementary School**

**7 Old Bay Road**



## **2015 VOTER GUIDE – TOWN OF NEW DURHAM**

To The Residents of New Durham:

The year 2015 marks a unique milestone in that it is the first year the town will experience the Official Ballot Referendum process. In March, 2014 the Town voted to convert from the traditional Town Meeting form of government to the process described in RSA 40:13 commonly known as “SB2”. Historically, New Durham utilized a Town Meeting with voice votes to finalize decisions on the various issues and budget articles. By passage in 2014 of the SB2 Warrant Article by greater than the required two-thirds vote, the Town must now have all issues voted by the ballot process.

As part of the SB2 process, there are two separate and distinct events the must occur. The first event is Session #1 (the Deliberative Session) in which the voters are presented the Articles on the Warrant as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee, or petition. The Deliberative Session is led by the Town Moderator similar to the traditional Town Meeting format. Following verbal discussion on these Articles, the attending voters may formulate motion(s) to make changes as allowed by law to the Warrant Articles. Any legally proposed changes are then voted at the Deliberative Session. The Deliberative Session is essentially the same as the traditional Town Meeting except that there is no final vote at the Deliberative Session. The inaugural Deliberative Session for the Town of New Durham is February 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the New Durham Elementary School.

Following the actions of the Deliberative Session the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee may then revise this Voter Guide to convey the actions from the Deliberative Session and then develop the final 2015 Voter Guide. This precedes the second of the two distinct events, or Session #2, which is the Ballot Referendum itself. The Ballot Referendum (i.e. Voting Session with ballots) is the final action and decision by the voters on the various issues. During Session #2 voters in New Durham will have the opportunity to cast votes on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget as a result of Session #1 within the privacy of the voting booth. Session #2 is on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 and the polls are open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM and absentee ballots can be used for the Ballot Referendum process. Please contact the Town Clerk for more information on absentee ballots if needed.

The Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, Planning Board, and other Town committees and entities recognize that sometimes lengthy legal language is required by law to write the Warrant Articles. This language can be confusing to voters who have not been actively involved in the debate that created the Article. To help voters have a clearer understanding of each topic we have prepared this Voter Guide. This Voter Guide supplements the Annual Town Report but does not replace that important information. The Annual Town Report for New Durham will be available not later than March 3, 2015. Should you have any questions regarding your town government after reviewing these documents, please contact the Town Administrator [Jeremy Bourgeois at (603) 859-0203] or any of the Board of Selectmen.



Within this Voter Guide you will find tax impact information. This tax impact information will also be listed on the ballot. We have provided it here to give voters an idea of the respective Warrant Article impact on their tax rate if the voters approve the respective Warrant Articles. However, it should be noted that the tax rate indicated in this Voter Guide is not the tax rate for 2015 as the Town has additional revenue sources that also offset the tax rate. These include such revenues to the Town as motor vehicle registration and other permit and fees. These revenues will make the Town's tax rate lower than shown in this Voter Guide. The tax rate impact shown in this Voter Guide is an estimate based on current information at the time of the printing using information and revenue projections that are available at that time. The actual tax rate is set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and it is not set until around September or October using actual data available at that time.

We urge you to consider the various issues presented in these Warrant Articles for your decision as well as those positions which will be elected within the Town by your vote. Important decisions regarding type and level of service along with the future direction for the Town will be made by you at the polls.

The Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and other Town officials and employees want to thank you for your ongoing concern in maintaining and improving the quality and balance of service offered to you at the most cost efficient level. We appreciate your interest in making informed decisions on these important Town issues and look forward to your participation in these two SB2 Sessions.



**TOWN of NEW DURHAM – TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2015**

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Durham, in the County of Strafford, in said State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of New Durham will be held on two days as follows:

**Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.** at the New Durham School Gymnasium, located at 7 Old Bay Road, New Durham, NH, where the deliberative session will occur.

