

**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FIRST SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
(DELIBERATIVE SESSION)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019
7:00 P.M.
HAMPSTEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hampstead in the County of Rockingham in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hampstead Middle School in said Hampstead on Friday, February 8, 2019 at seven o'clock in the evening, for the explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article, and to transact all business other than by voting by official ballot.

**SECOND SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
(VOTING)
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
HAMPSTEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hampstead in the County of Rockingham in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hampstead Middle School in said Hampstead on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to elect officers of the Town by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV-4:2 Permitted Types of Signs to read:

"1. Permanent – for private or commercial purposes. 2. Temporary – for private or commercial purposes. 3. Informational – for private or commercial purposes or for advertising real estate signs or temporary political signs."

This is a correction to bring the article in compliance with the original intent of the ordinance as it has been applied since 1992.

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV-14:2,A,3 Septic Approval to remove the last sentence which reads: "The system must be installed prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit."

This article is a housekeeping item to bring the septic approval in line with the State of New Hampshire requirements.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I-2:3 Building Permits required to read:

“A. Before a building permit will be issued for lots not served by a community water supply, a water well certificate of completion report along with the well driller’s log report will be provided to the Hampstead Building Inspector. In addition, a water flow test will also be provided to the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of a building permit proving a sustained yield adequate to support the intended purpose of the building according to New Hampshire DES Environmental Fact Sheet, Recommended Minimum Water Supply Capacity for Private Wells, Table 1, 2010.

B. A permit by the Building Inspector of the Town of Hampstead shall be obtained.”

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II-1:5 Soil Based Lot Size to read: “Table 1A (see Appendix) is provided by the Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England (SSSNNE).” Also to replace Table 1A in the Appendix with the current High Intensity Soil Map Units as provided by SSSNNE.

This article is updating the High Intensity Soil (HISS) Map Units to the SSSNNE High Intensity Soils Data relied upon by Rockingham Conservation District.

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the following as proposed by petition to the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:

Shall the Town vote to rezone the following described parcel of land fronting on the easterly side of Route 121 (aka Stage Road) from Zone A (Residential) to Zone C-1(Commercial): That land located adjacent to and 250 feet distant (easterly) from the easterly line of Route 121 (Stage Road) beginning at the Atkinson town line, and continuing north to the southerly line of Brickett’s Mill Road. (by petition)

NOT recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to 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, totaling \$6,881,778 (Six Million Eight Hundred Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,891,928 (Six Million Eight Hundred Ninety One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars) 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,957 (Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars) for the purpose of hiring a new full time Firefighter/EMT, effective July 1, 2019, the sum of which represents \$20,060 in a partial year’s wages and \$21,897 for benefits.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the existing Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-2

NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-5 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800 (Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) to support Meals on Wheels.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for American Red Cross.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) for Greater Derry Adult Tutorial.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,800 (Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) for Family Mediation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) for the purchase, installation and construction of a cremation wall and paved walkway in Lakeview Cemetery."

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-2

Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-2 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for planning, engineering, construction and equipping of a Community Center and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund. The Board of Selectmen shall be named as the agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both, provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to remove the "conservation easement" placed on Map 16/Lot 2 off Hadley Road (discontinued) by vote on Article 23 of the 1999 Town Meeting, and to authorize the Board of Selectman and the Conservation Commission to enter into a long-term lease agreement to construct a telecommunication tower with revenue from any lease to be placed into the Conservation Land Purchase Fund and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to negotiate the terms of the lease and take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the Lion's Club to lease a portion of a pavilion located on Map 7/Lot 101 off Little's Lane and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of the lease and take any other action necessary to carry out this vote.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,500 (Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for improvements to the Meeting House parking area.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Board Committee 3-2 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will remove the requirement approved by vote on Article 45 at the 1990 Town Meeting, that the Greater Hampstead Civic Club, Inc. is responsible for paying all costs of operation and taxes if any including but not limited to electrical and heating costs for the building leased to the Civic Club. The Civic Club will continue to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the building and all other provisions of Article 45 shall remain in effect.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to investigate the utilization of Town, County, State and Federal funds and take those actions necessary to preserve and protect the groundwater of our town. The Selectmen will:

1. Apply for any County, State and/or Federal funds available dealing with the preservation of the groundwater.
2. Investigate alternate sources of public water supplies to supplement the groundwater of our Town.
3. Scrutinize zoning ordinances to protect and preserve groundwater quantity/quality for future developments.

In addition, the Town of Hampstead encourages its citizens to assist in the preservation and protection of our groundwater and we ask the Selectmen to create a Groundwater Committee to recommend and propose local steps to preserve and protect our groundwater. (by petition)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 23

To see if the town will freeze the school portion of town property tax to property owners over the age of 65 years. Thereby keeping the future school portion of the property tax, payable by a property owner, to that applicable at the age of 65 years. This will eliminate escalation of the school portion of taxes for those on fixed incomes. This is similar to other municipalities in the USA.(by petition)

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-3

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to require that the Animal Control Officer position be elected on a three (3) year term as permitted under NH RSA 41:2. (by petition)

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-2

Given under our hands and seal, the _____ day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.

HAMPSTEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Sean P. Murphy

Chad R. Bennett

Joseph A. Guthrie

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

HAMPSTEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Chad R. Bennett

Joseph A. Guthrie

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Hampstead Middle School, the East Hampstead Post Office, and the Hampstead Town Office Building, being public places in said Town on the _____ day of January, 2019.

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