

**NOTICE
VOTER INFORMATION**

(In accordance with Section 14.06 of the Kittery Town Charter)

Kittery's Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 9th at 10:00 a.m. for open debate on Articles 2 through 16 at the Municipal Complex in the Council Chambers. A Secret Ballot Vote will be held on June 12th at Shapleigh School, 43 Stevenson Road from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sample ballots and written information on Articles 2 through 16 are available to the public Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

A sample ballot is also available in PDF format on the Town of Kittery's Website at www.kittery.org On the front page of the website, double click on [June 12th Sample Ballot](#) to review the questions or to print off a copy of the ballot.

ARTICLE 2:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of engineering, purchasing and installing replacement of two (2) box bridge culverts on Picott and Wilson Roads?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 6 No 1

Explanation: This article provides for the engineering, purchase and installation of two replacement bridge box culverts over Spruce Creek on Picott and Wilson Roads. The present culverts are at the end of their useful life span and require replacement. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million.)**

ARTICLE 3:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of installing with approval of the Maine Department of Transportation a new traffic light system with road sensors at the intersection of Mackenzie Lane and Route 236?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 6 No 1

Explanation: The article provides for the release of funds up to \$100,000 to engineer, purchase and install, following MDOT authorization a traffic light system with road sensors for the intersection of Route 236 and Mackenzie lane which is a high accident intersection. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million.)**

ARTICLE 4:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of installing with approval of the Maine Department of Transportation two left hand traffic light arrow signals to allow traffic to make left-hand turns from Route 236 onto Martin and Stevenson Roads?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 6 No 1

Explanation: The article provides for the release of funds up to \$10,000 to engineer, purchase and install, following MDOT authorization, two left hand traffic light arrow signals for the traffic light signals at the Intersection of Route 236 at Martin and

Stevenson Roads. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million.)**

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of installing a new shelving system in the Municipal Complex Vault to ensure proper record keeping and storage of vital and historical records into the future?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 6 No 1

Explanation: The present Municipal Complex vault managed by the Town Clerk is reaching its capacity sooner than expected even with annual house keeping efforts. The Town Clerk has proposed to install a moveable and expandable shelving record storage system as found in many legal and physician offices. This would replace the file cabinets and wall storage / shelving system now in use. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million.)**

ARTICLE 6:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$58,900.00 from unencumbered surplus and appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of implementing a mosquito/tick monitoring and control program for the Town of Kittery?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 4 No 3

Explanation: The threat of disease carrying mosquitoes and ticks is becoming a reality to the community each year as the type of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile and EEE virus are now in the region with two EEE cases in horses reported last summer in York and Lebanon Maine and several in New Hampshire and the North Shore of Massachusetts. The program requested for funding will conduct monitoring for the presence of the virus carrying mosquito and implementing a mosquito control program through environmentally approved bacterial insecticide to kill the mosquitoes in their area of incubation before they reproduce. Spraying will not be considered unless an outbreak occurs. Emergency spraying funds are contained within this budget. These areas have been mapped out in the community and will include the marsh areas, fresh water wetlands and drainage areas. Neighboring towns are considering the same program that will assist the entire region.

New Hampshire Seacoast Towns already have programs. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million.)**

ARTICLE 7:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer \$50,000 from unencumbered surplus into the Town's existing dedicated Account for Accrued Vacation and /or Sick leave for the continued purpose of settling any unpaid benefits owed to retiring employees?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: The Article transfers from the Town's unencumbered surplus \$50,000 to the existing dedicated reserve fund that pays for accumulated time to employees retiring from the Town's employment. The Reserve Account balance is 98,490 to pay employees, who retire from Town service, any unused benefits due them by contract or Personnel ordinance. The FY'06 Town Audit indicates that the Town has an accrued liability of \$1,042,508 for this type of leave as of June 30, 2006. The purpose of this article is to continue to build up the balance to meet the Town's liability. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of installing bleacher seating to replace all the bleachers that has been on loan from U.S. Navy at Memorial Field (144 -160 seating capacity) and install new bleachers (60 seat capacity) at Shapleigh School Field where there are non presently?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 0 No 7

Explanation: The article provides funds for the replacement with the same seating capacity bleacher (140-160) seating at Memorial Field. The existing bleacher seating has been provided by a loan of bleachers by the U.S. Navy from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. They have requested the return of their bleachers. The Athletic Booster Club has requested this article. In addition, there is presently no bleacher seating at Shapleigh School and the article provides seating for 60 spectators. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

