



Town of Warner



Town Meeting 13 March 2024

2023 vs 2024







2023 Operating Budget and Preliminary Actual Results

Operating Budget \$ 4,369,589 Expended (preliminary) \$ 4,284,895

Encumbered \$ 0 Unspent Funds \$ 84,694 Budget variance 1.94%

Operating Budget Analysis

| \$ 3,310,970 |
|--------------|
| \$ 3,371,485 |
| \$ 3,524,207 |
| \$ 3,675,514 |
| \$ 4,369,589 |
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2024 Operating Budget Analysis

2023 Operating Budget

\$ 4,369,589

2024 Operating Budget

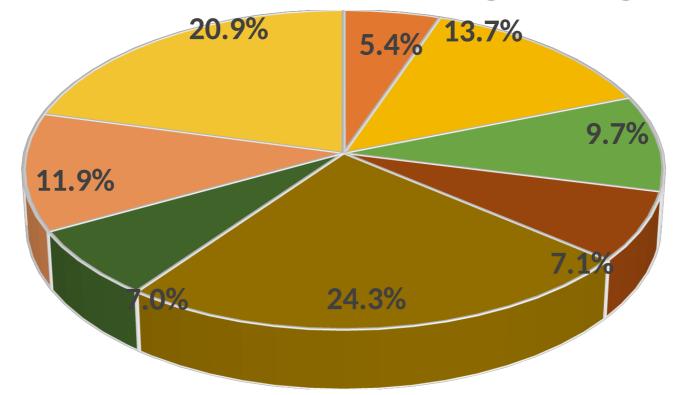
\$ 4,563,087

Increase

\$193,498 4.

4.428%

Warner 2024 Operating Budget



- Board of Selectmen
- Police Department
- Highway Department
 Transfer Station
- Debt Service

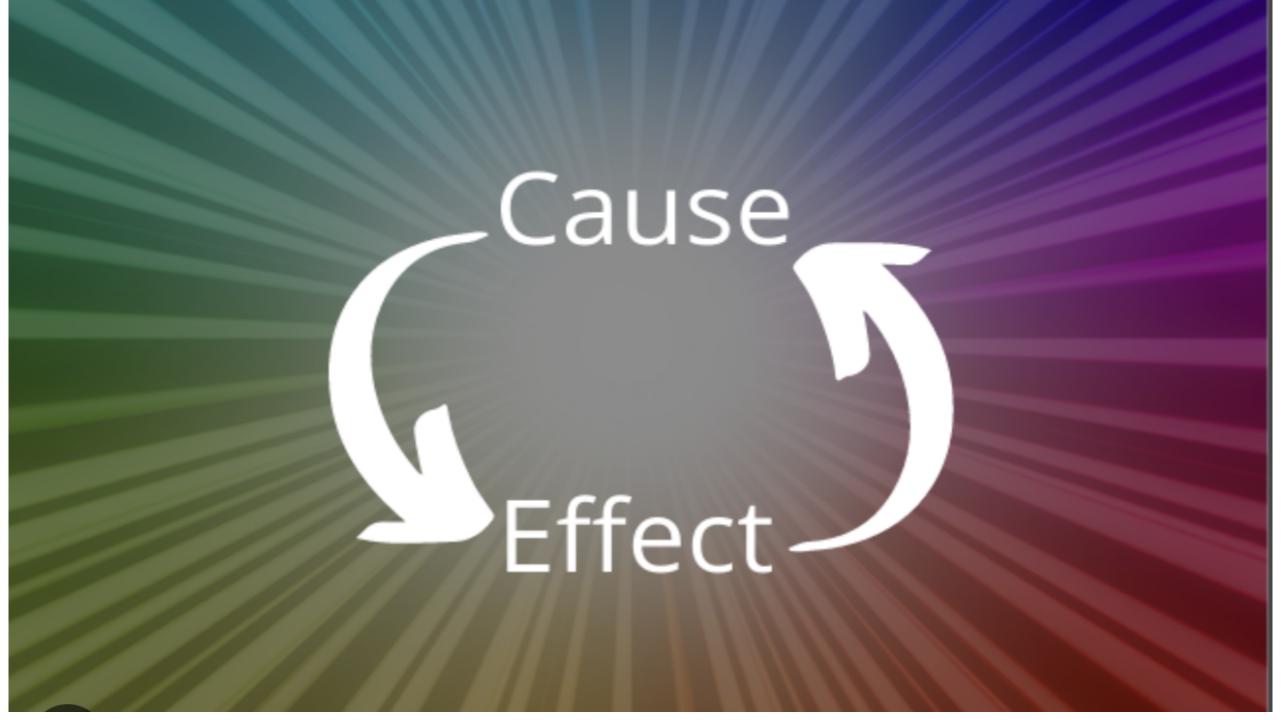
- Employee Benefits & Payroll Taxes
- Fire Dept., Ambulance, and EM
- All Other