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 8:00AM to 7:00PM** in the New Durham School Gymnasium, located at 7 Old Bay Road, New Durham, NH, where there will be voting by official ballot for the election of Town Officers and Warrant Articles, including amendments to New Durham’s Zoning and Land Use Ordinances.

**1. ARTICLE 1**

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term of:</u>
(1) Selectman	3 Years
(1) Cemetery Trustee	3 Years
(1) Library Trustee	3 Years
(1) Planning Board	3 Years
(1) Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Years

**2. ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the comprehensive revision of the existing Zoning and Land Use Ordinance proposed by the Planning Board? The comprehensive revisions include substantial editorial revisions as well as the following amendments:

- **Zoning Article III:** Amendments to the definitions of Buildable Lot; Building & Accessory Building; Camping Area & Campground; Camping, Organized Youth Camp; Commercial Docking Facility; and Structure;
- **Zoning Article V:** Amendment to clarify that road frontage is required for all buildable lots, except as permitted by Zoning Board of Adjustment, as required by RSA 674:41, II;
- **Zoning Article V:** Amendment to allow Woodlots of less than 10 acres, subject to certain conditions, with temporary campers allowed for a period not to exceed 60 days;
- **Zoning Article VII:** Amendment to the criteria for uses allowed by Special Exception and for Camping Areas and Campgrounds.



- **Zoning Article VIII:** Amendments to the Residential-Recreational-Agricultural District, including: the regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units; Restriction of Two Family Dwellings whenever road access, fire safety, terrain or other environmental factors may be detrimental to public health and safety; Home Occupations are permitted subject certain conditions; and the Ordinance is clarified to require a special exception for Multi-Family uses.
- **Zoning Article IX:** Amendments to the Town Center Mixed Use Zoning District, including: Multi-Family Uses are allowed by Conditional Use Permit (rather than by Special Exception); Agricultural and Forestry Uses are allowed, except where such uses create a public nuisance; Non-residential uses are allowed as part of a Mixed Use Development; Use of regulated substances by Dental or Health Care Facilities is clarified to be permitted; and clarification that all Multi-family and Non-Residential uses are subject to site plan and/or subdivision review.
- **Zoning Article XIV:** Amendments to the Shorefront Conservation District, including: minimum criteria for Shorefront Common Areas for certain residential and commercial developments including: minimum shore frontage requirements; required swimming areas; and parking requirements.
- **Zoning Article XX:** Alteration or Expansion of Non-Conforming Uses or Property which make such uses or property more non-conforming is prohibited. In addition, a 75 foot setback is required for buildings from any water body or river course from Flood Hazard Areas.

Official copies of the existing and proposed Zoning and Land Use Ordinance are available for inspection at the Town Hall, on the Town Web Site and at all voting locations.

*(Majority vote required)*

This Article is recommended by the Planning Board by a 5 to 0 vote.

To amend Article \_\_\_\_\_

YES

NO

This Article is proposed by the Planning Board and clarifies, modifies, and / or changes various current Zoning and Land Use Ordinances. The Planning Board’s primary objective in making these changes was to provide grammatical / clerical modifications and to improve clarity and understanding of the New Durham Zoning Ordinances. The intent of the changes entailed in this Article is to further ensure the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the community by regulating the use of the land in New Durham. A complete Zoning and Land Use Ordinance document with all changes is available at Town Hall or on the Town of New Durham website ([www.newdurhamnh.us](http://www.newdurhamnh.us)).

A “Yes” vote would approve the Planning Board’s recommendations and changes to the New Durham Zoning and Land Use Ordinances with edits that clarify, modify, and / or change the current Zoning and Land Use Ordinances.

A “No” vote would reject all changes and leave the Town of New Durham Zoning Ordinances unchanged.



**3. ARTICLE 3**

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 \$2,896,300? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,889,804, 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 a special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2015 Proposed Budget: \$4.97 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2015 Default Budget: \$4.96 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 2 to 1 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 4 to 1 vote.

