

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2023 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 14, 2023 to act on Articles 1-2. The polls will open at 11:00am and will close at 7:00pm.

The business portion of the meeting to act on Articles 3-22 will resume at the Newington Town Hall on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 10:30am.

ARTICLE 1: To select by non-partisan ballot: One (1) Selectman for 3 years; One (1) Police Commissioner for 3 years; One (1) Fire Engineer for 3 years; Two (2) Planning Board members for 3 years; One (1) Sewer Commissioner for 3 years; One (1) Library Trustee for 3 years; One (1) Library Trustee for 2 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 3 years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for 1 year; Three (3) Budget Committee members for 3 years; One (1) School Board member for 3 years; One (1) School Board member for 1 year; One (1) Town Clerk for 1 year; One (1) School District Clerk for 1 year.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

Zoning Amendment #1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Zoning Amendment #1 as proposed by the Newington Planning Board as follows: To amend **Article II Definitions, Section 2 - List of Definitions** and Article VII - Dimensional Requirements by DELETING the following language (~~stricken through~~) and replacing it with a new (underlined) language as follows:

Article II - Definitions, Section 2 - List of Definitions

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~~

Building Height: The vertical difference between the average grade of the four outside corners of the foundation of the building at grade and the highest roof line or parapet wall. Chimneys, vents or utility service structures shall not be included in the measurement of vertical dimensions.

Article VII - Dimensional Requirements

SECTION 1:

A. Non-Residential Building Height Limits: The above referenced height limits shall not apply to church spires, belfries, cupolas, domes, monuments, water towers, transmission towers, chimneys, conveyors, derricks, radio and television towers, and other structures not intended for human occupancy.

B. Residential Building Height Limits: The Planning Board may grant a Conditional Use Permit to allow buildings to exceed the height limits if it finds, based on the information and testimony submitted with respect to the application, that conditions presented in this Section have been met. Granting of a Conditional Use Permit shall authorize the applicant to apply for a building permit once all other applicable town, state and federal requirements have been complied with.

Standards:

1. The building is specifically authorized under the terms of this Ordinance;
2. The building will not devalue abutting property;
3. The building will be compatible with the neighborhood and with adjoining or abutting uses in the area in which it is to be located;
4. The building is adequately set back from property lines such that the taller height won't impact the abutting properties. A greater building setback may be required if a taller building is approved;
5. The higher building height does not result in a life safety or fire safety issue;

Explanatory Note: This amendment allows for new (residential) buildings that are built on sloping lots to be built taller than the previous definition permitted. The Amendment also corrects Special Exception language.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Eight Million, Four Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-One dollars (\$8,466,281) 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 (11-0)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One *Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars* (\$150,000) to be placed in the Replacement 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 (11-0)

Est. in 1986, Revised in 1998 and 2020; added \$200,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$516,907.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Sixty Thousand Dollars* (\$60,000) 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 (11-0)

Est. in 1998; added \$50,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$285,172

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Thirty Thousand Dollars* (\$30,000) to be added to the Replacement of Vehicles 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 (11-0)

Est. in 2006; added \$15,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$15,096.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty Thousand dollars* (\$20,000) to be placed in the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (11-0)

Est. in 2011. Added \$20,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$32,265.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* (\$10,000) to be placed in the Police Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (11-0)

Est. in 2021; added \$10,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$20,082.

FUND CAP: \$35,000

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* (\$10,000) to be added to the Historical Preservation Capital Reserve Fund.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (11-0)

Est. in 2022; added \$10,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022 this fund had a balance of: \$10,006.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars* (\$5,000) to be placed in the Replacement of Major Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (11-0)

Est. in 2021; added \$5,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022 this fund had a balance of: \$10,053.

FUND CAP: \$25,000

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars* (\$5,000) to be placed in the police related Body Worn Cameras and Cruiser Mounted Audio and Video Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (11-0)

Est. in 2022; added \$2,500 last year. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$2,502.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Five Thousand Dollars* (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Radio/Electronics Capital Reserve Fund.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (11-0)

Est. in 1998; added \$5,000 last year. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$10,006.

FUND CAP: \$25,000.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars* (\$4,562.) to be placed in the Major Repairs 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 (11-0)

Est. in 2020. As of December 31, 2022, this fund had a balance of \$45,819.

FUND CAP: \$50,000

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will establish a Municipally Owned Bridges Maintenance, Construction or Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the maintenance, construction or reconstruction of municipally owned bridges and further to raise and appropriate the sum of *Twenty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars* (\$23,691) to be placed in said fund with the Board of Selectmen named as Agents to Expend.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (11-0)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to approve the readoption of the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28 II) to allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit to now include those service members who have not yet been discharged from service from the armed services and meet the eligibility requirements in revised RSA 72:28 and RSA 21:50? The readoption of the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veterans that qualify under the current requirements but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service.

Note: If this Article does not pass the Optional Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veteran Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veteran Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veteran Tax Credit from \$750 to \$50 per year.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to approve the readoption of the All Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28.b) to allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the All Veteran's Tax Credit to now include those service members who have not yet been discharged from the armed services and meet the eligibility requirements in revised RSA 72:28 and RSA 21:50? The readoption of the All Veteran's Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veterans that qualify under the current requirements of (RSA 72:28.b) but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service.

Note: If this Article does not pass the All Veteran Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veteran Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veteran Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veteran Tax Credit from \$750 to \$50 per year.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to change the amount of land use change tax revenues collected by the Town annually pursuant to RSA 79-A from 100% of such revenues that are collected annually for deposit in the Town's existing Conservation Fund and instead specify that it will be the first \$250,000 of the annual current use taxes that are collected which shall be deposited in the existing Conservation Fund, provided further that once the conservation fund contains \$250,000. no further land use change tax funds shall be deposited in the existing Conservation Fund account during that year.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Perpetual Conservation Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of Conservation land use acquisition and Conservation land use purposes. All land use change tax payments, other than the land use change tax payments that are to be deposited in the existing Conservation Fund per warrant article #17, shall be deposited in this Perpetual Conservation Trust Fund. The interest generated in this new Perpetual Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred to the existing Conservation Fund at the end of each calendar year, up to but not exceeding any existing Conservation Fund cap level. Town Meeting vote is required to expend monies from this fund. After Town Meeting approval the Selectmen are authorized Agents to Expend.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the 2020 Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund (for construction and/or other improvements). Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (\$4,035 as of 12 30 22), are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Four Thousand Thirty-Five dollars* (\$4,035) to be placed in the 2005 Cemetery Improvements Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This represents the funds from the discontinuation of the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund listed in Article 19. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 19.

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

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (7-0)

Est. in 2005. As of December 31, 2022 this fund had a balance of \$22,426.


ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to establish the following ordinance regulating the sale of Cemetery Lots: Each Burial Site (41" x 10') will be sold at a cost of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), to be used for General Maintenance of the Cemetery. Proceeds from the sales to be deposited in the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust fund.

ARTICLE 22: To hear the report of the Moderator on the election of officers.

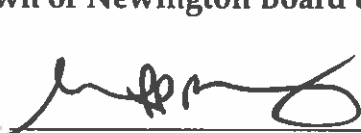
Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February 2023.

We certify and attest that on or before the 22nd day of February 2023, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of the 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



Timothy "Ted" Connors,
Chair



Robert Blonigen,
Vice Chair



Brandon Arsenaault,
Selectman