

Article 2
Debate Rules
Malone

I move that the Town adopt Article 2, as printed in the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto,”

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary two-thirds vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 3
Consent Article
Mortenson**

I move that the Town adopt Article 3 as printed in the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 4
Bills of Prior Year
Mortenson

I move that the Town indefinitely postpone Article 4.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Town Meeting

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost.

The necessary two-thirds vote having been met.

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 5
General Bylaw Amendment – Revolving Funds
Malone

I move that the Town amend the General Bylaws by adding the new sections 13.4.5.10 (Council on Aging Revolving Fund), 13.4.5.11 (Athletic Fields Revolving Fund), and 13.4.5.12 (Biosafety Program Revolving Fund) as printed in Article 5 of the Warrant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 6
Revolving Funds Expenditure Limits
Malone

I move that the Town adopt Article 6 – Revolving Funds Expenditure Limits – for the Town of Bedford as printed in the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 7
Community Preservation Budget—Fiscal Year 2024
Fleischman**

I move that the Town appropriate or reserve the following amounts from the Community Preservation Fund for the following purposes, utilizing FY2024 Community Preservation Funds unless otherwise specified, and to transfer and apply \$906,203 (items #6-10 – bond payment) to the General Fund to pay Community Preservation Debt expenditures.

	FY2024 APPROPRIATIONS	FY2024 Funds
1.	Administrative	\$10,000
2.	Affordable Housing Consultant (Regional Housing Service Office)	\$38,000
3.	Archival Records Preservation	\$28,270
4.	Athletic Field Fencing Rehabilitation	\$43,000
5.	Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Program	\$37,817
6.	Bond Payment—350A Concord Road (end date of FY2026)	\$331,913
7.	Bond Payment—Town Hall MEP Project (end date of FY2026)	\$91,375
8.	Bond Payment—Liljegren Way/Mudge Way Athletic Fields (end date of FY2027)	\$111,500
9.	Bond Payment—Bedford Village (end date of FY2028)	\$167,790
10.	Bond Payment—Fawn Lake (end date of FY2030)	\$203,625
11.	Job Lane House Roof Rehabilitation	\$71,500
12.	Old Town Hall Elevator Controls Replacement	\$75,570
13.	Springs Brook Park Walkway Rehabilitation	\$37,800
14.	Trails Committee—Buehler Conservation Area Rehabilitation	\$152,000
15.	Trails Committee—Pedestrian Bridges, Bog Bridges, Stone Dust, Trail Infrastructure	\$11,000
	TOTAL	\$1,411,160

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
 Finance Committee: Approval Recommended
 Community Preservation Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met for:

Unanimous on vote: Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 8
Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Projects Plan
Mitchell**

Motion #1: I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,488,774 for the capital projects set forth as Project Nos. 24-01 through 24-22, inclusive, in Article 8 of the March 27, 2023, Annual Town Meeting Warrant, said funds to be expended under the general supervision of the Town Manager and supervision of the department head for which the sums have been appropriated.

AND

Motion #2: I move that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow a sum not to exceed \$2,672,354, for the capital projects set forth as Project Nos. 24-23 through 24-28, inclusive, in Article 8 of the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and to issue bonds and notes therefor under M.G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, said funds to be expended under the general supervision of the Town Manager and supervision of the department head for which the sums have been appropriated.

Project #	Department	Project	Funding Source	Amount
24-01	School	All Schools- Durable Furniture and Equipment Replacement	Tax Levy	\$ 50,088
24-02	Facilities— School	All Schools—Flooring	Tax Levy	\$ 76,650
24-03	School	All Schools—Info Tech Plan Replacement	Tax Levy	\$ 498,900
24-04	Facilities— School	All Schools—Interior Painting	Tax Levy	\$ 60,109
24-05	Facilities— School	All Schools—Program Space Modifications	Tax Levy	\$ 46,506
24-06	DPW	Ash Tree Removal and Replacement Program/Tree Master Plan	Tax Levy	\$ 150,000
24-07	Police	Ballistic Vests	Tax Levy	\$ 16,110
24-08	Facilities— Town	Current Fire Station—Fire Sprinkler Dry System	Tax Levy	\$ 62,000
24-09	Facilities— Town	DPW—Elevator Controls Replacement (State Mandated)	Tax Levy	\$ 62,455
24-10	Fire	Shift Command Vehicle	Tax Levy	\$ 86,039
24-11	DPW	Stormwater Permit Requirements	Tax Levy	\$ 100,000
24-12	Facilities— Town	Town Buildings- Lightning Protection	Tax Levy	\$ 68,500
24-13	Facilities— Town	Town Center- Flooring	Tax Levy	\$ 24,150
24-14	IT	Town- Copier Replacements	Tax Levy	\$ 6,775
24-15	IT	Town—IT Equipment & Projects	Tax Levy	\$ 147,042
24-16	Facilities— Town	Town Wide Elevator Fire Switches (State Mandated)	Tax Levy	\$ 124,000

