



2023 Hampstead Voter Guide

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Hampstead Middle School

This voter guide has been prepared by the Communications Committee with the support and approval of the Hampstead Select Board and the Hampstead School Board. It is intended as a neutral explanation of each of the warrant articles. If you have a question about a warrant article or about the guide itself, please feel free to contact Sally Theriault, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board at admin@hampsteadnh.us, or any member of the Select Board or School Board.

Article 1

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

- One (1) Selectman, Three year term
- One (1) Treasurer, Three year term
- One (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Three year term
- One (1) Planning Board, One year term
- One (1) Planning Board, Two year term
- Two (2) Planning Board, Three year term
- Two (2) Zoning Board of Adjustment, Three year term
- One (1) Trustee of the Cemeteries, Three year term
- One (1) Library Trustee, Three year term
- One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three year term
- Two (2) Budget Committee, Three year term

Article 2

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to 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 \$9,041,802 (Nine Million Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Two Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,990,545 (Eight Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand and Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars) 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: The proposed town budget for 2023 will be \$9,041,802 and if defeated the default budget of \$8,990,545 (a difference of \$51,257) will be used. The proposed 2023 breakdown can be found at https://www.hampsteadnh.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif661f/uploads/2023_proposed_budget_1.pdf

The budget for 2022 was \$8,258,630. The 2023 proposed budget represents a \$783,170 (8.7%) increase over 2022.

If you vote YES: You approve the 2023 budget as proposed.

If you vote NO: You oppose the 2023 budget as proposed and approve the default budget.

Note: The remaining articles are not included in, but are annually proposed as additions to, the proposed budget. State statute requires a recommendation by the Select Board for each article, as well as an advisory recommendation by the Budget Committee for any article which includes an expenditure. Any expenditure from a trust fund must be approved by the Trustees of the Trust Funds as well as the Select Board.

Article 3

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the existing Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: The Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund is an account used by the town to fund any emergency or unbudgeted repairs and/or maintenance for town-owned buildings (Town Hall, Hampstead Meetinghouse, etc.). This would add to the fund's current balance of about \$33,000. In 2022, this same article passed 1,413 Yes to 731 No.

If you vote YES: The town will raise \$10,000 via general taxation and appropriate the amount into the fund.

If you vote NO: The fund will receive no additional revenue in 2023.

Article 4

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: The Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund is an account used by the Library Trustees to fund any repairs and/or maintenance for the town library. This would add to the fund's current balance of about \$6,000. In 2022, this same article passed 1,352 Yes to 800 No.

If you vote YES: The town will raise \$10,000 via general taxation and appropriate the amount into the fund.

If you vote NO: The fund will receive no additional revenue in 2023.

Note on Articles 5-8: The town allocates funding to a variety of social service agencies that serve the community. Each year, on a rotating basis, some are funded within the budget and some are put up as warrant articles. You can find information on what services each agency provides at the links provided.

Article 5

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 (Seven Hundred Dollars) for the Retired and Senior Volunteers Program.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is offered through AmeriCorps Seniors, via Southern New Hampshire Services, and provides services to older adults in the community. RSVP received \$700 in 2021 and in 2022.

More information about the Retired Senior Volunteer Program can be found at:

<https://www.snhs.org/services/retired-senior-volunteer-program-rsvp>

If you vote YES: The town will raise \$700 via general taxation and donate it to the program.

If you vote NO: The town will not donate funds to the program in 2023.

Article 6

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the American Red Cross.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: The American Red Cross of Northern New England helps 3.3 million people in New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters. The American Red Cross received \$1,500 in 2021 and in 2022.

More information about the American Red Cross can be found at: <https://www.redcross.org/local/me-nh-vt/about-us.html>

If you vote YES: The town will raise \$1,500 via general taxation and donate it to the program.

If you vote NO: The town will not donate funds to the program in 2023.

Article 7

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) for Isaiah 58.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-2 (advisory only)

Note: The Budget Committee vote was based on incomplete information.

Explanation: Isaiah 58 is committed to adding at least one new affordable housing unit each year in western Rockingham County. Their long term goal is to provide various forms of shelter in western Rockingham County for those in need and to provide the supportive services so their clients can succeed and maintain a productive and healthy lifestyle. Isaiah 58 received \$5,000 in 2021 and in 2022.

