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**Article 11    2024 Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight million four hundred eighty two thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$8,482,160) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

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**Article 12    Capital Improvements Program**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred seventy eight thousand dollars (\$678,000) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2024 as presented in the Town Report and recommended by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than December 31, 2029 per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

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**Article 13    Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established with One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be raised through general taxation.

Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	\$125,000
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$125,000
Total	\$250,000

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.



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**Article 14     Raise and Appropriate from EMS Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$36,500) for the following purposes:

2024 EMS Supplies	\$16,500
2024 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training	\$10,000
2024 ALS Services Contract	\$10,000

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Thirty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$36,500) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

Majority vote required.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

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**Article 15     Shall votes be counted by paper ballot and hand counted only?**

Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices. This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40. Should this article be passed, it should be enacted by the Town of Stratham immediately.

Submitted by petition. Non-monetary.

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**Article 16     Other business**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.