

# 2017 WARRANT



## TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

To the Inhabitants of the Town of New Boston, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the first session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm, at the New Boston Central School. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, 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 on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, the fourteenth of March 2017 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

**Article 01:** To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: (Vote for One)

Gregg L Peirce	[1049]
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Fire Wards for 3 years: (Vote for Two)

Denis Pinard	[509]
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Wayne Blassberg	[648]
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Scott Hunter	[791]
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Library Trustee for 3 years: (Vote for Two)

Deborah J Jardine	[978]
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Richard Jardine	[913]
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Selectman for 3 years: (Vote for One)

Patrick M. Burke [429]

Christine Quirk [640]

Town Treasurer for 3 years: (Vote for One)

William Gould [990]

Trustee of the Trust Fund for 3 years: (Vote for One)

Glen Dickey [948]

**Article 2** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

**ARTICLE IV SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 404 Accessory Dwelling Units**

**Section 404.1 Authority and Purpose**

Amend existing Section 404.1 by deleting references to RSA 674:16, II and 674:21, IV (b) and replacing it with RSA 674:71-674:72. In addition, deleting the ending portion of the paragraph as follows; and providing flexibility in household arrangements. ~~accessory dwelling units shall be permitted in the Residential-Agricultural district in conformance with these regulations.~~

**Section 404.2 Definition**

Amend by adding the word **Detached** to the Definition of Dwelling Unit, Accessory. In addition delete the second paragraph of the Definition. ~~In the event that an existing dwelling unit on a lot meets the requirements and limitations of an accessory dwelling unit, a second dwelling of any size, meeting all other zoning and building code requirements, may be built on the same lot to be considered thereafter the principal dwelling unit.~~

**Section 404.3 Requirements/Limitations**

Amend by amending paragraph 1. as follows: Accessory Dwelling Units are ~~permitted in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District,~~ except prohibited in **Open Space** Developments

**Section 404.3 Requirements/Limitations**

Amend by deleting paragraphs 8. ~~Detached accessory dwelling units cannot be converted to a principal dwelling unit. & 14. All criteria of the Zoning District including, but not limited to, lot sizes, frontages, yard requirements and height requirements, wetland setbacks, and so on, shall be met.~~

**Section 404.3 Requirements/Limitations**

Amend by amending paragraph 5 to read as follows. The **Accessory** ~~secondary~~ Dwelling Unit....

**Section 404.3 Requirements/Limitations**

Amend by adding the following: An interior door shall be provided between the principle dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit.

**ARTICLE VI DEFINITIONS**

**Section 602 Term Definitions**

Amend by relocating the definition of Dwelling Unit, Attached Accessory, to Section 404.2 Definition.

YES [701] NO [370]

*Explanation for Article 2.* This article by the Planning Board would bring this section up to date with the new state statutory requirements and clarify language in this existing ordinance.

**Article 3** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **two million five hundred ten thousand (\$2,510,000)** for the purpose of design and construction of a new Fire and EMS Facility in the Town of New Boston and to include funds for the repurposing/demolition of the present Fire Station. Said sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bond(s) or notes not to exceed two million, five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$2,510,000) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 e seg., as amended) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. (3/5ths vote required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend 5-2).

YES [573] NO [637]

*Explanation of Article 3.* The Fire Wards are requesting funding to design and construct a new fire station. Research and needs study has been thoroughly investigated and a plan developed by the Fire Station Building Committee over four plus years. The results have been reviewed at the CIP meeting as well as a presentation has been made to the Finance Committee/Board of Selectmen that explains in detail all aspects of the project. The Board of Selectmen added \$60,000 above the original Fire Ward request to allow for the flexibility to refurbish or demolish the existing Fire Station structure. The land for the building was purchased as a result of a Town Meeting vote in 2015.

**Article 4** 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 **four million seven hundred sixty four thousand, five hundred fifty eight dollars (\$4,764,558)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **four million seven hundred and five thousand, four hundred eighteen dollars (\$4,705,418)** which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston 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. This operating budget article does not contain appropriations contained in any other articles. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES [619] NO [586]

*Explanation for Article 4.* The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of the town departments.

**Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000)**, to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES [672] NO [530]

**Explanation for Article 5.** Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle plus equipment for the year of replacement or refurbishment, \$120,000 must be allotted to the fund each year to ensure sufficient money is available at the time of scheduled replacement/refurbishment. The department has 6 trucks with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years.

**Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES [663] NO [528]

**Explanation for Article 6.** The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of a small dump truck plus the three regular six wheelers and one 10-wheel dump. The smaller truck has a life expectancy of 10 years and the larger trucks 15 years plus. If prudent, a replaced truck may be kept off line for back-up and to plow snow.

**Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000)** to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** to be used to complete the 2021 town-wide revaluation as required by law. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES [696] NO [501]

**Explanation of Article 7.** As required by State law the Town must provide a complete revaluation of all parcels every five years; the next year being 2021. A total amount of \$160,000 is the final estimated cost to complete.

**Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES [681] NO [515]

**Explanation for Article 8.** This fund allows for the replacement of the loader, grader, and the backhoe on a 12-15 year replacement cycle.

**Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of improvements on **Bedford Road.** This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2022, whichever comes first. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES [701] NO [494]

**Explanation for Article 9.** This year's request is an ongoing effort to continue construction on various locations in Town. The Bedford Road stretch will be made safer and also meet the standards as prescribed by the Road Agent.

**Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES [748] NO [446]

**Explanation for Article 10.** The funding under this Warrant Article is consistent with the CIP recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. In order to keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the

future, the Road Agent has a long term plan for future upkeep and construction. In order to avoid spikes in the appropriation for some years, the CIP Committee spreads the Capital Reserve funding consistently over years.

**Article 11** BY PETITION - To see if the Town will vote to retain for Town use as the location of a fire station or other municipal purposes, the property identified in the Town tax records as map 8, lot 110-2, located just north of the New Boston Post Office, and consisting of approximately 3.25 acres.

YES [730] NO [459]