

TOWN WARRANT – 2018

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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 3, 2018 at 9:00AM; the second session to be held at the Newton Town Hall, in said Newton, on Tuesday, the thirteenth 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. "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 **\$3,334,058.87**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,368,281.87 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 2017 ACTUAL budget to the 2018 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$0.33 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

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3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the March 1967 vote to establish a seven (7) member Conservation Commission by decreasing the number of members from seven (7) to five (5) pursuant to the provisions of RSA 36-A:3.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,700.00 from the unassigned fund balance for revenues generated from rental fees at 8 Merrimac Road**, to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015 for this purpose.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

5. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Revolving Fund** for the Fire Department pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, I (c) for the purpose of “**Uniformed Fire Watch Details**”; situations that compromise the safety of the community, which require on-site fire personnel and apparatus solely for fire watch purposes, as deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief or his/her designee. The fee charged will be for the costs incurred by the Town providing the specific service and the income will be deposited into this fund, and shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town’s general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall payout the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Revolving Fund** for the Fire Department pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, I (c) for the purpose of “**Unanticipated Incident deemed Hazardous**”; unanticipated situation involving hazardous material(s) that compromises the safety of the community, which require on-site fire personnel, apparatus, and materials to confront the hazard, as deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief or his/her designee. The fee charged will be for the costs incurred by the Town providing the specific service and the income will be deposited into this fund, and shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town’s general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall payout the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

7. Shall the Town of Newton **allow the operation of Keno Games** within the Town of Newton?
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

8. To see if the Town will vote **to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both**; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

9. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000.00** to be paid toward the **2018 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BUDGET** as an offset to the disposal costs and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000.00 from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose.

A “yes” vote for this article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised in taxes.

A “no” vote will result in an increase in the amount to be raised by taxes of \$0.12 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 0-0

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,189.00** for the following **Community Services**:

AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	\$ 3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
HAVEN	3,050.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	1,600.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	2,842.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$32,189.00

This article would result in a \$0.06 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 0-0

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of **\$4,200.00** for Recreational Programs and **Trips for Newton Senior Citizens**.

This article would result in a \$0.01 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 0-0

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum of **\$12,000.00 to hire two Part-Time Lifeguards** to oversee the safety of young swimmers at the Town Beach between May 2018 and September 2018.

This article would result in a \$0.02 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 0-0

13. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Fire Chief, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the “Fire Apparatus and Equipment / Refurbishment Fund” voted in 2011.

This article would result in a \$0.10 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 0-0

14. To see if the Town of Newton will allow the Newton Fire Department to enforce a Life Safety initiative that would require all buildings or structures occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes and or commercial purposes upon the sale, transfer or rental of such building or structure, and shall be equipped by the seller or owner with approved smoke detectors and approved carbon monoxide detectors as referenced in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72 & 101; RSA 153:10-a; Saf-C 6000. The Newton Fire Department or it’s designee shall enforce the provisions of this town ordinance.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 3-2

15. On a petition of 25 or more legal voters, to see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to issue to each tax paying household of Newton, NH, one (1) voucher per year to be used at the Newton Transfer Station for a one time drop off, of bulk items at no cost. The voucher would be issued each year in the month of January starting in 2019 and continuing each year until revoked by a vote of the residents.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-1

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Matthew A. Burrill, Chairman Lisa L. Gonyer, Vice-Chairman Robert S. Donovan, Jr.

Lawrence B. Foote

James L. Doggett

BOARD OF SELECTMEN