

**TOWN WARRANT – 2014**

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The State of New Hampshire**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPENING FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newton, N.H. in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs; you are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual meeting, which shall be for the explanation, discussion and debate of each warrant article and the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot to be held at the **Newton Town Hall on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 9:00 AM; the second session to be held at the Newton Town Hall, in said Newton, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to choose all necessary Town officers** for the ensuing year by official ballot, and to vote on all issues before the Town of Newton on the official ballot; **the polls to be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and to close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.**

1. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by petition of 25 or more legal voters in the Town of Newton to amend the Newton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Change the Section XXV Light Industrial / Commercial Zone Area Regulations**

- From Current:
- a. Side yard 200 foot structural setback with a minimum of 50 foot undisturbed natural buffer when abutting any other zone. Any additional buffer that may be required by the Planning Board up to but not exceeding 1,500 feet for a side yard that abuts any other zone
  - b. Rear yard 200 foot structural setback with a minimum 50 foot undisturbed natural buffer when abutting any other zone. Any additional buffer that may be required by the Planning Board up to but not exceeding 1,500 feet for a rear yard that abuts any other zone, plus adequate provision for off-street parking as determined by the Planning Board.
  - c. No building shall be set within 75 feet of the centerline of the street nor within 50 feet of any lot line within the Light Industrial/Commercial Zone.

- To Proposed:
- a. Front yard 50 foot building setback
  - b. Side Yard 50 foot building setback
  - c. Rear yard 50 foot building setback
  - d. A minimum 50 foot undisturbed natural buffer when abutting a residential zone.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 7-0**

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3. "Shall the Town of Newton 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 **\$2,978,251.00**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,978,351.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newton 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. The budget increase from the 2013 ACTUAL budget to the 2014 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$.16 per \$1000.00 of assessed value. "

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

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4. To see if the Town will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

5. To see if the Town will vote to **change the Office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position, per RSA 41:26-e**. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual town election following the vote.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

6. To see if the Town will vote to **change the position of Director of the Gale Library** from part-time to full-time effective April 1, 2014 and further to **raise and appropriate \$10,065** for the additional costs in salary and benefits. If approved, the appropriation will be included in the operating budget in coming years. This article would result in a \$.02 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes."

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

7. To see if the Town of Newton will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be known as the "**Newton Municipal Complex Study Fund**" under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,562** to go into this fund with \$4,562 to come from the unreserved fund balance created upon the discontinuance of the Safety Complex Building Capital Reserve Fund in Warrant Article 8, further to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend. The purpose of this fund is to support the ongoing work and administrative costs to develop plans for the Town-owned properties, to maximize their use to benefit the Town of Newton and have these plans included in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. If Warrant Article 8 fails, then this article will be reduced by \$4,562. This article would result in a \$.10 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0**

8. To see if the Town of Newton will vote to dissolve the **Capital Reserve Fund established in 2005 known as the "Safety Complex Building Fund"** with the balance of \$4,562 with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to lapse to the general fund unreserved fund balance. If this article fails to pass, then Warrant Article 7 will be decreased by \$4,562.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0**

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$90,842 for the repair and maintenance of town roads to be offset by the NH Highway Block Grant.** This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the completion of the project or until December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

10. To see if the Town will vote to **change the position of the Highway Foreman** from a permanent part-time position to a full-time position effective April 1, 2014 and further **to raise and appropriate \$ 13,523** for the additional costs in salary and benefits. If approved, this appropriation will be included in the operating budget in coming years. This article would result in a \$.03 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0**

11. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** to be paid toward the **2014 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BUDGET as an offset to the disposal costs** and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose. *(As of 12/31/13, account has \$206,146.94)* This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,812** for the following **Community Services:**

A SAFE PLACE	\$ 2,500.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	1,600.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	1,465.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES (SASS)	550.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$ 28,812.00

This article would result in \$.06 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of **\$4,000 for Recreational Programs and Trips for Newton Senior Citizens**. This article would result in a one penny increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,000** as proposed by the Recreation Commission, **to start the renovation of the skateboard park and to add an outdoor ice rink at Greenie Park** to make the park more functional and multigenerational. This will be a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the work is completed or until December 31, 2019 whichever comes first. This article would result in a \$.04 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$89,900 for the installation and completion of a "Fire Suppression Pump System and Cistern"** for the Newton Town Hall, in compliance with the Selectmen's bid policy. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the sprinkler system is completed or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. This article would result in a \$.19 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as proposed by the Fire Chief, the sum of \$345,000 to **purchase a tank truck for the Fire Department to replace the 1983 tank truck**, and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$246,000.00 from the Fire Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. **The balance of \$99,000 is to come from taxation**. This article would result in a \$.21 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 1-1-0**

17. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Fire Chief, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the "Fire Apparatus and Equipment Fund" created in 2005 This article would result in a \$.10 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

18. To see if the Town will **authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund** to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, **to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000** towards this purpose and appoint the Selectmen as Agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a Revaluation will take place in 2015. This article would result in a \$.05 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 2-0**

Given under our hands and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Raymond D. Thayer, Chairman

Charles R. Melvin, Sr.  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert S. Donovan, Jr.

**(Note: This warrant was amended at the Deliberative Session on February 1, 2014)**