*To raise and appropriate operating budget of \$2,896,300* YES  
NO

Article 3 provides appropriations for the total operating budget for the Town of New Durham. It does not include funds for Special Warrant Articles, Capital Reserve Funds, Expendable Trust Funds, or the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) often understood to be paving and pavement repair. The table on the following table provides details and explanations by account where variances occur from the 2014 Town Operating Budget.

The Tax Rate Impact shown in the Warrant wording is the tax rate after projected non-property tax revenues are deducted from the total operating budget. New Durham has non-property tax revenues such as motor vehicle registration, various permits and licenses, etc. which are used to offset the Town’s tax rate. If only the Operating Budget amount were used without applying these non-property tax revenues to calculate the tax rate impact the tax rate impact would be \$6.878 per \$1,000 assess valuation for the proposed 2015 budget or \$6.863 per \$1,000 assessed evaluation for the 2015 Default Budget. It should be understood the tax rate shown is not the tax rate for 2015 as the actual tax rate will be set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration in late 2015.

The Proposed 2015 Town Operating Budget as proposed by the Budget Committee is lower than the 2014 Approved Town Operating Budget by \$19,642. The 2015 Default Operating Budget is lower than the 2014 Approved Town Operating Budget by \$26,138. The difference between the Proposed 2015 Operating Budget and the 2015 Default Operating Budget is \$6,496 or less than two cents (\$0.017) per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

A “Yes” vote approves the Proposed 2015 Operating Budget for town operating expenses.

A “No” vote would reject the Proposed 2015 Operating Budget and use the 2015 Default Budget for Town operating expenses.

Note: The following spreadsheet with notes was developed from the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen. Additional budget information is also presented in Appendix 1 showing the non-operating portions of the New Durham budget such as potential Capital Reserve Fund and Expendable Trust Fund expenditures.



## 2015 Proposed Operating Budget and Default Operating Budget Compared to 2014 Operating Budget

Account	Title	2014 Budget	Prop. 2015 Budget	Default 2015 Budget	Variance Prop 2015 vs. 2014 Budget	Comments - Proposed 2015 Changes from 2014 Budget
<b>Operating Funds</b>						
4130	Executive Office (Excluding Ethics / Boodey House)	\$168,557	\$186,167	\$183,587	\$17,610	Reduction in Mileage offset by increases in Clerical Wages, Land Use Ass't Wages, Wolfboro TV expense as additional meetings to be on TV, eMail expense due to policy changes, and Equipment
4130-30	Ethics Committee	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	No Change from 2014
4130-50	Boodey House	\$201	\$201	\$201	\$0	No Change from 2014
4140	Election & Registration	\$131,751	\$125,523	\$129,259	(\$6,228)	Fewer elections in 2015 lead to reductions in Election Worker, Election Wages, Checklist Supervisor, also reduction in Health Insurance
4150	Financial Administration	\$106,756	\$110,502	\$108,299	\$3,746	Increases in Finance Officer Wages, Software Licenses, and Dental Insurance
4152	Assessing	\$44,629	\$41,243	\$41,243	(\$3,386)	Reductions in Salary and related benefits offset somewhat by increases in outside contracting and additional Assessing Clerk hours due to re-measure relist tasks
4153	Legal Expenses	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	Increase based on potential additional legal expenses for Planning Board, Zoning Board Adjustment, and other town requirements



