

## 2017 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 2017 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, February 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.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 14, 2017. 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 expands “Boat and Marine Craft Dealer” to include it as a permitted use in the Village/Residential zoning district, and to restrict its use in the Agricultural zoning district to a home enterprise. (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 allows reduced sideline setbacks for pre-existing non-conforming (“grandfathered”) lots serviced by “Municipal or Community Water and/or Sewer” to match sideline setbacks for “Standard Lots.” (Majority vote required).

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3A as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment reduces the required Minimum Living Area for Multi-Family Units to 600 square feet from 800 square feet. (Majority vote required).

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3B as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment changes footnote 5 to clarify that “unfinished” basements do not count towards living area square footage calculation and to fix a previous error where footnote 8 was inadvertently removed from the building height (maximum) description. (Majority vote required).

**Article 6:** 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 changes Article 12, C, 8 to align the definition of livable floor area to match footnote 5 in the minimum dimensional area table in article 3. (Majority vote required).

**Article 7:** 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 definition of a “Recreational Camping Cabin” located within a recreational campground or camping park. (Majority vote required).

**Article 8:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment adds section “F” to Article 14 – Performance Standards (General) to note that Stormwater Runoff and Erosion shall be controlled prior to leaving a site. (Majority vote required).

**Article 9:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment adds section “C” to Article 15 to note that a local permit is required prior to beginning work within 250 feet of a water body. (Majority vote required).

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment revises Article 21 to become compliant with US Supreme Court decision by eliminating all except one exempt sign, removing the 9 sq. ft. size restriction on all except home enterprises, and allowing each parcel to have up to 9 sq. ft. of signs along their frontage. (Majority vote required).

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment revises Article 23D – In-Law Apartment to be compliant with NH-RSA 674: 71-74 “Accessory Dwelling Units” by revising several sections of the article. (Majority vote required).

**Article 12:** (By Petition) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by petitioners for the Town Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Table 1, Permitted Uses to add a new proposed use: “Restaurant, drive-thru (w/5-19 seats)” as a permitted use within the Business & Commercial Zoning District? The article is recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 3-2 (Majority vote required).

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously

established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$48,814) for the restoration of thirty-five windows in the Town Hall and the Opera House; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$24,407) received through Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant, with the balance of Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$24,407) to be raised by taxes. 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. (Majority vote required).

**Article 15:** 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. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 18:** 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 Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 19:** 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. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 20:** (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500) to aid the Union Village Community Association in the Engineering Design and Repair of the Emergency Spillway and Abutments of the Drew Mill Dam, thus ensuring the continuation of the Drew Mill Pond for Recreational Use and Fire Protection. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-1, and not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-2-1. (Majority vote required).

**Article 21:** 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. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$33,840) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 23:** 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 Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500) to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 25:** 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. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Security Devices Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500) to be added to the Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 29:** Shall the town adopt the “All Veteran’s Property Tax Credit” under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$500.00, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year. (Majority vote required).

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Greater Wakefield Resource Center Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of exterior maintenance and repairs and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in said fund, and further, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 31:** (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption for the property’s assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required).

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$12,600) for the purpose of purchase and installation of Vinyl Siding for the East Wakefield Fire Station. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 33:** (Straw Poll) Are you in favor of the requirement of Clear Bags at the Transfer Station Recycling Center? (This is an advisory article placed on the warrant by the Board of Selectmen, and is non-binding. If approved the Board of Selectmen will consider implementing clear bags in the future.)

**Article 34:** (Straw Poll) Are you in favor of incorporating a “Pay as you Throw” system at the Transfer Station Recycling Center? (This is an advisory article placed on the warrant by the Board of Selectmen, and is non-binding. If approved the Board of Selectmen will consider implementing the “Pay as you Throw” system in the future.)

**Article 35:** 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 \$4,605,373? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,568,964 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. 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 9-0. (Majority vote required).

**Article 36:** 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 Seventeen.

WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson

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Kenneth S. Paul

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