



**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 Town Hall,
231 Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton, New Hampshire,**

On Saturday, February 4th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

**In the event of inclement weather, the snow date for the First Session is:
Saturday, February 11th, 2017 at 8:30 a.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 14th, 2017,
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 Select Board Member, 3 year term;
- 1 Town Treasurer, 1 year term;
- 1 Library Trustee, 3 year term;
- 2 Budget Committee Members, 3 year terms each;
- 1 Cemetery Trustee, 3 year term;
- 2 Planning Board Members, 3 year terms each;
- 1 Water Commissioner, 3 year term;
- 2 Zoning Board of Adjustment Members, 3 year terms each;
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 year term.

Article Two: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

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

To amend Section 513 Accessory Apartment, Section 302 Definitions – Accessory Apartment, and Section 405 Permitted Use, Special Exceptions, and Prohibited Uses for All Districts. The intent of the proposed amendment is to bring the language of the Town of North Hampton Zoning Ordinance into compliance with State of New Hampshire Senate Bill 146 and NH RSA 674:71, 72, 73 Accessory Dwelling Units.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 5-0

Article Three: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

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

To amend Section 506 Signs and Billboards. The intent of the proposed amendment is to bring the language of the Town of North Hampton Zoning Ordinance into compliance with changes in federal law, clarify certain aspects of the ordinance, and make minor amendments to the ordinance. The proposed changes also include minor revisions regarding Definitions associated with signage (Section 302), Sexually Oriented Business signage (Section 416.5.B), and Farm Stand signage (Section 508.5.E.5).

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 5-0

Article Four: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

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

To amend Section 507 Home Occupation and Section 302 Definitions – Home Occupation. The intent of the proposed amendment is to clarify the purpose of the home occupation ordinance to ensure that home occupations are carried out in a manner which does not change the character of and is not detrimental to the neighborhood.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-0

Article Five: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

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

To amend Section 302 Definitions and Section 405 Permitted Use, Special Exceptions, and Prohibited Uses for All Districts. The intent of the proposed amendment is to add definitions for Adult and Senior Facilities and Services uses and add Adult and Senior Facilities and Services as a permitted use only within the Industrial-Business/Residential Zoning District.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 4-0

Article Six: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

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

To amend Article V General Regulations and Section 302 Definitions – Essential Services. The intent of the proposed amendment is to add a new section for the purpose of establishing permitting regulation for the installation of solar panels and solar arrays within all zoning districts of the Town of North Hampton.

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 by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 302 Definitions. Definitions added for Dark Sky Standard, Grade Plane, and Height. Definition revised for Lot.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 3-0-1

Article Eight: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

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

To amend Section 409 Wetland Conservation Areas. The intent of the proposed amendment is to add a 25 foot vegetative buffer zone distance within the 100 foot buffer zone setback requirement from Tidal Lands, Wetlands, and Isolated Non-Bordering Wetlands beginning at the outermost boundary of a wet area, clarify the permitted and prohibited uses within various portions of the Wetland Conservation District, and clarify the conditional use permit process for construction and other activities in the Wetland Conservation District.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 6-0

Article Nine: Town Safety Complex (By Citizens Petition)

Upon petition by at least 25 registered voters. To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$6,250,000) for the design and construction of a new Municipal Safety Complex to house both Police and Fire/Rescue Departments; such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes in accordance therewith and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further, to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-six Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$296,340) for the first year's payment on said bond. The Safety Complex shall be built on a newly purchased piece of property located between 85 and 115 Lafayette Road across from the Throwback Brewery, Map 13, Lots 68 and 69. Cost of the land is included in the total cost of the project. The tax impact to residents for this project will be \$0.30/\$1,000 of property valuation. The Total cost of this project with interest over 30 year cycle is Eight Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$8,890,220).

Passage of this special warrant article shall override the 10% limitation of RSA 32:18 on a bond article due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee.

3/5ths Ballot Vote required.

