## Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire

# Warrant 2019

To the inhabitants of the town of New Hampton in the County of Belknap in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

#### FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Hampton Public Safety Building for the First Session of the 2019 Town Meeting to be held at the New Hampton Public Safety Building, 26 Intervale Drive, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February next at 7:00 p.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of the warrant articles, which are attached, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to the warrant articles.

In the event of an emergency cancellation, the Deliberative Session will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

#### SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the 2019 Town Meeting, to vote by official ballot Election of town officers, zoning amendments and the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Town House, 86 Town House Road, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March next. Polls for voting by official ballot at the Town House will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

#### Article 01: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1 Selectman
Neil G. Irvine
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Regina Schofield Adams
1 Trustee of Trust Funds
David E. Katz
1 Sarah MacGregor Scholarship Fund
Theo Denoncour
3 year term
3 year term
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3 year term

## **Article 02: Operating Budget**

Shall the Town 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 two million nine hundred and thirty- five thousand and three hundred forty-nine dollars and no cents (\$2,935,349)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be two million eight hundred and forty nine thousand and one hundred forty-four dollars and no cents (\$2,849,144), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town 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 warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

Amended at Deliberative Session on February 5, 2019, increasing the operating budget appropriation by \$3,570 from \$2,931,779 to \$2,935,349. The amendment was to add \$3,570 to the Fire Department budget.

#### Article 03: Appropriation for PSB Loan Payment

Shall the Town raise and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to partially pay the seventh year's bond payment on the Public Safety Building and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, which was authorized to be used for this purpose in 2011? The remainder of the annual bond payment (\$145,636.40) is included in the Operating Budget Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

## Article 04: Town Office Upgrade/Remodel Project

Shall the Town raise and appropriate forty-two thousand nine hundred dollars (\$42,900) for the upgrade of the Town Office to include the remodeling of Town Clerk/Tax Collector office customer service area and to construct an interior access to the existing second floor meeting room and office space as recommended in the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

#### Article 05: Repair or Replace Town Bridge(s) Expendable Trust

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2008 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing or replacing town owned bridges? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

#### Article 06: Replacement of Brook Road Bridge

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ten thousand nine hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$210,985) for the replacement of the Brook Road Bridge, and authorize the withdrawal of fifty thousand nine hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$50,985) from the Town Bridge Repair or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, with the remaining balance funded by a federal or state grant in the amount of \$160,000? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

### Article 07: Town Road Drainage Improvement and Resurfacing Project

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for repaving of existing paved town road(s)? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

## **Article 08: Road Surfacing Management Project**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) for Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) to perform an inventory and evaluation of paved town roads using a road surface management software to develop a detailed management plan with recommendations for future improvements? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (2-1) this appropriation.

Amended at Deliberative Session on February 5, 2019, to correct the board's recommendation to 2-1.

#### Article 09: Purchase of Police Cruiser

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$38,500) to purchase and equip a Police Cruiser all-wheel drive utility vehicle for the Police Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

## **Article 10: Fire Department Rescue/Pumper Truck**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the purchase of a Rescue/Pumper Fire Truck to replace the 1988 KME Fire Truck, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$13,750 (5%) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$261,250 (95%) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

## **Article 11: Fire Department Emergency Extrication Equipment**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand one hundred and twelve dollars (\$55,112) for the purchase of Emergency Extrication Equipment (also commonly known as the "Jaws of Life"), and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$2,755.60 (5%) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$52,356.40 (95%) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

## Article 12: Public Safety Building Security System Upgrade

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars (\$17,345) for the upgrade of the security system for the Public Safety Building in which the Emergency Operations Center is located, and to fund this appropriation with an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) of \$13,945 (50/50) with the balance of \$3,400 from taxation? Note: Security improvements totaled a cost of \$31,290. The town had a 2018 appropriation for the police department security system, in the amount of \$13,945 which the granting authority communicated met the requirement for the town match to allow the town to receive these grant funds. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

#### **Article 13: Fire Department/EMS Equipment**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand and eighty-five dollars (\$12,085) for the purchase of Fire/EMS equipment (ALS Manakin, IV Pump, Portable pump, Vehicle chargers and Tool set) for the Fire Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$12,085 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 2. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

#### Article 14: Town Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust

Shall the Town vote to expand the purpose of the expenditure of the Town Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund, established in 1996 for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the Town House and Town Office Building, to now include the repair and maintenance of the Public Safety Building and Public Works Buildings. Furthermore, as was previously authorized in 1996 for the original fund, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund? (2/3 VOTE REQUIRED) The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this article.

#### **Article 15: New Hampton Cemetery Association Petition**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate six thousand, one hundred dollars (\$6,100) for the New Hampton Cemetery Association (NHCA) for annual maintenance and improvement of the Village Cemetery: consisting of one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) for annual maintenance of the grounds (to be combined with the \$3,900 currently in the Operating Budget under Article #2), which will be paid based on expenditures of the Cemetery Association but the total paid shall not exceed 50% of the reported annual costs, as well as an additional one-time appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for paving and general road repairs within the cemetery with payments to be made upon completion of the work and submission of supporting documentation to the Selectmen? This \$6,100 appropriation is in addition to the \$3,900 currently in the Operating Budget under Article #2, for a total of \$10,000. (BY CITIZEN PETITION)

The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

Amended at Deliberative Session on February 5, 2019, correcting the appropriation amount from \$10,000 to \$6,100 and added language to define the conditions under which payment can be made to the Cemetery Association. Based on the amendment the board's recommendation was changed to 3-0.

#### **GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before January 25, 2019, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Town Office at 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, the Public Works Department at 26 NH Route 132N and that an original was delivered to Regina Adams, Town Clerk.

Name
Neil G. Irvine
Mark T. Denoncour
Kenneth A. Mertz

Position
Board of Selectmen, Chair
Selectman
Selectman