THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of North Hampton in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the:

North Hampton School,
201 Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton, New Hampshire,

On Saturday, February 1st, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the snow date for the First Session is:
Monday, February 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the:

North Hampton School,
201 Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton, New Hampshire,

On Tuesday, March 10th, 2020,
Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.
to act upon the following:

**Article One: Election of Officers**

To choose the following officers for the coming year:

- 1 Town Moderator, 2 year term
- 1 Select Board Member, 3 year term
- 1 Town Treasurer, 1 year term
- 1 Library Trustee, 3 year term
- 2 Budget Committee Members, 3 year term
- 1 Trustee of the Cemeteries, 3 year term
- 2 Planning Board Members, 3 year term
- 1 Water Commissioner, 3 year term
- 2 Zoning Board Members, 3 year term
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 year term
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 year term

**Article Two: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 710 Special Exception and Section 711 Variance. The intent of the proposed amendment is to adopt NH RSA statutes to establish expiration dates for all special exceptions and variances.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 6-0

**Article Three: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 2 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 203.9 District Requirements. The intent of the proposed amendment is to clarify that no structure shall be constructed on any lot that does not have minimum required frontage on a town street.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 6-0
Article Four: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 3 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 203.4 District Requirements. The intent of the proposed amendment is to create an exception to Section 203.4 allowing an accessory structure to be erected on a lot which does not meet minimum frontage requirements and has an existing legal structure.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 6-0

Article Five: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 4 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 104 Definitions, Section 202.8 Prohibited Uses, Section 502 Water Resources, and Section 503 Aquifer Protection District. The intent of the proposed amendment is to clarify throughout all sections of the Zoning Ordinance that animal feedlots are prohibited.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 6-0

Article Six: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 5 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 501 Wetlands Conservation District. The intent of the proposed amendment is to clarify the criteria to be used when the Planning Board considers a wetlands conditional use permit application and the conditions under which restoration of wetlands disturbed prior to the adoption of wetlands protection ordinances in 1988 may occur.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 6-0
Article Seven: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 6 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 201 Zoning Map and Zoning Districts and Section 202 District Uses. The intent of the proposed amendment is to:

a. Clarify that lots within the Wetlands Conservation District or the Conservation Land District are also subject to the requirements of the underlying R-1 High Density, R-2 Medium Density, or Industrial-Business/Residential (I-B/R) Zoning Districts;

b. Remove representations of the Wetlands Conservation District and the Conservation Land District from the zoning map and represent them on their own individual maps; and

c. Remove language regarding multi-family dwellings from the description of the R-1 High Density District.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 6-0

Article Eight: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 7 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 203.6 Duplex Requirements. The intent of the proposed amendment is to clarify that a duplex is a vehicle to help maintain North Hampton’s existing ratio of market-based units to workforce housing units. As such, each duplex must allow one unit to meet the defined affordability threshold.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-1

Article Nine: New Public Library Building

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,900,000) (gross budget) for the purpose of design and construction of a new North Hampton Public Library on the Homestead property, such design, construction and operation, pursuant to RSA 202, will be under the responsibility and authority of the North Hampton Library Trustees, to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars ($780,000) from the Library Capital Reserve Building Fund and accept donations from the North
Hampton Public Library in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000) to offset this appropriation; to authorize the Select Board to use Five Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars ($545,000) of unassigned fund balance to offset this appropriation; to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($2,275,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon? Debt service will be paid from the general fund.

3/5ths Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 1-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-1

**Article Ten: Expansion and Renovation of Public Library Building (By Citizens Petition)**

Upon petition of at least 25 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars ($0) (gross budget) for the purpose of an expansion and renovation of the North Hampton Public Library and all related activities necessary for said construction; to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw Zero Dollars ($0) from the Library Capital Reserve Building Fund and accept donations from North Hampton Public Library in the amount of Zero Dollars ($0) to offset this appropriation; to authorize the issuance of not more than Zero Dollars ($0) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity and other terms thereon? Debt service will be paid from the general fund.

3/5ths Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 2-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0-1

**Article Eleven: FY 2021 Operating Budget**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate through taxation 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, Seven Million Four Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-two Dollars ($7,426,422)? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Two Hundred Thirty-six Thousand Twenty-six Dollars ($7,236,026), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of 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.
Article Twelve: Purchase of a Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars ($45,000) from the Police Detail Revolving Fund for the purchase of a police cruiser? This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Thirteen: Purchase of a Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars ($45,000) from the Police Detail Revolving Fund for the purchase of a police cruiser? This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Fourteen: Replace Fire & Rescue Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($275,000) for the purchase of an ambulance for the Fire & Rescue Department with said funds to come from the Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund? This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate. This is a special warrant article.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Fifteen: Road Resurfacing
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($260,000) for the purpose of resurfacing and reconstructing approximately 3 miles of road, by withdrawing Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) from the previously established Municipal Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, and raising through taxation Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars ($230,000)? This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-1

**Article Sixteen:** Replace DPW Backhoe/ Loader

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($125,000) for the purpose of leasing and equipping a backhoe/ loader for the Department of Public Works; and to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) for the first year’s payment on said lease? This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause. This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

**Article Seventeen:** Removal of Trees Along Stone Wall at Center Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars ($8,000) for the purpose of removal of trees along the stone wall on Post Road at Center Cemetery?