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ARTICLE 9:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount of \$50,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of continued funding of the Open Space Reserve Account?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 5 No 2

Explanation: Town Council has created an Open Space Advisory Committee to develop an Open Space Plan with guidelines for the use of the Fund. Last year Town Council created and funded through the FY'07 budget a Reserve Fund for the purchase of Open Space lands which were identified and recommended to Council for consideration by the Advisory Open Space Committee. This article continues the funding of Reserve that has a balance of \$50,000. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of replacing pilings and floats at the Kittery Point Town pier?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: This article request \$20,000 to replace and install 8 pilings and 2 floats at the Kittery Point municipal Pier on Bellamy Lane by the Kittery Port Authority. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 11:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$13,000 from unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount for the purpose of replacing the Town's two 20 year-old obsolete electronic vote counting machines?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: The present two electronic vote counting machines that are programmed to count the election ballots are no longer supported by the manufacturer. The type that will be purchased is becoming the standard that is being used in the State of Maine. The Town needs two machines. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 12:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from unencumbered surplus when necessary and appropriate and expend up to \$25,000 for the purpose of paying the Town's deductible cost on accepted insurance claims against the Town?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: The Article requests exposing

up to \$25,000 from the Town's unencumbered surplus for use, when necessary, to pay the deductible and other associated costs on insurance claims instead of raising an amount from taxation within the Town Budget. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 13:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to establish a Grant Matching Fund and transfer an amount not to exceed a maximum of \$100,000 for FY08 from the unencumbered surplus when necessary and appropriate and expend said amount at the discretion of the Town Council following a public hearing for the purpose of providing the Town's match to Federal, State and Non-Profit grants?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: The Town Council expects continued applications to be filed for grants in a variety of areas by different town departments. These grants, if successful, often require a local match to be raised. The article requests that a Fund be established and up to \$100,000 from the Town's Surplus be transferred into it, following public hearing held by the Town Council on the grant and the amount needed for the local match. These funds, unless appropriated prior to the end of budget year, go back to the unencumbered surplus. For FY'07 thru March, approximately \$35,000 was obligated from the account which has brought in approximately \$110,000 in grant funds. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 14:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer from unencumbered surplus an amount not to exceed \$40,000 when necessary and to appropriate and expend said amount to cover shortfalls in FY'08 fuel account budgets in town departments due to the unpredictable fuel pricing markets for electricity, propane, natural gas, diesel, number 2 oil and unleaded gasoline?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: The Town Manager, following review of the individual department vehicle and heating fuel accounts and reviewing the fuel market pricing, suggested this type of account be approved at Town Meeting in FY'08 to provide departments, who have exhausted their budgeted fuel budgets access to emergency fuel funds. Fuel and utility prices have been unstable for the Town due to market conditions and transport cost. The Town Council favored keeping the FY08 fuel and utility accounts as low as possible with the concept of this warrant article exposing surplus funds as a safety net in case the market remains unstable. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 15:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$50,000 when necessary from the unencumbered surplus and to appropriate and expend said amount at the discretion of the Town Council to pay for emergency repairs and energy efficiency improvements to town-owned facilities that are not contemplated in the regular FY'2008 operating budget?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: Occasionally, repairs to town facilities are needed that have not been budgeted. In addition, energy efficiency projects are being identified to further save town funds. This Article allows the Town Council the discretion to make emergency facility repairs and undertake energy efficiency projects through the use of up to \$50,000 from the Town's unencumbered surplus account. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million)**

ARTICLE 16:

Shall the Town vote to authorize Town Council to transfer an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from unencumbered surplus when necessary and to appropriate and expend said amount to cover shortfalls in FY'08 General Assistance budget?

Town Council Recommends
Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Explanation: The General Assistance Program is budgeted from the Town's operational budget each year. The program assists town citizens with welfare type services by following very strict State and Federal guidelines for income eligibility within the Town General Assistance Ordinance. General Assistance expenses are variable from year to year. This article proposes to create a method, as in past years, for the Town Council to keep the General Assistance Budget at level funding. If the General Assistance cost exceeds the budget, this article would allow the Council to transfer an amount up to \$50,000 from Surplus to cover the overage. For FY'07 through February, the Town spent approximately \$33,500 of the \$40,000 budgeted. **(Use of unencumbered surplus will not affect the tax rate. The unencumbered surplus balance is approximately \$6 million.)**