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| <u>Account</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>% Chai</u> | nge |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| Salaries, Wages and Stipends | \$ 140,502.46 | 9.7% | Increase |
| Fringe benefits and payroll taxes | \$ 71,805.63 | 13.0% | Increase |
| Financial Audit Expense | \$ 8,840.00 | 46.5% | Increase |
| Legal Fees | \$ 13,000.00 | 108.3% | Increase |
| Insurance Costs | \$ 17,297.74 | 16.9% | Increase |
| WCC Maintenance | \$ 15,000.00 | 300.0% | Increase |
| Total | \$ 266,4 | 44.00 | |

Capital Budget Trend

2019 Warrant Articles \$ 638,300 \$ 584,600 2020 Warrant Articles 2021 Warrant Articles \$ 635,500 \$ 795,323 2022 Warrant Articles 2023 Warrant Articles \$ 537,087 2024 Warrant Articles \$555,729

Increase 18,642 3.47% increase

| <u>Fund Name</u> | Ba | alances as of 12/31/23 | 20 |)24 Warrant <u>Articles</u> | 20 | 024 Funded <u>Balances</u> |
|-------------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| Bridge Repair / Replace | \$ | 336,973 | \$ | 47,070 | \$ | 384,043 |
| Cemetery ETF | | 6,226 | | - | | 6,226 |
| DPW Facility Improvements | | 198,017 | | - | | 198,017 |
| Dry Hydrants | | 17,791 | | - | | 17,791 |
| Employee Health Insurance ETF | | 24,042 | | - | | 24,042 |
| Fire / Rescue Vehicles | | 431,049 | | 125,000 | | 556,049 |

| | Balances as of | 2024 Warrant | 2024 Funded |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Fund Name</u> | 12/31/23 | <u>Articles</u> | <u>Balances</u> |
| Firefighters Equipment | 54,238 | 37,000 | 91,238 |
| Forest Fire ETF | 48,496 | - | 48,496 |
| Highway Equipment | 153,428 | 136,659 | 290,087 |
| Highway Road Construction | 357,715 | - | 357,715 |
| Infrastructure Matching Funds | 5,106 | - | 5,106 |
| Kearsarge Mountain Alternate Rte. | 12,090 | - | 12,090 |

