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TOWN OF WARNER
For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Warner, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs, you are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Warner Town Hall in said Warner, NH on Tuesday, the 12th day of March next (2024) beginning at seven 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:

Article 2: "Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?" YES [] NO []

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Warner Zoning Ordinance Article XV Non-Conforming use by replacing the existing language with: A. Non-Conforming Lots and B. Non-Conforming Structures and C. Non Conforming Uses? The purpose is to expand the definition of different types of legal non-conforming entities to include lots, structures and uses. To provide better clarity of the types of non-conforming entities. To align Article XV frontage and setbacks more closely with regulations present in multiple districts. Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 4 to 2. YES [] NO []

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024, 6:00 PM

Article 04 Town Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,563,087 (Four million, five hundred sixty-three thousand eighty-seven dollars) as the 2024 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.
Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 05 Citizen Petition

Citizen Petition Article shall we adopt the provisions of RSA32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%?" This is a petitioned warrant article. (Not Recommended by Selectboard, 3-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee, 7-0) 3/5 Majority Vote Required



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Article 06 Citizen Petition

Petitioned Article shall the Town of Warner vote to suspend construction of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail in Warner until the Warner Conservation Commission has had sufficient time to study and evaluate the likely environmental impact of the trail on the Warner River ecosystem and inform Warner residents about the projected ecological consequences of the trail and make recommendation to avoid harm: in particular as it concerns rare, vulnerable and endangered species? (Not Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 07 Citizen Petition

Petitioned article to see if the town will vote to allow Warner Connects NH (Warner Area Food Pantry and Family Closet) to conduct their nonprofit (EIN XX-XXX3224) operation rent free. This action would commence at the end of their current lease and would continue, in their current space, as long as they are servicing the people of our community. (Not Recommended by the Selectboard 3-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0)

Article 08 Citizen Position

Petitioned article to see if the town will vote to require the Selectboard, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Budget Committee to post a Zoom video, and/or audio recording, on the Town Website as soon as possible, following each of their public meetings. Each posting to have a separate and unique link under the menu "Residents/Meeting recordings" which shall remain on the town website for at least six months. (Recommended by the Selectboard, 3-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 09 Record Preservation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the Preservation of Town Records? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 10 Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 11 Bridge Repair/Replacement

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,070.00 (Forty-Seven Thousand Seventy Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, and to further offset \$47,070.00 coming from unassigned fund balance which represents the additional bridge grant money already received? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Requires



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Article 12 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

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 Selectboard, 3-0 (Recommended by Budget Committee, 7-0) Majority vote required.

Article 13 Highway Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,659 (Thirty-six Thousand, six hundred Fifty-nine Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and further to offset \$36,659 coming from unassigned fund balance which represents the additional Highway Block Grant money already received? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 14 Transfer Station Facility

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 15 Fire Fighters Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 (Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 16 Fire & Rescue Vehicles

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established fire and rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 17 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$115,000 (One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, and further to offset \$115,000 coming from the unassigned fund balance? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required



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Article 18 Solar Exemption

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from 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 solar energy system equipment under these statutes. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Establish a Contingency Fund

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 the amount of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (6-1) Majority Vote Required.

Article 20 Business

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

Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of February, 2024.

Warner Selectboard

Harry Seidel, Chair
Faith Minton
Allan N. Brown