More information about Isaiah 58 can be found at: <https://isaiah58nh.com>

If you vote YES: The town will raise \$5,000 via general taxation and donate it to the program.

If you vote NO: The town will not donate funds to the program in 2023.

Article 8

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,092 (Five Thousand Ninety-Two Dollars) for Meals on Wheels.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: Rockingham Meals on Wheels provides transportation services, home meal delivery, and wellness checks throughout Rockingham County. Meals on Wheels helped 97 Hampstead Residents last year with meals and transportation. They received \$4,944 in 2021 and in 2022.

More information about Rockingham Meals on Wheels can be found at: <https://rockinghammealsonwheels.org>

If you vote YES: The town will raise \$5,092 via general taxation and donate it to the program.

If you vote NO: The town will not donate funds to the program in 2023.

Article 9

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 669:17-b to rescind the vote of the Town Meeting to elect a part-time police chief, and instead have a full-time police chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 105:1. If this article is adopted by Town Meeting the current elected part-time police chief will continue in his position until March 2024, at which time the Board of Selectmen will appoint a full-time police chief.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Explanation: The Hampstead Police Chief is currently a part-time position, and is elected through Town Election processes. This article would change the position to full-time and, beginning in 2024, would be a position appointed by the Board of Selectman instead of being elected by the town. A similar article was proposed in 2020 to change the position from elected to appointed and was rejected 479 Yes to 1,116 No. The cost of the full-time position is yet to be determined.

If you vote YES: The town police chief will become a full-time position, and will be appointed by the BOS.

If you vote NO: The town police chief will remain a part-time position, and will remain elected by the town.

Article 10

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to readopt the All Veteran's Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b, to allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the All Veteran's Tax Credit of \$750 to now include those service members that are currently serving and have not yet been honorably discharged from the armed services. The re-adoption of the All Veteran's Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veterans that qualify under the current requirements of RSA 72:28-b, but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: Currently any Hampstead resident who is an honorably discharged veteran (and also must meet the requirements of the RSA listed above) is eligible for a \$750 town property tax credit. If this article is approved, the tax credit eligibility would be expanded to include active service members (and still must meet the requirements of the RSA listed above).

If you vote YES: Any active service member who meets the requirement of the RSA listed above, as well as any honorably discharged veteran who meets the requirement of the RSA listed above, will be eligible to receive a \$750 town property tax credit under the All Veteran's Tax Credit program.

If you vote NO: No veterans will be able to receive the \$750 tax credit. The statute revision is written as an 'all or nothing' vote: if the article passes, the tax credit is expanded to include active military at \$750. If it fails, only previously-qualified veterans' will receive credit and the amount will revert to \$50.

Article 11

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to allow a lot line adjustment between Map 7 Lot 10, located at 35 Stage Road and 30 Veterans' Way (town land) totaling 886 sq. ft. and Map 7 Lot 42, located at 25 Stage Road (abutters land) totaling 5654 sq. ft. All costs to be shared between the Town and the Abutter.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Explanation: The lot line that exists between the Town Highway Department (35 Stage Road) and a town residence (25 Stage Road) will be altered to adjust ownership of a certain section of land. When the police station was built, there was an encroachment on part of a resident's adjacent property. The section offered compensates the property owner for the error. The cost of surveying the land (to be determined) will be shared

between the Town and the property owner of 25 Stage Road. Because the Town is a party in the lot line adjustment, an article must be presented and be voted upon.

If you vote YES: The property line will be adjusted, and the town will share the cost of the survey.

If you vote NO: The property line will not be adjusted.