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 2-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-0-2

**Article Eighteen:** Contribution to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) for deposit into the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund
with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance? The purpose of this fund is to perform improvement projects and regular maintenance at the various Town-owned buildings. The balance in the Fund, as of December 2019, is $186,266. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Nineteen: Contribution to the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) for deposit into the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance? The purpose of this fund is to buy out employees earned time during anytime of the life of their career and limit the Town’s unfunded accrued leave liability. The total estimated liability for unfunded accrued leave is $219,207 of which $93,873 is anticipated to be payable prior to July 1, 2021. The balance in the Fund, as of December 2019, is $100,136. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Twenty: Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) for deposit into the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance? The purpose of this fund is to allow for funding to comply with the State of New Hampshire’s requirement to perform a property revaluation at least every five years. The balance in the Fund, as of December 2019, is $45,845. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Twenty-one: Contribution to the Coakley Landfill Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) for deposit into the Coakley Landfill Capital Reserve Fund?
The purpose of this fund is to account for any expenses incurred by the Town under the Superfund Cleanup Program. The balance in the Fund, as of December 2019, is $103,544.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Twenty-two: Establish Radio Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining radio communication equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) for deposit into the Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance, and to name the Select Board as agents to expend from the Fund? Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

Article Twenty-three: Establish Agricultural Fund

To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 674:44-g authorizing the North Hampton Agricultural Commission to accumulate appropriations and gifts? The whole or any part of money so appropriated in any year and any gifts of money received pursuant to RSA 674:44-f shall be placed in an agricultural fund and allowed to accumulate from year to year. The disbursement of agricultural funds shall be authorized by a majority of the Agricultural Commission, as agents to expend from said fund, for its purposes without further approval by the legislative body. The use of such funds shall not be for the purposes of any interest in real property.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Article Twenty-four: Establish Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding rate cases, investigations, studies, and all business relating to the quality and quantity of potable water and fire suppression water and maintenance of infrastructure necessary to transmit said water throughout the Town
of North Hampton; further to name the duly elected Water Commissioners as agents to expend from said fund?

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Article Twenty-five: Contribution to Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500) for deposit into the Water Commission Expendable Trust Fund? The purpose of this fund is for funding rate cases, investigations, studies, and all business relating to the quality and quantity of potable water and fire suppression water and maintenance of infrastructure necessary to transmit said water throughout the Town of North Hampton. This article is contingent on the passage of Article Twenty-four. If Article Twenty-four does not pass, this article will be null and void.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-1

Article Twenty-six: Support Centennial Hall (By Citizens Petition)

Upon petition of at least 25 registered voters, shall the Town continue to support the renovation of the historic Centennial Hall as a community center for the benefit of the residents of North Hampton by raising and appropriating through taxation the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($75,000) to help pay for a fire suppression system and to supplement the grant received from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)? North Hampton’s Centennial Hall is a tax exempt 501c(3) organization; and such funds shall be consistent with LCHIP-approved uses for renovation. This request is for ½ the cost of the full fire suppression system, the other half is being raised through matching support from individuals, corporations and foundations. A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed to ensure a continuance of public good by providing the Town free access for targeted events.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-1

Article Twenty-seven: Rescind the Code of Ethics (By Citizens Petition)
Upon petition of at least 25 registered voters, pursuant to RSA 31:39-a, shall the Town vote to rescind the North Hampton Code of Ethics? The current Code of Ethics is seriously flawed and is so broadly written that it creates an environment where almost anything is a cause for a complaint. The Code should be rescinded and the Town should rely on the New Hampshire Conflict of Interest law, RSA 31:39-a.

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

**Article Twenty-eight: Any other business.**

To see if the Town will transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty-seventh day of January, in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty.

**THE NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD**

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Jim Maggiore, Chair

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Larry Miller, Vice Chair

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Kathleen Kilgore, Member

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING
January 27, 2020

I do hereby certify that on the Twenty-seventh day of January, 2020, an attested copy of the within warrant was posted at the North Hampton School, the place of meeting, and at the inside and outside boards at the Town Administrative Offices and the Town Clerk’s Office and at the North Hampton Public Library, all being public places in the Town of North Hampton.

THE NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD

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