Account	Title	2014 Budget	Prop. 2015 Budget	Default 2015 Budget	Variance Prop 2015 vs. 2014 Budget	Comments - Proposed 2015 Changes from 2014 Budget
4155	Personnel Administration	\$39,798	\$44,012	\$30,695	\$4,214	Reduction in Insurance provisions, Physicals, and Dental Insurance offset by increases in anticipated Merit and Parity Adjustments for Town employees, Contract Services to provide wage / salary market data, and additional drug testing
4191	Planning Board	\$12,756	\$7,260	\$9,760	(\$5,496)	Reduction in Contracted Services and discontinuance of Strafford Regional Planning Commission Dues
4192	Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$952	\$952	\$952	\$0	No Change from 2014
4194	General Government Buildings	\$24,113	\$20,340	\$21,600	(\$3,773)	Reductions in Clock Winder Wages; Janitorial Services; Lawn Maint (\$500); FICA offset somewhat by increases Electricity
4195	Cemeteries	\$2,865	\$3,115	\$2,865	\$250	Increase in Supplies i.e. costs for upkeep
4196	Insurance (Property Liability)	\$46,572	\$49,661	\$49,661	\$3,089	Increase due to rate change from Primax
4199	Other General Government	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0	No Change From 2014
4210	Police 2014 PD Budget is original Acct 4210 \$512,225 + Acct 4299 \$26,264 + Acct 4414 \$1,600 - FD portion of Dispatch in Acct 4414 \$2,333	\$537,756	\$543,274	\$535,066	\$5,518	Reductions in Clerical Wages, Training, Supplies, Retirement, Outside Detail nad Grant Detail offset by increases in expanding PD Part Time Pool (i.e. Training / Supplies), PT Wages, Full Time Wages, Janitorial, and Medical Insurance costs



Account	Title	2014 Budget	Prop. 2015 Budget	Default 2015 Budget	Variance Prop 2015 vs. 2014 Budget	Comments - Proposed 2015 Changes from 2014 Budget
4220	Fire 2014 Budget is original FD \$183,868 + FD Dispatch portion of Acct #4414 \$2,332	\$186,200	\$198,980	\$186,280	\$12,780	Reductions in Secretarial / Assistant Wages, Vehicle Fuel expense, and Fire Department Compensation offset by increases in Administrative Wages; Radio Maintenance, Equipment Maintenance, Building Maintenance
4240	Code Enforcement Officer / Bldg Insp.	\$28,498	\$29,163	\$28,498	\$665	Increase in Wages / FICA, etc. due to changes in hours / rate
4290	Emergency Management	\$3,700	\$3,201	\$3,700	(\$499)	Forestry moved to separate account (4291); ETF to cover costs for On-Call Staff
4291 (Old 4290-40)	Forestry	\$10,115	\$8,040	\$10,115	(\$2,075)	Reductions in Fire Suppression expense
4299	Other Public Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Moved to Police Dept. (4210) and Fire Dept. (4220)
4312	Highways & Streets	\$809,778	\$781,538	\$796,840	(\$28,240)	Reductions in Office Manager, Telephone, Equipment Rental, Uniforms, Radio Maintenance, Diesel, Sand, Culvert expenses somewhat offset by increases in Full Time Wages, Salt, Medical, and Dental Insurance
4316	Street Lights	\$5,100	\$5,000	\$5,100	(\$100)	Reduction based on past two year trend



Account	Title	2014 Budget	Prop. 2015 Budget	Default 2015 Budget	Variance Prop 2015 vs. 2014 Budget	Comments - Proposed 2015 Changes from 2014 Budget
4319	Equipment Mechanic	\$150,465	\$138,998	\$149,919	(\$11,467)	Reductions in maintenance costs for Highway Vehicles, Police Department Vehicles, Fire Department Vehicles, and some benefit expenses
4324	Solid Waste	\$240,702	\$235,455	\$236,510	(\$5,247)	Reduction in Contracted Services, Supplies and Hauling Recyclables offset by increases in Disposal Fees, Landfill Monitoring and PT Wages
4411	Health Officer	\$2,167	\$2,144	\$2,167	(\$23)	Reduction in FICA, etc.
4414	Pest Control / Anim. Ctrl. Officer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Moved to Police Dept. (4210)
4415	Health & Other Agencies	\$3,200	\$5,000	\$3,200	\$1,800	Increased VNA; Homemakers; & Coastal Bus Contributions
4441	Welfare	\$24,535	\$24,035	\$24,535	(\$500)	Reductions in Projected Other Welfare costs
4520	Parks & Recreation	\$61,733	\$53,437	\$61,733	(\$8,296)	Reduction in Salary and related expenses and Ball Field Maintenance
4550	Library	\$130,552	\$134,495	\$133,115	\$3,943	Reductions from Heating expense and Operating Funds offset by increases in salaries, custodial costs, electricity, health insurance, and other benefits
4583	Town Historian	\$450	\$350	\$450	(\$100)	Reduction in Patriotic and Collection costs
4589	1772 Meetinghouse	\$705	\$465	\$705	(\$240)	Reduction mainly due to Supply costs



