

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2018 TOWN WARRANT**

***To the inhabitants of the Town of Newington in the County of Rockingham and said State
qualified to vote in Town affairs:***

You are hereby notified to meet at the Newington Town Hall on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 to act on Articles 1-9. The polls will open at 11:00am and will close at 7:00pm.

The business portion of the meeting to act on Articles 10-25 will resume at the Newington Town Hall on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:30am.

ARTICLE 1: To select by non-partisan ballot: One (1) Selectman for 3 years; One (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years; One (1) Moderator for 2 years; One (1) Police Commissioner for 3 years; One (1) Fire Engineer for 3 years; One (1) Fire Engineer for 1 year; Two (2) Planning Board members for 3 years; One (1) Planning Board member for 1 year; One (1) Sewer Commissioner for 3 years; Two (2) Library Trustees for 3 years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for 3 years; One (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for 3 years.

ARTICLE 2: Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Add a definition of Building Height to NZO Article II – Definitions, Section 2.

Building Height: The vertical difference between the lowest ground elevation of the predevelopment (or redevelopment) at the foundation of the building, structure or wall and the highest elevation of the roof, parapet wall, or uppermost part. Chimneys, vents or utility service structures shall not be included in the measurement of vertical dimensions. A special exception regarding the building height may be granted by the Planning Board.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 3: Zoning Amendment # 2:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To make certain clarifications to NZO Article III – Zoning Districts Section 6 – Waterfront Industry and Commerce District W by stating that commercial cruise ships are not an appropriate use, and by adding more specific uses in the Uses Permitted section such as marine related activities such as marine transport, marine construction, marine supply and support, vessel repair and the like, seafood processing and distribution, bulk material storage and distribution, energy generation facilities and desalination plant

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 4: Zoning Amendment # 3:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

In NZO **Article XVII – Administration, Section 3 – Application for Building Permit**, add the following paragraph after E:

The applicant for a building permit shall complete the building within eighteen (18) months after the issuance of the building permit. An extension for up to one (1) year may be granted for a good cause. This amendment shall apply retrospectively to building permits that have been issued for work that has not been completed.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 5: Zoning Amendment # 4:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

In NZO **Article IV – General Provisions** add a new Section 11: Each unit in a duplex shall have its own separate water and septic service and metered gas and electric power. The owner of the duplex unit is responsible for maintenance and repair of all utilities.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 6: Zoning Amendment # 5:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

In NZO **Article XVII-Administration, Section 2- Building Permit Required**, add the following sentence: The Town's Building Inspector shall have the authority to require a certified foundation plan and a certified plot plan, when in his opinion, such documentation is necessary. The Building Inspector may exercise this authority when there is a concern regarding the building's proximity to side, rear and front setbacks, wetlands, floodplain, shoreline and other sensitive areas.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 7: Zoning Amendment # 6:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Clarify NZO Article VI Non- Conforming Property, Section 1 by adding the clarification in the second sentence.

SECTION 1 - Expansion: Non-conforming uses and non-conforming structures shall not be enlarged, expanded or extended. Otherwise conforming uses and conforming structures on land smaller than the minimum lot size specified in Table VI-1 may be enlarged subject to meeting all other ordinance requirements.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 8: Zoning Amendment # 7:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

In NZO Article IV General Provisions add a new Section 12:

Section 12 – Land Disturbance: For any land disturbance such as building construction, redevelopment, excavation, earth removal, filling of land, disturbance of wetlands and the like, the applicant and or property owner shall ensure that there will be no increase in water runoff on to any abutting property. Any change in elevation requires written approval from the Building Inspector or Planning Board. This provision will be a condition of approval for a subdivision plan, site plan and building permit.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 9: Zoning Amendment # 8:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8, as proposed by a citizens' petition to amend the Newington Building Code, Section 9, Swimming Pools, to add such language in italics and quotation marks below:

Any pool designed for swimming shall be completely fenced with a fence at least four feet in height. The gate or access to the fence area shall be locked at all times that the pool is unattended "*or a swimming pool with a power safety cover complying with ASTM F 1346 as an authorized exception*".