24-17	DPW	Transportation Improvements—Local Transit Initiatives (Bus Stop Shelter)	Tax Levy	\$ 25,000
24-18	DPW	Transportation Improvements—North and Chelmsford Road Intersection Completion	Tax Levy	\$ 210,000
24-19	DPW	Transportation Improvements—Traffic Calming and Pavement Condition Index Oversight	Tax Levy	\$ 250,000
24-20	DPW	Turf Field Assessment Study	Tax Levy	\$ 56,650
24-21	DPW	Vehicle and Equipment Replacement	Tax Levy	\$ 317,800
24-22	DPW	Water Standpipe Rehabilitation	Tax Levy	\$ 50,000
24-23	Facilities—Town	108 Carlisle Site Improvements (Salt Shed and Washing Station)	Bond	\$ 632,731
24-24	Facilities—School	All Schools- Comprehensive Security Equipment and Safety Plan	Bond	\$ 350,000
24-25	DPW	Large Dump Truck Replacement	Bond	\$ 329,623
24-26	DPW	Sewer Pump Station Program	Bond	\$ 200,000
24-27	DPW	Sidewalk/Municipal Hardscape Improvements (ADA Sidewalk Maintenance and Improvements)	Bond	\$ 200,000
24-28	DPW	Transportation Improvements- Summer Street Bridge Repairs (State Mandated)	Bond	\$ 960,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
 Finance Committee: Approval Recommended
 Capital Expenditure Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met for the above listed projects beginning Projects 24-01 through 24-22.

The necessary two-thirds majority vote having been met for the above projects beginning Projects 24-23 through 24-28.

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 9

PEG Access and Cable Expense Related Budget Fiscal Year 2024

Mitchell

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$285,840 for the PEG Access and Cable Related Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; and that in order to meet such appropriation, the Town will transfer \$285,840 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended

Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 10
Supplemental Operating Budget
Hanegan**

I move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 10.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be Given at Annual Town Meeting

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary two-thirds vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 11
Salary Administration Plan Bylaw Amendment–Classification & Wage Schedule
Mitchell

I move that the Town amend the Salary Administration Plan Bylaw by striking out the present Classification and Wage Schedule and inserting the new Classification and Wage Schedule set forth in Article 11 of the Warrant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 12
Operating Budgets – Fiscal Year 2024
Thomas**

I move that the Town appropriate for operating expenditures in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, the sum of \$109,573,714, as set forth below, and to meet said appropriation, to apply the \$906,203 appropriated under Article 7 for debt service, to transfer the sums of \$5,400,000 from Sewer Fund, \$750,000 from Federal Impact Aid, \$80,000 from the Pension Trust Fund, \$50,000 from the Debt Stabilization Fund, and \$24,000 from the Recreation Fund, and raise the sum of \$102,363,511 from the FY2024 Tax Levy.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

Account #	Department	FY2024 Recommended	Segregations Descriptions	Amount
1220	Select Board	1,051,520	Salaries:	858,527
			Expenses:	192,993
1300	Finance/Administrative Services	1,595,525	Salaries:	847,715
			Expenses:	747,810
1301	Insurance & Benefits	14,983,209		
	<i>Health Insurance</i>	<i>7,291,338</i>		
	<i>Retirement Assessment</i>	<i>5,458,202</i>		
	<i>General Insurances</i>	<i>1,200,000</i>		
	<i>Medicare Assessment</i>	<i>882,669</i>		
	<i>Unemployment Insurance</i>	<i>125,000</i>		
	<i>Life Insurance</i>	<i>16,000</i>		
	<i>Employee Wellness</i>	<i>10,000</i>		
1303	Principal & Interest	11,119,861	Non-Exempt Principal	6,303,766
			Non-Exempt Interest	2,075,084
			Exempt Principal	1,557,500
			Exempt Interest	277,308
			CPA Debt Costs	906,203
1310	Financial Committees	551,614	Expenses:	1,614
			Reserve Fund	550,000
1410	Assessors	298,612	Salaries:	229,662
			Expenses:	68,950
1510	Legal Services	200,300	Expenses:	200,300

