

**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FIRST SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
(DELIBERATIVE SESSION)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020
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 7, 2020 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 10, 2020
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 10, 2020 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 I

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 adopt Article II-4 an Illicit Discharge, Detection, and Elimination (IDDE) Ordinance as part of Land Use Regulations to comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements as set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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 adopt Article II-5 a Ground Water Protection Ordinance (GWPO) as part of Land Use Regulations.

ARTICLE 4

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

Are you in favor of amending the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance for cell towers [Part IV-9.2(A)(1)]:

From: A communication tower may be located on any Town-owned parcel.

To: A communication tower may be located on any Town-owned parcel except on conservation land and/or in Residential Zone A.

NOT recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,350,000 (One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of financing the construction of an addition and renovation of the Fire Station and equipping same and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than \$1,350,000 (One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended, and to authorized the Board of Selectmen to 1) apply for, obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; 2) issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds, and notes; 3) determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and 4) take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto. 3/5 ballot vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

Note: The approximate tax impact will be 22 cents per thousand of a home's assessed value for years one through five. Example, a \$350,000 assessed value of a home will be approximately \$75 per year for 5-years or \$375 over a five-year period.

ARTICLE 6

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 \$7,358,576 (Seven Million Three Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,134,548 (Seven Million One Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Forty 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 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to increase the size of the Board of Library Trustees from three (3) to five (5) members in accordance with RSA 202-A:6. If the Town votes to enlarge the board to five (5) members, at the annual Town election following the establishment of the two new officers, the Town shall elect one member for a three-year term and one member for a two – year term. Thereafter, each member shall serve a three year term.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to Five (5) Members? (By Petition)

NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-2

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 669:17-b to rescind the vote of the Town Meeting to elect a part-time police chief, and instead have a the part-time police chief appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 105:1. If this article is adopted by Town Meeting the current elected part-time police chief will continue in his position until March 2021, at which time the Board of Selectmen will appoint a police chief.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of RSA 41:26-e to change the town treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position. The appointment shall be made under the provisions of RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If this article is adopted by Town Meeting, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until March 2021 at which time the Selectmen shall appoint a town treasurer.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 11

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 2-1

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) to the Vic Geary Center.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600 (One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars) for Lamprey Health Center.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-3 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 (Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) for Center for Life Management.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-3 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) for Family Promises.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-3 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,657 (Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars) for Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 1978 Solar energy exemption and to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 to provide an exemption from the assessed value for property tax purposes for persons owning real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61. The exemption shall not exceed the amount equal to the assessed value of said energy system.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 72:39-b to modify the elderly exemptions qualifications from a net income of not more than \$32,500 to \$35,000, or if married, from a combined net income of not more than \$40,000 to \$50,000 and assets not in excess of \$100,000; and to modify the elderly exemption based on the assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years of age from \$125,000 to \$150,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age from \$150,000 to \$200,000; and for a person 80 years of age or older from \$200,000 to \$230,000. 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 72:37-b to modify the exemption for the disabled qualifications from a net income of not more than \$32,500 to \$35,000 or if married, from a combined net income of not more than \$40,000 to \$50,000 and assets not in excess of \$100,000 and has been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to increase the existing "All Veterans' Tax Credit" from \$500 per year to \$750 per year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Blasting Ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 22

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 23

To see if the Town will vote to affirm the "conservation easement" placed on Map 16/Lot3 near Nelson Ave, Map 16/Lot 26 off Hadley Road, Map 16/Lot 31 near the end of Country Road, and Map 17/Lot 48 along Kelley Brook near Evergreen Drive by vote on Article 23 of the 1999 Hampstead Town Meeting, and to prohibit the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission from entering into or negotiating any long-term lease or related agreement to construct a telecommunication tower. (by petition)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

ARTICLE 24

To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Expansion Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, allowing all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots and columbarium in Hampstead cemeteries and any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance and expansion of cemeteries; and, further to name the Cemetery Trustee as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the selectmen 2-1

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

HAMPSTEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chad R. Bennett

Sean P. Murphy

Joseph A. Guthrie

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

HAMPSTEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chad R. Bennett

Sean P. Murphy

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, 2020.

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