Not recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Ten: FY 2018 Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate 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 Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$7,002,832)?~~ Six Million Nine Hundred Eighty Two Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$6,982,118)? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$7,130,470), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment 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.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

~~Recommended by the Select Board~~Not Recommended by the Select Board:3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee:6-2

| Article Eleven: Lease Purchase of ~~aPolice~~ Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement, for Forty-twoThousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$42,600), for the purpose of leasing and equipping a police cruiser for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Fourteen Thousand TwoHundred Dollars (\$14,200) for the first year's payment on the lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

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Article Twelve: Lease Purchase of a Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement, for Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$42,600), for the purpose of leasing and equipping a police cruiser for the Police Department and to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$14,200) for the first year's payment on the lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Thirteen: Purchase of SCBA Units for the Fire Department from Taxation

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Fifty-four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty (\$54,760) for the purchase of Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for the Fire Department to replace existing units as part of a replacement schedule of equipment. The life expectancy of the SCBA units is approximately 10 years. This is a special warrant article.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Fourteen: Purchase of SCBA Units for the Fire Department from Unassigned Fund Balance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from unassigned fund balance (surplus) for the purchase of Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for the Fire Department to replace existing units as part of a replacement schedule of equipment. The life expectancy of the SCBA units is approximately 10 years. This article does not affect 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: 8-0

Article Fifteen: Road Resurfacing

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of resurfacing and reconstructing approximately 2.5 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 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000).

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Sixteen: Replace 6-Wheel DPW Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a seven-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of leasing and equipping a 6-Wheel dump truck for the Department of Public Works; and to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$28,600) for the first year's payment on said lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Seventeen: Resurfacing Dearborn Park Parking Lot

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of repair, reconstruction and resurfacing of the Dearborn Parking Lot.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Eighteen: Repairs to North Hampton Public Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of replacing the light fixtures, removing and replacing old insulation and replacing ceiling tiles in the North Hampton Public Library.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Nineteen: Update of 2008 MRI Report on Public Safety Staffing and Equipment Levels

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of commissioning an update to the 2008 MRI Study on Public Safety Staffing and Equipment Levels to help determine adequate staffing and staffing options and equipment levels in the Police and Fire Departments.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

ArticleTwenty: Contribution to the Health Benefits Stabilization Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriatethrough taxation the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for deposit into the Health Benefits Stabilization Control Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of stabilizing health benefit cost increases for employees.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

ArticleTwenty-one: Contribution to the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriatethrough taxation the sum of ThirtyThousand Dollars (\$30,000) for deposit into the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to limit the Town's unfunded accrued leave liability.The total estimated liability for unfunded accrued leave is \$273,246 and the balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2016, is \$69,725. The Select Board is the agent to expend from the said Fund.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

ArticleTwenty-two: Contribution to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for deposit in the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to perform improvement projects and regular maintenance at the various Town-owned buildings.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Twenty-three: Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for deposit in the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (Capital Reserve Fund No. 17). The purpose of this fund is to set aside sufficient funds to comply with the State of New Hampshire's requirement to perform a complete property revaluation every five (5) years.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Twenty-four: Creation of the Town Anniversaries Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Anniversaries Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of paying for the observation of major anniversaries of the Town's founding (e.g., 275th, 300th); and to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of One Dollar for the said purpose; and to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend money from said Trust.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Twenty-five: Creation of School Resource Officer Position

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of ~~Eighty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$87,750)~~ Zero Dollars (\$0) for salary and benefits of an additional patrol officer for the North Hampton Police Department? The addition of another officer will permit the creation of a School Resource Officer (SRO) position during the school year and a Beach Patrol Officer (BPO) position during the summer; and, without limitation, to support the mission of the other 12 sworn officers of the North Hampton Police Department. This warrant article does not restrict the Police Chief's authority under RSA 105 to direct which officer or officers in the Department would actually perform SRO and BPO duties. ~~The salary and benefits for the new position consist of \$40,170 for salary, and \$47,580 for wage-related costs like health insurance and retirement.~~ This position will be covered under the police union's Collective Bargaining Agreement. Future salary and benefits for this position will be contained in the operating budget for subsequent years.