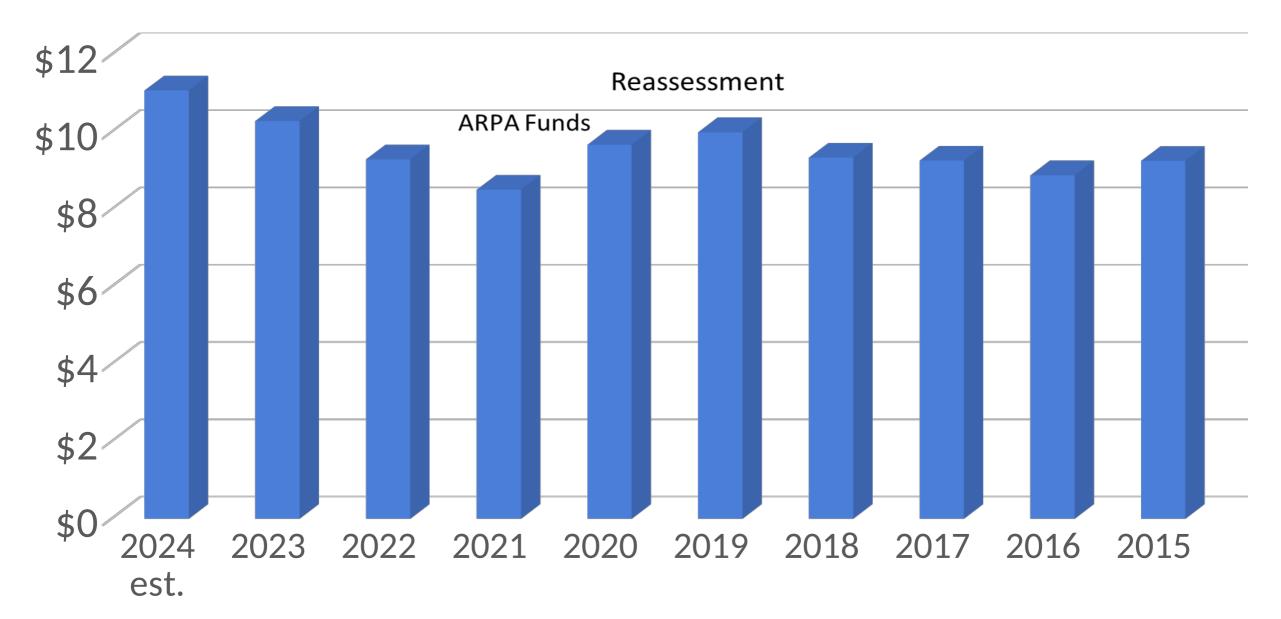
| <u>Fund Name</u> | Balances as of <u>12/31/23</u> | 2024 Warrant <u>Articles</u> | 2024 Funded <u>Balances</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Library Building | 69,843 | - | 69,843 |
| New Waterloo Equipment | 11,805 | - | 11,805 |
| Parks & Recreation | 4,657 | - | 4,657 |
| Police Vehicles | 70,476 | 25,000 | 95,476 |
| Property Revaluation | 93,486 | 115,000 | 208,486 |
| Records Preservation | 24,913 | 20,000 | 44,913 |

| <u>Fund Name</u> | Balances as of <u>12/31/23</u> | 2024 Warrant <u>Articles</u> | 2024 Funded <u>Balances</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Town Hall Improvements | 51,054 | - | 51,054 |
| Transfer Station Equipment | 3,688 | - | 3,688 |
| Transfer Station Facility Project | 152,356 | 50,000 | 202,356 |
| Transportation Improvement Grant | 20,153 | - | 20,153 |
| Totals - all four slides | \$ 2,147,600 | \$ 555,729 | \$ 2,703,329 |



