

TO THE RESIDENTS OF EAST KINGSTON, NH

Greetings from the Board of the Selectmen. We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to mark your calendars to vote on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at the East Kingston Elementary School. The voting polls will be open from 8:00AM - 7:00PM. We urge everyone to register and vote. If you need transportation/assistance to the polls, please contact the Select Office at 642-8406. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office, 24 Depot Road at 642-8794.

TAX RATE

The Department of Revenue Administration set the 2020 tax rate at \$22.40, with the breakdown of:

County	\$ 0.84	
Town	\$ 4.91	
School	<u>\$16.65</u>	(EKES = \$6.49 + COOP = \$10.16)
TOTAL	\$22.40	

Please note the Board of Selectmen does NOT have any control over the school or county portion of the tax rate.

WARRANT ARTICLES

The following is the vote of the Board of Selectmen and explanation of the Warrant Articles for 2021, which are all to be voted on by ballot in accordance with SB-2.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Shall the Town of East Kingston 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 \$3,172,471. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,123,555 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of East Kingston or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED (The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of this article: 3-0 Board vote).

The operating budget includes costs for operating expenses of all departments and buildings and for bonded debt payments for conservation easements, library building, and police station.

The default budget is based on last year's approved budget +/- one-time costs, plus contractual costs. The proposed budget is 1.5% more than the default budget.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established at the 1999 Town Meeting for the purpose of acquiring fire apparatus.
MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED (The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of this article: 3-0 Board vote).

The purpose is to set aside funds to replace emergency vehicles when necessary. As of 12/31/20, the fund has a balance of \$224,737.74.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the existing Fire Department/Emergency Operations Center Land &/or

Building Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of the acquisition of land and/or building or construction of building for a Fire Station/Emergency Operations Center.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED (The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of this article: 3-0 Board vote).

The purpose is to set aside funds for the future when the Town's growth requires another facility. The current Fire Station is not a Town owned building but leased from the EK Volunteer Fireman's Association. The property is .97 acres; therefore, we are unable to further expand at the current location. As of 12/31/20, the fund has a balance of \$78,564.60.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the existing cistern/hydrant repair/replace Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2018 Town Meeting for the purpose of repairing or replacing existing cisterns or hydrants.


MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED (The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of this article: 3-0 Board Vote).

The purpose is to set aside funds to cover future costs when cisterns and fire hydrant repair or replacement is needed. As of 12/31/20, the fund has a balance of \$34,097.99.

6. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Old Home Day Fund created in 1994. Said funds, one-thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars and thirty-six cents (\$1,177.36) with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED (The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of this article: 3-0 Board vote).

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.


Justin Lyons (Apr 5, 2021 13:19 EDT)

Justin B. Lyons

Robert Nigrello

Robert L. Nigrello


Joseph Cacciatore (Apr 5, 2021 12:43 EDT)

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**Town of East Kingston
Board of Selectmen**