## **Town Meeting 2021**

Due to Covid 19; Town Meeting will be a little different this year to keep everyone safe. See below for particulars:

<u>Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Voting Day</u>- <u>11am-7pm-</u> <u>(Town Hall)</u> As was the case for the general elections last year, residents will enter town hall and proceed on a safe, circuitous route to get their ballot, vote and leave. <u>Don't forget your mask and ID!</u>

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Deliberative Session School Meeting at 10am and Town Meeting 10:30am (Town Hall & Fire Station-alternate/overflow location) \*\*
Residents will be able to attend/observe the meeting in the town hall (and fire station if necessary). Residents are encouraged to go to town hall to hear and be heard clearly. The State Fire Marshall has approved the town hall spaced seating plan to insure everyone's safety.

Masks must be worn. Both locations will have a check-in station where your ID will be checked and you will be issued a voting card. The Saturday meeting will be broadcast via Zoom but voting must be done in person.

Although most chairs for the public will be spaced 6 feet apart, some will be set up together for those from the same household who wish to do so may sit together. At town hall 2 microphones will be set up for use by the public. After one is used the next speaker will use the other mic so that the first can be wiped down.

<u>Fire Station Details</u>: If needed, the Fire Department will have the Town Hall meeting broadcast on a large screen so no personal devices will be required. The Zoom meeting will be monitored by the Fire Dept. in an attempt to relay questions/comments from the public to the Moderator.

An Assistant Moderator will be present to receive the votes and communicate the results to the Moderator. Should a paper ballot be requested, those present may vote and deposit their ballot in a locked box which will be transported to the town hall to be counted. For those wanting to vote via ballot, but not present, the polls will be left open long enough so that those wishing to drive to vote may do so.

\*\* The Board of Selectmen after consultation with the Emergency Management Directors (Fire and Police Chiefs), Health Officer, Moderator and Town Clerk has determined that a safe in-person town meeting can be held as scheduled. This decision was formalized in a vote on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Town of Newington 205 Nimble Hill Road Newington NH 03801

Resident

Newington, NH 03801

Do you want to listen into school or town meeting, understanding <u>you cannot vote</u> <u>from home</u>? You can listen in on the Zoom app. but <u>in order to vote on the articles</u> <u>you must come to town hall or the fire station.</u>

The town meeting zoom link follows:

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Topic: Newington School & Town Meeting Time: Mar 13, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6226991191

Meeting ID: 622 699 1191

Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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