

TOWN WARRANT

For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Warner, in the County of Merrimack, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Warner Town Hall in said Warner, NH on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 beginning at eight o'clock in the morning, and ending at seven o'clock in the evening to elect officers of the Town by official ballot and to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1

To choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

The following Zoning Ordinance Amendments are the condensed versions of the full zoning changes that is being proposed and recommended by the Warner Planning Board. The complete version is available at the Land Use Office, the Selectmen's Office, The Town website, and will be available at the polls on Town Election Day, March 14, 2017.

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XVII Section F Time Limit, by removing the word "vesting" as a condition for a Variance or Special Exception to be valid, by adding the ability for the Planning Board to extend Variance or Special Exception by one year for good cause, by adding the clause that no Special Exception or Variance expire for one year after the resolution of an application to the Planning Board filed in reliance on the Special Exception or Variance and the stipulation that if use or construction that a Special Exception or Variance authorizes is abandoned for at least two years a new application be approved by the Board.

Article 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Table 1 Use Regulations Retail and Services: Revise existing language by adding "event venue and related function services" to Numbers 19, 19-a and 20.

Article 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III Definitions, to revise Accessory Apartment definition with the statutory definition of RSA 674:71.

and, amend **Article XIV-B Accessory Apartment** by adding the clause "but shall have an interior door connecting it to the primary dwelling unit".

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL

Article 5

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$328,530.00 (Three Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars) to construct a solar panel array on town land near the transfer station, of this amount \$64,935 (Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars) to come as a rebate from the NH Public Utilities Commission and further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$263,595 (Two Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the first year's bond payment. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-2, 1 Abstained) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,070,486 (Three Million, Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Six Dollars) as the 2017 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special and individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2). (Majority vote required.)

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000 (Seven Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Employees Expendable Health Trust Fund? This Fund is used to partially reimburse participating town employees for deductible health expenses. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2). (Majority vote required.)

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,000 (One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established New Fire Station Construction Capital Reserve Fund? Of this amount \$82,000 (Eighty Two Thousand Dollars) to come from the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund and the balance amount of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-0, 1 Abstained). (Majority vote required.)

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 12

Shall the town vote to establish a Firefighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of firefighter equipment and gear, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-2). (Majority Vote Required).

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required.)

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required.)

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established DPW Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-1). (Majority vote required.)

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Preservation of Town Records Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-2). (Majority vote required.)

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? This sum is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount needed to be raised through taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 (Twenty Four Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Library Building Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 21

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of setting aside Town funds to use as “matching funds” for transportation improvement grants from state and federal agencies as well as funding repairs and improvements to town walkways, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund and furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4-3). (Majority vote required.)

Article 22

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to assist the Warner Fall Foliage Festival Committee in paying for the cost of the site work on the new town parking area adjacent to the school? The owners have granted a permanent ROW easement to the Town to use this developed section of their property for additional parking as well as during the Fall Foliage Festival. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-0, 1 Abstained). (Majority vote required.)

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veteran’s tax credit voted by the Town of Warner under RSA 72:28. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required.)

Article 24

“Polling hours in the Town of Warner are now 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. for all regular state elections beginning in 2019 (To go into effect)? (Majority vote required.)

Article 25

To see if the Town of Warner will direct the selectmen to develop and implement a plan to dismantle the Odd Fellows Building in 2018. The lot would be developed as a combination parking lot and green space. The plan should also include the salvage of the clock tower as an architectural feature to display on said lot. (Submitted by Petition)

Article 26

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Warner Board of Selectmen

Clyde Carson, Chairman

Allan N. Brown, Selectman

John Dabuliewicz, Selectman