Account	Title	2014 Budget	Prop. 2015 Budget	Default 2015 Budget	Variance Prop 2015 vs. 2014 Budget	Comments - Proposed 2015 Changes from 2014 Budget
4612	Conservation	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$0	No Change from 2014
4711	Principal - LTB & Notes	\$87,721	\$83,985	\$83,985	(\$3,736)	Reduction as one note payoff completion in April 2015
4721	Interest - LTB & Notes	\$28,764	\$24,913	\$24,913	(\$3,851)	Reduction as one note payoff completion in April 2015
4723	Interest on TAN	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$0	No Change From 2014
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (i.e. Excluding All Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds - 4900 Accounts)</b>	<b>\$2,915,942</b>	<b>\$2,896,300</b>	<b>\$2,889,804</b>	<b>(\$19,642)</b>	<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (i.e. Excluding All Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Fund Accounts - 4900 Accounts)</b>
MS-7	Anticipated Revenues Other Than Property Taxes	(\$1,443,102)	(\$1,123,670)	(\$1,123,670)	\$319,432	Town revenues received other than property tax (i.e. Timber Tax, Motor Vehicle Registration Fees, State Grants, etc.); These Anticipated Revenues reduce the total amount the Town needs to raise from property taxes; Variance shows a reduction in Anticipated Revenues for 2015 compared to 2014; See MS-7 for detail



**4. ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$256,050** for the purpose of the Road Surface Management System for 2015. The sum is to be partially offset by Highway Block Grant Aid of \$97,686,, with **\$83,364** to come from the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund, and the remainder to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

*(Majority vote required)*

**Special Warrant Article**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact

*\$ 0.00 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.*

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

*To raise and appropriate stated sum for the purpose of Road Surface Management System*

YES

NO

Road Surface Maintenance System (RSMS) is often understood to be the road construction capital reserve fund and is used for paving and pavement repair. This Article would raise and appropriate a net amount of \$83,364 after the Highway Block Grant and Unassigned Fund Balance amounts have been applied to the total of \$256,050. The following work by the New Durham Highway Department is to maintain and upgrade the Town’s roads and is enabled by this Warrant Article. The planned paving and pavement repairs for 2015 are as follows:

<b>Miles</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
0.75	Bracket Road	1 ½” Overlay	\$ 59,175
0.50	Wentworth Road	1 ½” Overlay	\$ 39,525
0.75	Ragged Mountain Road	1 ½” Overlay	\$ 59,175
1.00	Kings Highway	1 ½” Overlay	\$ 71,775
1.00	North Shore Road	Chip Seal	\$ 26,400
4.00	Total Miles of Road	Total Estimated Cost	\$ 256,050

A “Yes” vote would allow the Town of New Durham to utilize the State’s Highway Block Grant and continue to appropriately maintain and upgrade various roads within the Town.

A “No” vote could cause continued degradation of the various roads within the town and could jeopardize utilization of the state’s Highway Block Grant to New Durham.

