



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF WALPOLE

Town Meeting – March 13, 2021

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Walpole qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, 34 Elm Street, Town of Walpole, on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021** at 7:00 AM to act on **Articles 1- 17**. Articles 1, 2 and 3 will be voted on at the polls. Polls at the Walpole Town Hall and at North Walpole St. Peter's Church will be open at 7:00 AM and remain open until 7:00 pm. Following the closing of the polls and counting of the ballots, the meeting will be adjourned until **Saturday March 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM** at the **Walpole Elementary School Gymnasium** on Main Street, at which time the balance of the Articles will be acted upon.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the necessary Town Officers for their respective terms.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote in favor of continuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax collector? If the majority of those voting do not vote in favor of continuing the combined office, at the next annual Town meeting at which the election of the Town Clerk /Tax Collector is to be held (2024), the voters shall elect one individual as Town Clerk for three years and shall elect another as Tax Collector unless (Article 3) below passes.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (0 Yes, 3 No)

ARTICLE 3: If the majority do not vote in favor of continuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, to see if the town will vote in favor of discontinuing the election of Town Tax Collector and instead allow the Selectboard to appoint the Tax Collector for a one- year term? If approved the person holding the elected office of Tax Collector shall continue to hold office until the annual town election first following the discontinuance of the elected office at which time the elected office shall terminate.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred seventeen thousand, eleven dollars (\$4,817,011) which represents four million, one hundred fifty-one thousand, one hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$4,151,177) for the Town Operating Budget to be raised from general taxation; one hundred eighty-nine thousand, two hundred sixty-five dollars (\$189,265) for the Water Fund Operating Budget and four hundred seventy-six thousand, five hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$476,569) for the Sewer Operating Budget which includes two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000) for bond assessments. Such sum does not include special or individual articles or bonds found in the warrant.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for repair and painting Town Hall, repair roof damage of Town Hall, repair and paint the ceiling on the second floor of Town Hall, renovate the library in North Walpole, repair the concrete in front of the Walpole Library and replace the water meter for the Town Pool. The said funds will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purchase of a one-ton truck for the Highway Department. Of the said funds, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with the remaining one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to come from unspent Highway Block Grant. This is a non-lapsing warrant article.

The Selectboard recommend this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited in the Town of Walpole Highway Capital Reserve Fund Account. The said funds to be raised through general taxation.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for an addition to the Highway Garage which will include a fire monitoring system, an exhaust system and heat sensors for the whole building. The said funds to be raised through unassigned fund balance.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of paving an area of the Recycling Center to reduce mud and dust and installing a concrete pad near the compactor. The said funds to be raised through unassigned fund balance.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) for a vehicle for the Walpole Police Department and to authorize the issuance of not more than thirty-eight thousand dollars through a promissory note with Mascoma Bank at a rate of 2.8% or the lowest available rate at the time of the purchase of the vehicle 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 other notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen

thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars and seventy-six cents (\$13,225.76) for the first year's payment. The said funds to be raised through general taxation.

****3/5 ballot vote required****

The Select board recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) to purchase a cage, console, and other necessary equipment and installation in the new police vehicle. This article is contingent upon passing Warrant Article 10. The said funds to be raised through general taxation.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) to be deposited in the Town of Walpole Police Department Capital Reserve Fund Account. The said funds to be raised through general taxation.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to replace the roof of the Pool House. The said funds to be raised through unassigned fund balance.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 14: Are you in favor of adopting the ordinance entitled: Notice to Dog Owners which replaces the Dog Ordinance adopted in 1998. The replacement ordinance delineates all local rules and regulations regarding the ownership of dogs within the Town of Walpole as well as the penalties for failure to uphold the rules and regulations. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be found on the Town's website as well as the bulletin board in Town Hall. Copies are also available in Town Hall.

The Selectboard approves this ordinance. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to designate Old Drewsville Road as a Scenic Road (in accordance with RSA 231:157), and the Walpole Planning Board provide oversight as provided for in RSA 231:158. Old Drewsville Road (recorded as Hubbard Road in 1781), with its 3.052 miles from North Road to the Valley Road, epitomizes all that is Walpole. The paved and dirt sections traverse farmland, open bucolic vistas, and untouched woods. Along this road was the first golf course in town, an early reservoir, John Bellows Mill, and the site of an historic Indian raid in the Spring of 1755.

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters in the Town of Walpole, NH.\

The Selectboard recommends this article. (0 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstain)

ARTICLE 16: We the town of Walpole hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Free and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Walpole's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Walpole's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Walpole's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters in the Town of Walpole, NH.

The Selectboard recommends this article. (0 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstain)

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 4th day of February, the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

Walpole Selectboard


Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair


Cheryl Mayberry


Steven Dalessio