

## Two Renovation Related Warrant Articles

### Article 10

Shall the Salem School District appropriate the sum of \$1,511,000 for the purpose of funding the cost of architectural and engineering plans and specifications and other preliminary expenses incident to and connected with the design for the reconstruction, renovation or alteration of the Salem High School and its grounds and facilities, and to raise the same through the School Board's use of \$250,000 in impact fees for this purpose to defray the District's costs for this project, with the balance to come from taxation; and further authorize the School Board to apply for, accept and expend federal, state or other aid which may be available, and to take all other action necessary to carry out this vote. (The Salem School Board voted this article with recommendation; the Municipal Budget committee voted this article without recommendation.)

This article would provide funds for the architects and officials to:

- Develop a schematic design for the renovation project including the detailing and analyzing of existing conditions.
- Assess current and projected enrollments to confirm proposed new space needs.
- Facilitate meetings with personnel to further refine space needs and requirements for each proposed space.
- Edit educational specifications to ensure the project meets State Department of Education approval for state funding including the completion of necessary pre-construction forms.
- Develop detailed floor plans, site plans, and elevations.
- Conduct building walk-throughs with fire and building officials to assure that proposed life safety improvements and layouts meet requirements.
- Develop detailed budgets for each portion of the project.
- Create drawings, models, and 3-D computer representations of the proposed project to help inform the voters prior to a bond vote in 2009.
- Develop construction documents – complete drawings and specifications – for a new gym facility.

**The total cost is \$1,511,000. Using \$250,000 of available impact fee funds, and an additional \$600,000 raised from the “premium” assessed to Windham for 2008-2009, the cost to Salem taxpayers is \$661,000 or \$0.144. All these funds are eligible for 30% reimbursement once a renovation project is approved.**

### Article 11

Shall the Salem School District establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, said fund to be known as the High School Renovations and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the reconstruction, renovation or alteration of the Salem High School and its grounds and facilities and the production of preliminary and final plans and specifications or other preliminary expenses incidental to or connected with these improvements, and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000 to be placed in this fund, with this amount representing surplus tuition received in excess of AREA tuition charges paid for attendance at Salem High School under Salem's one-year tuition agreement, and further to designate the School Board as agents to expend from this fund. This Article will be null and void and of no effect if Article 10 is adopted. (The Salem School Board voted this article with recommendation; the Municipal Budget committee voted this article without recommendation.)

- The \$600,000 identified in Article 11 applies to Article 10 as well. Therefore, if a voting majority supports both Article 10 and Article 11 then Article 11 will be null and void.
- If a voting majority rejects Article 10, then support for Article 11 will permit the Salem School Board to place \$600,000 of additional revenue being raised by the town of Windham into a trust fund to be used solely for the funding of a high school renovation project.
- Rejecting both Article 10 and Article 11 will result in no funds being available to do any further high school renovation planning. Everyone agrees that Salem High School requires renovation. This funding will, at the very least, allow planning to continue while costs are at their most favorable.

**It is important to note that the \$600,000 is additional revenue coming to us from Windham as a result of a 5% “premium” placed on the contracted tuition rate. [Using the funds to advance the renovation project would be \$0.13 on the tax rate or \$39 for a home with an assessed value of \$300,000]**