**5. ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to (i) establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) known as the Fire Department Ancillary Equipment- Non-Vehicle Fund. This fund will be for the purchase of non-vehicle equipment with a total cost of greater than or equal to \$2,500. Fire Department equipment that would be covered by this Capital Reserve Fund would include but are not limited to: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Thermal Imaging Cameras, Hydraulic Rescue Tools and Fire Hose and Nozzles, etc. (ii) Raise and appropriate **\$36,000** to be placed in said fund with said









NAME	ESTABLISHED	APPROPRIATION
Solid Waste Facilities Equipment	March 10, 2010 Article 14	\$ 12,000
Public Safety Facilities	March 10, 2010 Article 17	\$ 10,000

*(Majority vote required)*

**Special Warrant Article**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact

*\$ 0.69 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation*

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 4 to 1 vote.

*To raise and appropriate \$290,000 and place in previously established Capital Reserve Funds*

YES

NO

Passage of this Warrant Article places in the respective Capital Reserve Fund sufficient monies as proposed by the Town's Advisory Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP), as amended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee, to implement the Town's Master Plan and is used in anticipating of future cost to the Town with prudent planning for those costs. The funding in this Warrant Article is required to construct or purchase needed capital facilities or equipment consistent with the growth and development of the Town.

A "Yes" vote would raise and appropriate \$290,000 to the respective Capital Reserve Funds and continue to allow for needed capital facilities or equipment replacement consistent with the growth and development of the town.

A "No" vote would not continue the funding of the respective Capital Reserve Funds for 2015.

**10. ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 8,000** to be placed in previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows, with said funds to come from Taxation.

NAME	ESTABLISHED	APPROPRIATION
Computer Systems and Office Equipment	March 13, 1996 Article 11 Revised March 9, 2011- Article 26	\$ 3,000
Accrued Benefits	March 13, 1996 Article 16	\$ 5,000

*(Majority vote required)*

**Special Warrant Article**

Estimated Tax Rate Impact

*\$ 0.02 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.*



The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

*To appropriate \$8,000 placed in previously established Expendable Trust Funds*

YES

NO

This Expendable Trust Fund request provides for ongoing needs in both computer systems originally established in 1996 and to meet unforeseen expenses in accrued benefits should a town employee leave town employment where the Town would be required to pay accrued benefits but that expense would not be initially budgeted.

A “Yes” vote would raise and appropriate \$8,000 and allocate that to the placed in the previously established Expendable Trust Fund with an estimated tax rate impact of 1.9 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

A “No” vote would not allocate any funds to the previously established Expendable Trust Fund potentially causing a significant decline in the balance of that fund and may impede appropriate updates in IT equipment and software for Town operations.

## 11. ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to spend \$4,000 from the Shirley Forest Trust Fund to invest in silviculture activities as recommended in the Shirley Forest Management Plan.

*(Majority vote required)*

### Special Warrant Article

Estimated Tax Rate Impact

*\$ 0.00 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation*

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 2 to 1 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

*To spend \$4,000 from Shirley Forest Trust Fund*

YES

NO

In 1956 John Shirley will donated to the Town of New Durham a 154 acre parcel the use of which is regulated by the Shirley Trust Management Plan document. Per the John Shirley will any spending of the funds from that trust must be approved by Warrant Article. To provide a continuing forestry condition of this parcel the Forester is requesting that \$4,000 be spent from the Shirley Forest Trust Fund for tree farming activities.

A “Yes” vote would allow \$4,000 to be used from Shirley Trust Fund to replant and perform other measures to continue the current nature of the forest on this 154 acre parcel.

A “No” vote would keep the parcel as it is currently preserved without additional re-plantings, etc.





## APPENDIX 1

The 2015 New Durham Operating Budget with some explanatory detail is presented in Article 3 of this Voter Guide. However, the total New Durham 2015 Budget may also include various Capital Equipment Fund and Expendable Trust Fund expenditures depending on the voter's decisions for Articles 4, 9, and 10. The Voter Guide provides additional detail for each of these Articles.

