

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### TOWN OF WALPOLE

#### Town Meeting – March 18, 2023

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 14, 2023**, at 7:00 AM to act on **Articles 1- 15**. Articles 1 through 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 18, 2023, at 1:00 PM** at the **Walpole Town Hall** at 34 Elm 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 to amend ARTICLE XIV of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Walpole, New Hampshire, to read as follows:

#### Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of the ordinance shall be subject to penalties in accordance with RSA 676:17, or any successor statute as may then be in effect, provided that the amount of the civil penalties to be assessed in accordance with such statute shall be determined in the discretion of the Selectboard.

The Planning Board recommends this article. (7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Article IV "General Provisions" of the Walpole Zoning Ordinance to include regulations regarding Formula Businesses by adding the following as Section P:

P. Formula Businesses - This Section establishes standards to limit the concentration of businesses that are homogenous and visually obtrusive for the purpose of preserving the unique and distinctive appeal of the Town's character and commercial development. These standards are aligned with the purpose of these Zoning Regulations as described in Article I and are vital to the continuation of the Town's ability to attract both residents and visitors.

1. A Formula Business is a business, including but not limited to retail sales, hotels, and restaurants, that both (a) maintains two or more of the following five standardized features: (1) array of services, menus, or merchandise, with 50% or more of in-stock merchandise bearing uniform markings; (2) trademark, logo, or service mark; (3) architecture, facade, or exterior design; (4) decor or color scheme; (5) uniform (other than name tags); and (b) shares the same or substantially the same two or more features as 10 or more other businesses, regardless of ownership or location.

2. The total number of Formula Businesses in the Town of Walpole at any one time shall be limited to 12. When this limit is reached, no new Formula Businesses may be established unless an existing Formula Business closes, adapts so that it no longer qualifies as a Formula Business, or relocates outside of the Town boundaries.
3. If a business in current operation becomes a Formula Business by means of additional locations being established, this business shall count toward the total number of Formula Businesses but shall not be considered as a Formula Business being established.
4. Formula Businesses shall not include post offices, places of worship, schools, government facilities, banks, gasoline fueling stations, professional offices, or health care facilities.

The Planning Board recommends this article. (1 Yes, 6 No, 0 Abstain)

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five million two hundred seventy one thousand three hundred five dollars (\$5,271,305) which represents four million five hundred thirty seven thousand two hundred two dollars (\$4,537,202) for Town operating budget to be raised from general taxation; one hundred ninety eight thousand nine hundred sixty four dollars (\$198,964) for the Water Fund Operating Budget and five hundred thirty five thousand one hundred thirty nine dollars for the Sewer Operating Budget (\$535,139) which includes two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000) for bond assessments. Such sum does not include special or individual warrant articles or bonds found in the warrant.

Majority vote required.

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 fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to the Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund. The said funds to come from general taxation.

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 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purchase of a 6-wheel truck for the Highway Department. The said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This is a non-lapsing warrant article.

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

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. The said funds to come from general taxation.

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

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to construct storage at the Recycling Center. The said funds to come from the 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 forty-seven thousand Dollars (\$47,000) for a vehicle for the Walpole Police Department. The said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This is a non-lapsing warrant article.

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 sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500) for equipment in the new police vehicle. The said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This article is contingent upon the passing of Warrant Article 9. This is a non-lapsing warrant article.

The Selectboard 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 dollars (\$15,000) for the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. The said funds to come from 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 one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) for the reconstruction of Middle Street to include upgrading drainage and roadway improvements. The said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

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

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$35,000; for a person 75 years to 80 years, \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$60,000. To qualify, the person must have resided in this state for at least 3 consecutive years preceding April 1 in the year in which the exemption is claimed, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have net income of not more than \$30,000, or if married a combined net income of less than \$50,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$100,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

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

**ARTICLE 14:** Are you in favor of modifying the previously adopted RSA 72:28, II - Optional Veterans' Tax Credit, by readopting the \$500 credit to include eligible active duty veterans, as specified in the state legislature's 2022 amendment to RSA 72:28, and modifying, the previously adopted RSA 72:28-b - All Veterans' Tax Credit, by readopting the \$500 credit to include eligible active duty veterans, as specified in the state legislature's 2022 amendment to RSA 72:28-b? If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year.

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

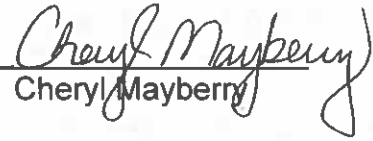
**ARTICLE 15:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 26th day of January, the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Walpole Selectboard

  
Steven Dalessio, Chair

  
Peggy L. Pschirrer

  
Cheryl Mayberry



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*Attest: A True copy.*

  
Steven Dalessio, Chair

  
Peggy L. Pschirrer

  
Cheryl Mayberry


State of New Hampshire  
County of Cheshire ss.

We do hereby certify that we gave notice to inhabitants of the Town of Walpole to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attest copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, within named, and a like copy at:

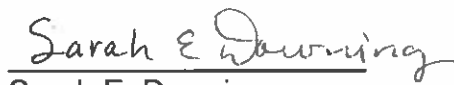
Walpole Town Hall: Selectboard Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office  
Burdick and Burns Building  
Drewsville General Store  
North Walpole Village Hall

Being public places in the said Town of Walpole on January 27, 2023

  
Steven Dalessio, Chair

  
Peggy L. Pschirrer

  
Cheryl Mayberry

  
Sarah E. Downing  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires August 15, 2026

