

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2024 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 12, 2024 to act on Articles 1-2. The polls will open at 8:00am and will close at 7:00pm.

The business portion of the meeting to act on Articles 3-16 will resume at the Newington Town Hall on Saturday, March 16, 2024 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; Two (2) Library Trustees 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 6 years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for 3 years; One (1) School Board member for 3 years; One (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years; One (1) Moderator for 2 years, One (1) School District Clerk for 3 years, One (1) School District Moderator for 3 years, One (1) School District Treasurer for 3 years.

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

Amendment #1: To Eliminate Nursing Homes as a Permitted Use in SECTION 3. B. Commercial Zoning District "C" and Delete the Definition of Nursing Home in SECTION 2 - List of Definitions as follows:

SECTION 3.B - Commercial District:

Uses Permitted: Retail, offices, research & development facilities, light manufacturing, restaurants, motels, hotels, theaters, storage facilities, barber & beauty shops, laundries, repair shops, places for public worship, indoor recreational facilities such as bowling alleys, roller skating rinks, and vehicle dealers (sale, rental, or leasing), hospitals, ~~nursing homes~~, schools, conference centers, and facilities to treat the developmentally disabled.

SECTION 2 - List of Definitions

~~**Nursing Home:** Any dwelling place licensed by the State of New Hampshire in which three or more aged, disabled or ill persons who are dependent or not capable of properly caring for themselves are housed and furnished with meals, whether served in~~

~~a central dining room or otherwise, and nursing care for compensation. This includes "convalescent facilities" and "rest homes" or "elderly congregate care residential facilities" limited to persons fifty-five (55) years of age or older with a present or anticipated future need for on-site nursing care.~~

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of *Eight Million, Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars* (\$8,756,915) 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 (10-0)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred, One Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$101,683) to convert the third firefighter position on each of the four shifts from part time to full time. This amount includes the additional costs for salaries, benefits, and retirement.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (10-0)

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 (10-0)
Est. in 1998; Added \$60,000 last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$353,880.

ARTICLE 6: 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 Major Road Work Capital Reserve Fund.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (10-0)
Est. in 2001; as of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$404,820.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of *Fifteen Thousand Dollars* (\$15,000) 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 (10-0)
Est. in 2006, added \$30,000 last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$45,583.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Hall Computer Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the replacement of Computer equipment, servers, and other IT technology at Town Hall and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) 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 (10-0)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) 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 (10-0)
Est. in 2022; added \$5,000. last year. As of December 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$7,582.
Fund Cap: \$50,000

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, Five Hundred, Seventy-Three Dollars (\$6,573) to be placed in the Municipally Owned Bridges Maintenance, Construction or Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.

THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (10-0)
Est. in 2023, added \$23,691. last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$23,714.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$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 (10-0)
Est. in 2021; added \$5,000. last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$3,124.
Fund Cap: \$25,000

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) 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 (10-0)
Est. 2021; added \$10,000 last year As of December 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$3,359.
Fund Cap: \$35,000

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) 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 (10-0)
Est. 1998; Added \$5,000 last year. As of Dec. 31, 2023 this fund had a balance of \$15,314.
Fund Cap \$25,000.

ARTICLE 14: For purposes of clarification and confirmation, to see if the Town will affirm the current dog ordinance of the Town of Newington, which was established by Newington voters at the 1980 General Election, and which was augmented by the Select Board in 2016, and modified again by the voters at the 2019 Town Meeting: Dogs on all Town Owned & Public properties in the Town of Newington are subject to the New Hampshire Dog Control Law, RSA 466:30-a, RSA 466:31, and RSA 466:31-a, including all penalty provisions therein. Dogs must be leashed at all times on the following Town-owned properties: Old Town Hall, Grove Picnic Area, all playgrounds and ballfields, and on all public rights of way. Dogs are prohibited in the cemetery, except that leashed dogs may be allowed in the cemetery with the prior written consent of the Cemetery Trustees.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

ARTICLE 15: By Petition: Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN (3-0)

ARTICLE 16: To hear the report of the Moderator on the election of officers.

Given under our hands and seal this 22nd day of February 2024.

We certify and attest that on or before the 22nd day of February 2024, 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


Robert Blonigen
Chair


Brandon Arsenault
Selectman


Christian Wayss
Selectman