1610	Town Clerk	282,351	Salaries:	264,001
			Expenses:	18,350
1620	Elections & Registrations	73,450	Salaries:	47,850
			Expenses:	25,600
1750	Planning Board	257,321	Salaries	240,521
			Expenses:	16,800
2010	Police Department	4,262,565	Salaries	4,037,781
			Expenses:	210,311
			Capital Outlay:	14,473
2200	Fire Department	3,535,468	Salaries	3,285,780
			Expenses:	218,906
			Capital Outlay:	30,782
2360	Town Center	120,807	Salaries	59,135
			Expenses:	61,672
2400	Code Enforcement	650,643	Salaries	600,730
			Expenses:	49,913
3000	School Department	46,737,588		
3001	Vocational Education	1,059,598		
3500	Facilities Department Municipal	3,473,616	Salaries	629,531
			Expenses:	2,841,534
			Capital Outlay:	2,551
4000	Public Works	16,391,879	Salaries	3,431,844
			Snow Removal	
			Overtime	136,800
			Snow Removal Materials	205,653
			MWRA	3,832,778
			Water Purchase	3,343,041
			Refuse/Recycling	1,926,363

			Energy	624,443
			Equipment/Materials	1,230,256
			Capital Outlay	8,831
			Road Resurfacing	1,651,870
5000	Board of Health	415,917	Salaries	352,390
			Expenses:	63,527
5001	Hazardous Waste	27,438	Expenses:	27,438
5003	Mosquito Control	42,042	Expenses:	42,042
5400	Bedford Local Transit	66,020	Salaries:	64,034
			Expenses:	1,986
5410	Council on Aging	269,509	Salaries:	249,875
			Expenses:	18,541
			Capital Outlay:	1,093
5420	Youth & Family Services	563,832	Salaries:	239,393
			Expenses:	324,439
6100	Public Library	1,453,696	Salaries:	1,135,446
			Expenses:	311,250
			Capital Outlay:	7,000
6300	Recreation Commission	88,000	Salaries:	88,000
6910	Historic Preservation Commission	1,333	Expenses:	1,333
TOTAL		109,573,714		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
 Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 13
Ambulance Enterprise Budget – Fiscal Year 2024
Thomas**

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,207,840 to operate the Ambulance Enterprise Fund, and that the following sums be appropriated for the Ambulance Enterprise Fund:

Salaries:	\$ 926,629
Operational Expenses	\$ 260,670
Capital Outlay	\$ 20,541

and that in order to meet said appropriation that the sum of \$1,207,840 be raised as follows:

Ambulance Receipts	\$ 1,079,867
Retained Earnings	\$ 127,973

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 14
Salary Plan Additional Funding
Mitchell

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292,425 to fund the salary adjustments for certain employees required by the Town's Compensation and Wage Schedule.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 15
Supplement Accrued Leave Fund
Hanegan**

I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to supplement a fund established by Article 25 of the 1994 Annual Town Meeting to offset the anticipated annual and future costs of Town employee accumulated leave payments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on a vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 16
Stabilization Fund
Thomas**

I move that the Town adopt Article 16, as printed in the Warrant, less the phrases “or any other sum” and “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto,”

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on a vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 17

**Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund Appropriation
Fleischman**

I move that the Town raise and appropriate under M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 3A the sum of \$1,385,180 for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established under Article 21 of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, and authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20, in order to offset the anticipated future cost of providing post-retirement health and life insurance benefits to current and future retired Town employees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on a vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 18
Appropriate Funds for Transportation Infrastructure Fund
Hanegan

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,075.30, received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund, for purposes of funding transportation services in the Town of Bedford.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board: Approval Recommended
Finance Committee: Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 19
300th Anniversary Stabilization Fund
Malone

I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the Town's 300th Anniversary Stabilization Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 20
300th Anniversary Stabilization Fund – FY24 Expenses
Malone

I move that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from the 300th Anniversary Stabilization Fund to be used by the 300th Anniversary Committee for FY24 Expenses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

**Article 21
Free Cash
Thomas**

I move that the Town vote to transfer \$8,900,000 from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be Given at Town Meeting

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary majority vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____

Article 22
Zoning Bylaw Amendment
Crowley

I move that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 22 of the Warrant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Select Board:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Does Not Recommend

Moderator declared motion passed/unanimously, Lost

The necessary two-thirds vote having been met

Unanimous on vote Yes: _____ No: _____