Not recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of *Seven Million, Six Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety Dollars* (\$7,693,490) for the operating budget. This article does not include appropriations voted in special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate *Seventy Two Thousand Dollars* (\$72,000) for the purpose of adding one (1) additional Patrolman to the Town's Police

Department. If approved the cost associated with adding the additional Patrolman will become part of the annual operating budget in subsequent years.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate *Fifty Two Thousand Dollars* (\$52,000) for the purpose of adding one (1) full time Working Foreman to the Town's Highway Department. If approved the cost associated with adding the additional Highway Working Foreman will become part of the annual operating budget in subsequent years.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (7-1)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Fifty Thousand Dollars* (\$50,000) to be placed in the Replacement and/or Repair of Vehicles Operated by the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 1986/Revised 1998; added \$50,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$216,764.70

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Fifty Thousand Dollars* (\$50,000) to be placed in the Major Road Work Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 2001; added \$50,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$190,369.27

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will raise \$260,000 to acquire a conservation easement on the Ripley's property located at 50 Old Post Road, Tax Map 17, Lot 15 to be offset by an \$80,000 grant from the State of NH Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) program and \$140,000 from the Town Conservation Fund and \$40,000 from taxation.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Municipal Building Emergency Repairs Capital Reserve Fund to the Municipal Building Major Repairs Capital Reserve Fund and furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. This change of purpose will allow these funds to be used for major capital repair projects as well as emergency repairs. (2/3 vote required).

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars* (\$30,000) to be placed in the Municipal Building Major Repairs Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 2004; added \$30,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$125,369.96

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars* (\$30,000) to be placed in the existing Conservation Fund established in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 to be used for expenses associated with the purchase of Conservation Land and open space, easements, wetlands and other land management acquisitions.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 2001; added \$30,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$227,440.96

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars* (\$30,000) to be placed in the Severance to Town Employees Expendable Trust Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 2004; added \$10,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$5,298.89

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Five Thousand Dollars* (\$25,000) to be added to the Replacement and/or Major Repairs of Vehicles and Equipment operated by the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 2005; added \$50,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$193,847.16

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* (\$10,000) to be placed in the Replacement of the Town Ambulance and any Major Medical Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 1998; added \$10,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$36,023.81

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Generators Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 2016, added \$10,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$20,034.08

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand dollars* (\$10,000) to be placed in the Replacement of Fire Department SCBA Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

Est. in 2011, added \$10,000 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$10,518.24.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars* (\$2,500) to be added to the Town Recreational Facilities and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (8-0)

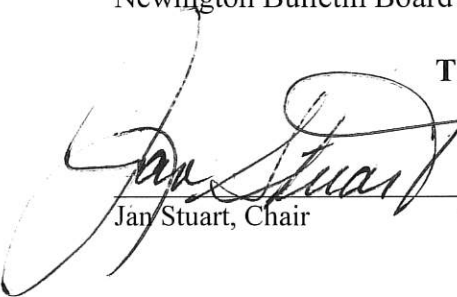
Est. in 2005; added \$2,500 last year. As of December 31, 2017 this fund had a balance of \$31,777.67

ARTICLE 25: To hear the report of the Moderator on the election of officers.

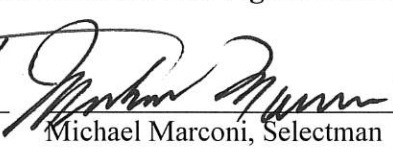
Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February 2018.

We certify and attest that on or before the 21st day of February 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of Meeting, and like copies at the South Newington Bulletin Board and the Meeting House, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

The Town of Newington Board of Selectmen



Jan Stuart, Chair

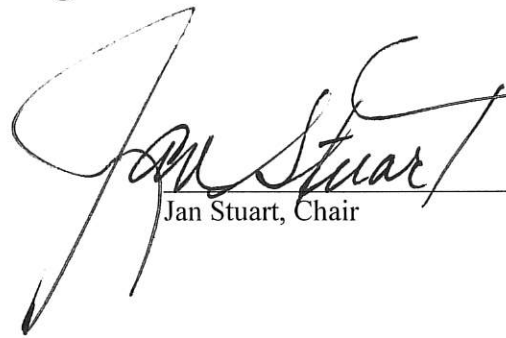


Michael Marconi, Selectman



Timothy "Ted" Connors, Selectman

A True copy of Warrant: Attest



Jan Stuart, Chair



Michael Marconi, Selectman



Timothy "Ted" Connors, Selectman