To provide the voter with additional summary information for the 2015 New Durham budget, the following table is presented showing the expected expenditures for the Operating Budget (as a total number) along with projected Capital Reserve Fund and Expendable Trust Fund expenditures for New Durham in 2015.



<b>Capital Funds</b>		<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>Prop. 2015 Budget</b>	<b>Variance Prop 2015 vs. 2014 Budget</b>	<b>Comments - Proposed 2015 Changes from 2014 Budget</b>
4901	Lands & Improvements	\$215,651	\$256,050	\$40,399	See Warrant Article 4; Increase additional Road Surface Management System (RSMS) i.e. paving and paving repairs
4902	Capital Outlay & Equipment	\$55,618	\$125,000	\$69,382	Funding from existing Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) (Highway Dept. Truck: Police Dept. Cruiser)
4903	Capital Outlay & Equipment	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	Funding from existing Capital Reserve Fund (CRF); Fire Dept. Furnace Replacement; Fire Dept. Office / Entry Renovations
4909	Milfoil	\$18,200	\$21,320	\$3,120	Funding from existing CRF; Increase for hand pulling of milfoil and other mediation practices
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	No Change From 2014
4915	Capital Reserve Funds	\$291,722	\$290,000	(\$1,722)	See Separate Warrant Article 10 For Details
4916	Expendable Trust Funds	\$12,750	\$8,000	(\$4,750)	See Separate Warrant Article 12 For Details
	<b>TOTAL - CAPITAL RESERVE AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (i.e. All 4900 Accounts – CRF / ETF)</b>	\$593,941	\$735,370	\$141,429	Total money to be raised and/or spent for non-operating budget items such as road paving, capital equipment, milfoil control, furnace replacement, etc.



<b>Summary of Town Budget</b>						
		<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>Prop. 2015 Budget</b>	<b>Default Budget with Proposed 4900 Accounts for 2015</b>	<b>Variance Prop 2015 vs. 2014 Budget</b>	<b>Comments - Proposed 2015 Changes from 2014 Budget</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (i.e. Excluding All Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds - 4900 Accounts)</b>	<b>\$2,915,942</b>	<b>\$2,896,300</b>	<b>\$2,889,804</b>	<b>(\$19,642)</b>	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (i.e. Excluding All Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Accounts - 4900 Accounts)
	<b>TOTAL - CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS, i.e. All 4900 Accounts (CRF / ETF)</b>	<b>\$593,941</b>	<b>\$735,370</b>	<b>\$735,370</b>	<b>\$141,429</b>	Total money to be raised and/or spent for non-operating budget such as road paving, capital equipment, milfoil control, furnace replacement, etc.
<b>MS-7</b>	<b>Anticipated Revenues Other Than Property Taxes</b>	<b>(\$1,443,102)</b>	<b>(\$1,123,670)</b>	<b>(\$1,123,670)</b>	<b>\$319,432</b>	Town revenues received other than property tax (i.e. Timber Tax, Motor Vehicle Registration Fees, State Grants, etc.); These Anticipated Revenues reduce the total amount the Town needs to raise from property taxes; Variance shows a reduction in Anticipated Revenues for 2015 compared to 2014; See MS-7 for detail
	<b>TOTAL - EXPENDITURES (OPERATING BUDGET PLUS CAPITAL RESERVE / EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS)</b>	<b>\$3,509,883</b>	<b>\$3,631,670</b>	<b>\$3,625,174</b>	<b>\$121,787</b>	Total budget for New Durham including Operating Budget, Capital Budget, etc.
	<b>NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES - NET OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$2,066,781</b>	<b>\$2,508,000</b>	<b>\$2,501,504</b>	<b>\$441,219</b>	Projected amount necessary to be raised through property taxes; Total Expenditures (Operating Budget plus Capital Equipment Budget) minus Town revenues received other than property tax (i.e. Timber Tax, Motor Vehicle Registration Fees, etc.)



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