Article 12

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to place a “conservation easement” on the following town-owned parcels, thereby restricting its use to wildlife conservation, water protection areas, recreational, and trail uses.

| Map/Lot | Location | Description | Acreage |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 8 / 219 | Main Street | Shop Pond Park | 2.9 |
| 8 / 219-1 | Mill Shore Drive | Shop Pond Parking Area | 0.7 |
| 9 / 39 | Wash Pond Road | Marsh/Wetlands on Sunset Lake | 2.78 |
| 11 / 59 | Wentworth Lane | Wetlands | 6.21 |
| 11 / 143 | 30 Bloody Brook Road | Wetlands & Fire Pond | 1.8 |
| 11 / 155 | Wash Pond Road | Marsh on Sunset Lake | 3.2 |
| 11 / 195 | Lancaster Road | Backlot w/ WWII Plane Crash Memorial | 6.0 |
| 11 / 250 | 51 Lancaster Road | Wetlands & Fire Pond | 1.24 |
| 12 / 64 | Sawyer Road | Wetlands | 4.44 |
| 12 / 95 | Emerson Avenue | Wetlands | 10.0 |

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Explanation: The plots of land listed above are currently town-owned, but not marked as “conservation.” Placing a “conservation easement” will limit the use of the areas to protect conservation values and not allow any building construction on the land. If for some reason there was a request to remove the conservation status in the future, a vote would be required.

If you vote YES: A conservation easement will be placed on the listed parcels of land.

If you vote NO: No easements will be placed on the listed parcels of land.

Article 13

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a 275th Anniversary Celebration Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of planning, organizing, and funding activities related to the Town's 275th Anniversary and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,500 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be placed in the fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: January 24, 2024 is the 275th anniversary of the town, and the BOS would like to create an account to fund any planning, organizing, and activities related to the anniversary celebration. The BOS will be the allowed agents to spend from this account.

If you vote YES: The town will raise \$27,500 via general taxation and appropriate the amount into the fund.

If you vote NO: The fund will receive no revenue in 2023.

Article 14

Article Text:

To instruct the Board of Selectmen to study whether or not it is appropriate for them to ask the Town to vote pursuant to RSA 673:3, III to change from elected to appointed members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Explanation: In 2022 an article was passed 1,699 Yes to 415 No to change the town's Zoning Board of Adjustment from appointed positions to elected positions. This article would instruct the BOS to study whether or not to ask the town to revert the 2022 article's decision.

If you vote YES: The BOS will study whether or not to ask the town to reverse the 2022 article's decision.

If you vote NO: There will not be a study, and the town Zoning Board of Adjustment would continue to be elected positions.

Article 15

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a study committee to research the benefits and short comings of offering a 99 year lease and easement on Town property located at the Kent Farm Transfer Station and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms and conditions of the lease and easement and to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote. Right of first refusal is given to American Towers Company.

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Explanation: Currently the BOS has the ability to lease the cell tower located at the Kent Farm Transfer Station for up to 25 years; this article would authorize the BOS to research offering a 99 year lease and easement.

If you vote YES: The BOS will be authorized to research the results of increasing the current cell tower lease limit from 25 years to 99 years.

If you vote NO: There will be no study to research the results of increasing the current cell tower lease limit from 25 years to 99 years.

Article 16

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the existing Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds to come from the sale of the Town's interest in the cell tower lease. (This article has no tax impact).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

Explanation: A 25-year lease agreement for the cell tower located at the Kent Farm Transfer Station was negotiated by the BOS in accordance with last year's warrant article (passed 1073 yes to 1008 no). This article asks the town to approve putting the \$300,000 generated by that lease into the Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, which was also created by warrant last year (passed 1215 yes, to 895 no) under the provisions of RSA 35:1. No funds would be raised via general taxation. Any expenditure of funds from this account would also have to be approved by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

If you vote YES: Revenue generated from the sale of the cell tower lease would be placed into the Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

If you vote NO: Revenue generated from the sale of the cell tower lease would not be placed into the Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and would remain in the town's General Reserve Fund.

Article 17

Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to create or reinstate a committee to review and, if necessary, confirm or update the findings of the 2016 study regarding the position of Town Administrator, including all associated costs.

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-3-1

Explanation: The town currently does not have a Town Administrator. his article would authorize the BOS to review a previous study done in 2016 to determine if a Town Administrator position is needed and the costs (salary, etc.) associated with the position.

If you vote YES: The BOS may convene a committee to review/update the 2016 study, including all associated costs.