2024 ESTIMATED

Warner Municipal Tax Rate



Calculation of Estimated 2024 Municipal Tax Rate

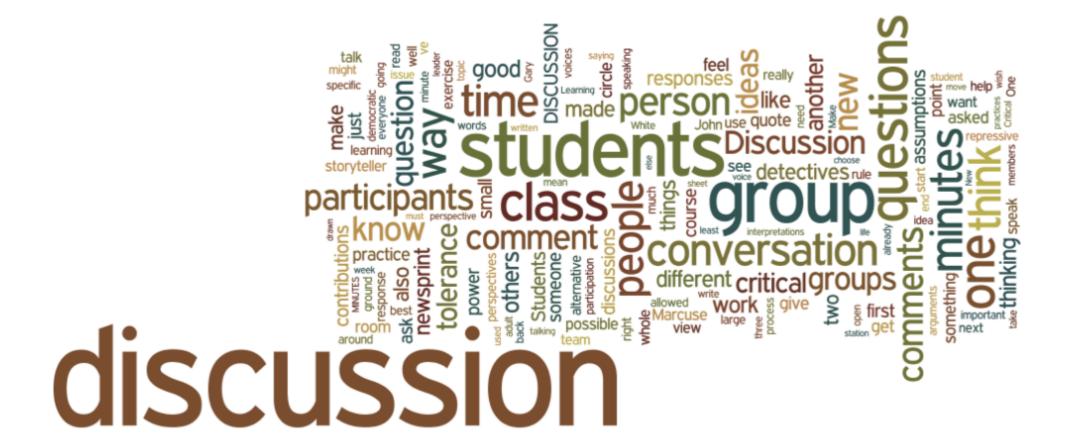
| Operating Budget | \$ 4,563,087 |
|--|--------------|
| Appropriations - CIP | 555,729 |
| Contingency Fund | 10,000 |
| Subtotal | 5,128,816 |
| Estimated revenues | (1,280,250) |
| Amount funded from fund balance | (208,729) |
| Interfund operating transfers | (15,267) |
| Net required tax effort | 3,624,570 |
| Tax base | 327,540,150 |
| Tax rate per \$1,000 in assessed value | \$ 11.07 |



Impact of Increase in Municipal Tax Rate

• For 2024, Warner's municipal tax rate is projected to increase to \$11.07 per \$1,000 in assessed value from \$10.28 in 2023; an increase of \$.79 or 7.684%.

• The increase in the municipal tax rate would add \$237 to the tax bill of a resident that owns a home assessed at \$300 thousand.





Town of Warner Warrant Articles

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Article 4 The Town Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,563,087 (Four million, Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents) as the 2024 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately

Article 5 Citizen Petition

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA32:5b,and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%?"

Article 6 Citizen Petition

"Shall the Town of Warner vote to suspend construction of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail in Warner until the Warner Conservation Commission has had sufficient time to study and evaluate the likely environmental impact of the trail on the Warner River ecosystem and inform Warner residents about the projected ecological consequences of the trail and make recommendation to avoid harm: in particular as it concerns rare, vulnerable and endangered species?"

Article 7 Citizen Petition

"To see if the town will vote to allow Warner Connects NH (Warner Area Food Pantry and Family Closet) to conduct their nonprofit (EIN 85-4243224) operation rent free. This action would commence at the end of their current lease and would continue, in their current space, as long as they are servicing the people of our community."

Article 8 Citizen Petition

"To see if the town will vote to require the Selectboard, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Budget Committee to post a zoom video, and/or audio recording, on the Town Website as soon as possible, following each of their public meetings. Each posting to have a separate and unique link under the menu "Residents/Meeting recordings" which shall remain on the town website for at least six months."

Article 9 Preservation of Town Records Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Preservation of Town Records Capital Reserve Fund?

IMPACT: \$18.32 increase for a \$300,000 assessed property

Article 10 Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

IMPACT: \$22.90 Increase for a \$300,000 assessed property

Article 11 Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$47,070 (Forty-Seven Thousand Seventy Dollars and Forty Cents) to be placed into the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, this sum to come from unanticipated Highway Block Grant Funds?

IMPACT: \$0 funded by grant proceeds

Article 12 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

IMPACT: \$91.59 Increase for a \$300,000 assessed property

Article 13 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$36,659. (Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents) to be placed into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, this sum to come from unanticipated Highway Block Grant Funds?

IMPACT: \$0 funded by grant proceeds

Article 14 Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Project Capital Reserve Fund?

IMPACT: \$45.80 Increase for a \$300,000 assessed property

Article 15 Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$37,000 (Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

IMPACT: \$33.89 Increase for a \$300,000 assessed property

Article 16 Fire & Rescue Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Fire & Rescue Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund?

IMPACT: \$114.49 Increase for a \$300,000 assessed property

Article 17 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$115,000 (One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fundthis sum to come from unassigned fund balance.

IMPACT: \$0 funding is general fund balance

Article 18 Solar Exemption

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provides for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for the property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes.

Article 19 Establish a Contingency Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund, this sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund.

Article 20 Other Business

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

