



**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 3rd, 2024 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 12th, 2024,
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 Moderator, 2 year term
- 1 Town Treasurer, 1 year term
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 year term
- 1 Library Trustee, 3 year term
- 2 Budget Committee Members, 3 year term
- 1 Budget Committee Member, 1 year term
- 1 Trustee of the Cemeteries, 3 year term
- 2 Planning Board Members, 3 year term
- 1 Planning Board Member, 1 year term
- 2 Water Commissioners, 3 year term
- 1 Zoning Board Member, 3 year term
- 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 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 401 Accessory Dwelling Unit. The intent of the proposed revision is to clarify the criteria for allowing an accessory dwelling unit in an antique barn that is connected to a primary dwelling while retaining the traditional New England style architecture of the structures.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 7-0

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 Sections 201.2.A, R-1 High Density District and 201.2.B, R-2 Medium Density District. The intent of the proposed revision is to clarify the intent of the zoning ordinance that only one residential structure is allowed on a lot in the R-1 High Density District and the R-2 Medium Density District.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Planning Board: 7-0

Year 2025? Said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, fringe and other cost items required in year one of the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

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

Article Seven: Revised Police and Highway Departments Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in a revision to the existing three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 211 which calls for the following increases in salaries, fringe and other cost items at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Total of Cost Items	Estimated Increase
2025	\$1,163,807	\$168,637

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of One Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-seven Dollars (\$168,637) for Fiscal Year 2025? Said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, fringe and other cost items required in the revised agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

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

Article Eight: Replace Fire & Rescue Forestry/Water Rescue Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a forestry/water rescue vehicle for the Fire & Rescue Department to replace the temporarily repurposed former Department of Public Works vehicle 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.

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

Article Nine: Purchase Mini-splits for the Highway Facility

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing mini-splits at the Highway Department facility with said funds to come from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve 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: 8-0

Article Ten: Road Resurfacing

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the purpose of resurfacing and reconstructing approximately three 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 the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000)? 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: 6-2

Article Eleven: Replace DPW Mower

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) for the purpose of replacing the current 2012 mower for the Department of Public Works? 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: 8-0

Article Twelve: Contribution to the Earned Time Settlement 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 into the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund? 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 liability for unfunded accrued leave is estimated to be \$417,625 of which \$198,899 may be payable prior to July 1, 2025. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$74,408.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-2

Article Thirteen: Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) for deposit into the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? 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 every five years. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$20,106.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-2

Article Fourteen: Contribution to the EPA Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for deposit into the EPA Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is for the implementation of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) project required by an unfunded federal mandate of the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent harmful pollutants from being washed into local water bodies. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$28,874.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-2

Article Fifteen: Contribution to the Town Land Environmental Remediation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for deposit into the Town Land Environmental Remediation Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is for environmental remediation to Town owned land and costs related thereto. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$21.

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

Article Sixteen: Close the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006 and amended in 2018 to plan and prepare for future Town building projects, including new buildings and renovations to existing buildings, not covered as part of routine maintenance? Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

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

Article Seventeen: Adopt the North Hampton Community Choice Aggregation Plan

To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to adopt the North Hampton Community Choice Aggregation Plan which authorizes the Select Board to develop and implement a North Hampton Community Choice Aggregation Program as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E). This program would allow the Town to provide North Hampton residents and businesses access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services.

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

Article Eighteen: Modify Elderly Exemption from Property Tax

Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of North Hampton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$170,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$225,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$275,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,800 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$59,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$190,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

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

Article Nineteen:

Any other business.

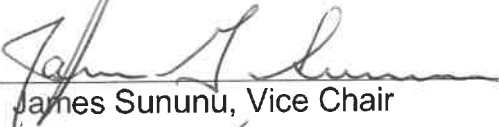
To see if the Town will transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

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

THE NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD



Jonathan Pinette, Chair



James Sununu, Vice Chair



Jim Maggiore, Member

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

January 29, 2024

I do hereby certify that on the Twenty-ninth day of January 2024, 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.


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