If you vote NO: The BOS may or may not convene a committee to review the 2016 study, or may convene a committee to examine the current and future needs of the community. This is within the existing authority and responsibility of the BOS.

2023 Hampstead School District Warrant

Article 1

Article Text:

Election of Officers. To choose the following school district officers:

School Board Member 3-year term

School Board Member 3-year term

School District Moderator 3-year term

School District Treasurer 3-year term

School District Clerk 3-year term

Explanation: The town votes for school district officers to represent the community interest in the schools for the terms outlined.

Article 2

Article Text:

Bond Issue/Hampstead Central School Addition Project. Shall the voters of the Hampstead School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight million one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$8,190,000) for the Hampstead Central School Addition Project and authorize the issuance of not more than seven million six hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$7,690,000) of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any federal, state, or other aid that may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the School Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of one hundred ninety-two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$192,250) for the first year's interest payment on the bond?

Note: Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) will be utilized from the Capital Reserve Fund.

(3/5 BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: The proposed Bond for the Hampstead Central School Addition Project will address the security/safety, student learning and special education needs of the community. Voters are being asked to review and approve the raising of \$7,690,000 via a bond. And to raise an additional \$192,250 for the first

year's interest payment on the bond. A sum of \$500,000 will be drawn from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay for this project. (Total cost of the bond is \$7,600,000 because \$500,000 will be used from the Capital Reserve)

For more details visit: <https://sites.google.com/hampsteadschools.net/hcsrenovation/home>

If you vote YES: The town will raise the sum of \$8,190,000 to support the school bond. **If you vote NO:** The town will not raise the sum of \$8,190,000 to support the school bond.

Article 3

Article Text:

Operating Budget.

Shall the voters of the Hampstead School District 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, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$32,821,710? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$32,775,756, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Hampstead School District 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. Note: Warrant Article 3 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles.

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: The proposed Hampstead School District budget for 2023 will be \$32,821,710 and if defeated the default budget of \$32,775,756 (a difference of \$45,954) will be used. The proposed 2023 breakdown can

be found at: <https://sites.google.com/hampsteadschools.net/2022-23budgetsite/home>

The budget for 2022-2023 was \$32,189,534. The 2023 proposed budget represents a \$632,176 (1.96%) increase year-over-year.

If you vote YES: You approve the 2023-2024 budget as proposed.

If you vote

NO: You approve the default budget.

Article 4

Article Text:

Collective Bargaining Agreement - Hampstead Education Association

Shall the Hampstead School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead School Board and the Hampstead Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Cost Distribution

Year 1 \$350,123

Year 2 \$324,467

Wage Information:

- On Step - Year 1 is 4% + Step Increase; Year 2 is 3% + Step Increase
- Off Step - Years 1 & 2 is 3%

Insurance: District Contribution is down 1% per Year

- District Contribution in Year 1 goes from 90% to 89%
- District Contribution in Year 2 goes from 89% to 88%

Retiree Medical Supplements: Sunset for Employees Hired After June 30, 2025

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,123 for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and fringe benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: The proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement calls for increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels. There is a two-year cost distribution schedule outlined in the agreement –

Cost Distribution

Year 1 \$350,123

Year 2 \$324,467

If you vote YES: You approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as proposed and the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,123 for the 2023-24 fiscal year to be attributed to salaries and fringe benefits to the staff of the Hampstead School District.

If you vote NO: You do not approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement and no additional funds will be raised.

Article 5

Article Text: Collective Bargaining Agreement – Hampstead Association of School Staff

Shall the Hampstead School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead School Board and the Hampstead Association of School Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Cost Distribution

Year 1 \$213,172

Year 2 \$185,420

Year 3 \$185,420

Wage Information:

- On Step - All Years \$1.55/hr. plus \$0.45 Step Increase
- Off Step - All Years \$2.00/hr.

Mentoring Program: The District will implement a Mentoring Program for new staff.

Mentor Stipend of \$500/Mentee and Paid Training.

