

2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified of the First and Second Session of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

FIRST SESSION

You are notified to meet for the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held in the Opera House of the Wakefield Town Hall, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The First 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 debate, propose 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 may be amended at the First Session, to be held at the Opera House of the Wakefield Town Hall, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m., unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment adds “Laundromat” as a use permitted in the Business & Commercial, and Village/Residential districts, and allows it with a conditional use permit in the Residential III and Agricultural districts, and does not permit the use in the remaining districts. The amendment also adds “Laundromat” to Article 33 “Definitions”. **(Majority vote required).**

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment changes parcels known as TM 212-10, 212-11, & 212-12.2 to “Residential III (Rural) from “Light Industrial.” These three parcels front on Governors Road and are being rezoned to match their existing use. **(Majority vote required).**

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment changes certain parcels located along Perkins Hill Road, Acton Ridge Road, and Province Lake Road to the “Residential III” Zoning District from the “Agricultural” Zoning District (excepting portions of

parcels within 500 feet of Balch Lake and Lake Ivanhoe.) This article reverses a change in the Zoning Map approved in 2015. **(Majority vote required).**

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment requires that in the Historic Overlay District, the construction, alteration, moving or demolition of any fence requires a Certificate of Approval from the Heritage Commission. **(Majority vote required).**

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment adds impervious surface coverage restrictions (formerly found within the Site Plan Regulations) to the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment also changes the definition of “Impervious Coverage” to “Impervious Surface Coverage” and adds clarity in the wording of the definition within Article 33 “Definitions.” **(Majority vote required).**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), for the completion of the second floor of the Public Safety Building and sprinkler system for the entire building, with Sixty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000) to come from the Public Safety Building Second Floor Capital Reserve Fund, and Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$333,000) from Unassigned Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised from taxation. This article is non-lapsing until December 31, 2017. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$31,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Technology Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of performing assessing statistical updates, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be

placed in said fund. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750) to be added to the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen, by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen, by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the **Budget Committee by a vote of**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$7,300) for the purpose of purchasing radar traffic recorders for the police department. This appropriation will be offset by a 50/50 Highway Safety Grant. The Town's portion of the appropriation will be Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,650) and is contingent upon the receipt of the grant. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0.

Article 22 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$39,813) for the purpose of purchasing and installing of rescue tools for the rescue vehicle at the Fire Department. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Security Devices Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing and installing of security cameras, Go-Pros and/or any other security devices for enhancing the security of municipal properties, buildings and municipal personnel, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in said fund. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the **Budget Committee by a vote of**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund under RSA 35:16-a, said fund was established in 2012 to build a new salt shed. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-0, and recommended by the **Budget Committee by a vote of**

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a for the maintenance of town cemeteries, and deposit cemetery lot sale income into said fund. Further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required).

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Town of Wakefield Transfer Station and Recycling Center Ordinance, in accordance with RSA 149-M:17, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees (such as for licenses, permits, transfer station, etc.) after holding a duly-noticed public hearing thereon, pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. (Majority vote required).

Article 28: 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 purpose set forth herein, totaling \$4,611,010? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,485,651 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. (Majority vote required).

This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-0 , and recommended by the **Budget Committee by a vote of** .

Article 29: To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 13th day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen.

WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson

Kenneth S. Paul

Connie Twombly