Majority ballot vote required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee: ~~5-35-1~~

Article Twenty-six: North Hampton Forever Balance Sheet Deficit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Three Dollars (\$31,703) from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to eliminate the accumulated North Hampton Forever Capital Project Fund deficit. This article does not impact the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Twenty-seven: Amendment to Authorizing Legislation: Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund? This Fund was created in 2000 to fund the costs of accrued employee vacation and sick leave that is payable the time of employee separation or retirement. This article does not impact the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Article Twenty-eight: Amendment to Authorizing Legislation: Municipal Transportation Improvements Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the Municipal Transportation Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? This Fund was created in 2012 for the purpose of setting aside the additional Five Dollar fee collected on motor vehicle registrations to help fund road and transportation improvements in the Town. This article does not impact the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Article Twenty-nine: Amendment to Authorizing Legislation: Road Reclamation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the Road Reclamation Capital Reserve Fund? This Fund was created in 1997 for the purpose of reclaiming roads in the Town. This article does not impact the tax rate.

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

Article Thirty (By Citizens Petition): Contribution to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund

Upon petition by at least 25 registered voters. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of ~~One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)~~ Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2006, for the planning and construction of a library addition or new building?

Majority Ballot Vote required.
Not recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Not recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Thirty-one (By Citizens Petition): Purchase of a Recreation Van

Upon petition by at least 25 registered voters. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) for the purchase of a recreation passenger van. Without limitation, the van will be used primarily for transportation incident to Programs for Active Senior Adults ("PASA").

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

Article Thirty-two (By Citizens Petition): Adoption of Town Manager Plan Pursuant to RSA Chapter 37

Upon petition by at least 25 registered voters. Do you favor the ~~adoption-~~ study of the Town Manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Select Board ~~2-0-1.~~ 3-0.

Article Thirty-three (By Citizens Petition): To Control Development of Conservation Land

Upon petition by at least 25 registered voters, shall the Town vote that any development of or changes to any conservation land owned or controlled by North Hampton or otherwise designated by North Hampton as conservation land be subject to the all of the following provisions: (1) said development or changes shall be reviewed by a Review Board for ultimate approval; (2) said Review Board shall consist of 1 member from each of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Conservation Commission as well as 1 member from the Select Board and the Building Inspector; (3) notices of all Review Board meetings shall be posted at the Town Offices, the Town Clerk's office, the Town Hall, the Town Library and the Town website, and sent by US registered mail to all abutters to the conservation land at least 5 days before said meeting; (4) said notices shall describe the development or changes and the conservation land by its location, commonly known address or name as well as its tax map designation; (5) all meetings shall be open to the public allowing public participation and be broadcast live on Channel 22, recorded and preserved by statute; (6) all meetings minutes shall be taken by a duly appointed secretary and be available for public review within 5 business days of the meeting; and (7) there shall be no closed door meetings, private understandings or private deliberations.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Not recommended by the Select Board 3 -0.

Article Thirty-four (By Citizens Petition): To Restore the Morris Lamprey Conservation Easement

Upon petition by at least 25 registered voters, Shall the Town vote that any development of or changes to any conservation land owned or controlled by North Hampton or otherwise designated by North Hampton as conservation land be subject to all of the following provisions:

Shall the Town of North Hampton vote that with respect to the ongoing development of the Morris Lamprey Conservation Easement that the decisions of the Conservation Commission and the Select Board be reversed and that the Conservation Commission and the Select Board shall cause the removal of structures, imported soil, sand, trees, septic system, artesian well, and restore the topographical state to conditions that existed at the time of Morris Lamprey's gift to the Town. ~~The corrections shall be the responsibility of the property owner as set forth in the Morris Lamprey Conservation Easement: Section 6, paragraph C.~~

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Not Recommended by the Select Board 3-0.

Article Thirty-five (By Citizens Petition): To Make the Conservation Commission an Elected Rather than Appointed Body

| Upon petition by at least 25 registered voters, shall the Town vote that the members of the Conservation Commission be elected by the public rather than appointed by the Select Board.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Not Recommended by the Select Board, 3 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

Article Thirty-six: 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-fifth day of January, in the Year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

THE NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD

Jim Maggiore, Chair

Larry Miller, Vice Chair

Rick Stanton, Member

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

January 26, 2017

I do hereby certify that on the twenty-sixth day of January, 2017, 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 a public places in the Town of North Hampton.

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