Crossing Guard: When a Crossing Guard is an Existing District HASS Employee, there will be a Stipend of \$8.70/hr (Increases \$0.60/hr. annually)

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$213,172 for the 2023-24 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and fringe benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: The proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2023-24 fiscal year calls for increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels. There is a three-year cost distribution schedule outlined in the agreement –

Year 1 \$213,172

Year 2 \$185,420

Year 3 \$185,420

If you vote YES: You approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement – Hampstead Association of School Staff as proposed and the town will raise a sum of \$213,172 for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The funds will be attributable to the increase in salaries and fringe benefits of the staff.

If you vote NO: You do not approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement – Hampstead Association of School Staff and additional funds will not be raised by the town.

Article 6

Article Text:

Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Hampstead School District, if Article 4 or Article 5 is defeated, authorize the Hampstead School Board to call a special meeting, at its option, to address the Article 4 and/or Article 5 cost item only?

(Without this article, the District would have to petition the Superior Court for a Special School District Meeting. This saves the District the expense of attorney fees and court costs.)

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: If Article 4 or 5 are defeated, this vote authorizes the Hampstead School board to call a special meeting to address the Article 4 and 5 costs only. This vote avoids our district having to petition the Superior Court of New Hampshire for a special School District meeting, saving the costs of legal fees.

If you vote YES: You approve the authorization of the Hampstead School District to hold a special meeting to address the contents of Article 4 and 5, which are about the Collective Bargaining agreements.

If you vote NO: You do not approve the authorization of the Hampstead School District to hold a special meeting to address the contents of Article 4 and 5.

Article 7

Article Text:

Capital Reserve Fund

If, and only if, Article 2 [the Bonding article] passes, then shall the voters of the Hampstead School District raise and appropriate up to \$300,000, in excess of the first \$150,000 of surplus, to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 2006, with such amount to be transferred from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance (surplus), available for transfer on July 1, 2023? If

Article 2 fails, then this article shall be deemed null and void.

(The first \$150,000 of surplus will be returned to the taxpayers. Up to \$300,000 of the balance of the remaining surplus will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. The funds from this article come from the 2022-23 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes. This Article is contingent upon Article 2 [the Bonding article] passing.)

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: ONLY if Article 2 is defeated, shall the voters raise and appropriate a sum of \$300,000 in excess of the first \$150,000 from the surplus budget to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Fund. If Article 2 passes, then this article is null and void.

If you vote YES: You approve any unused funds from the approved 2022-2023 budget, after the first \$150k of unused funds, can be moved to the capital reserve fund up to \$300,000.

If you vote NO: You do not approve that any unused funds from the approved 2022-2023 budget, after the first \$150,000 of unused funds, can be moved to the capital reserve fund up to \$300,000.

Article 8

Article Text:

Capital Reserve Fund

If, and only if, Article 2 [the Bond article] fails, then shall the voters of the Hampstead School District raise and appropriate up to \$1,000,000 in excess of the first \$150,000 of surplus, to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in 2006, with such amount to be transferred from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance (surplus), available for transfer on July 1, 2023? If Article 2 passes, then this article shall be deemed null and void.

(The first \$150,000 of surplus will be returned to the taxpayers. The balance of the remaining surplus will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund. The funds from this article come from the 2022-23 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes. This article is contingent upon Article 2 [the Bonding article] not passing.)

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: ONLY if Article 2 is defeated, shall the voters raise and appropriate a sum of \$1,000,000 in excess of the first \$150,000 from the surplus budget to be placed in the School Renovation, Reconstruction and Capital Improvement Fund. If Article 2 passes, then this article is null and void.

If you vote YES: You approve any unused funds from the approved 2022-2023 budget, after the first 150k of unused funds, can be moved to the capital reserve fund up to \$1,000,000.

If you vote NO: You do not approve that any unused funds from the approved 2022-2023 budget, after the first 150k of unused funds, can be moved to the capital reserve fund up to \$1,000,000.

Article 9

Article Text:

General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the Hampstead School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2022 Annual Report?

Recommended by the School Board (5-0-0)

Explanation: This article approves the 2022 Annual Report from the Hampstead School District. Found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/13XDZ5vliO98R9fy3FyF4ZIE69m2Fan3r/view?usp=share_link

If you vote YES: You approve the Annual Report.

If you vote NO: You do not approve the Annual Report.