# Town Warrant State of New Hampshire – 2024

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:00 a.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building, 937 Route 103 in said Newbury on Tuesday, the twelfth (12) day of March, next at eleven of the o'clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- 2. To act upon the following zoning ordinances:

Are you in favor of <u>amendment No. 1 of the existing Newbury Zoning Ordinance</u> as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the articles related to Flood Plain as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program? Five changes are made to Article 2 Definitions and eleven changes to Article 10 Flood Plain Overlay District. (10.4 10.7 10.10)

YES	<u>X</u>	NO
by the	·	sting Town of Newbury Building Regulations as proposed cle III Section 6 which would remove the requirement of section 6.
YES	X	NO

The Town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Spruce Lodge at Mount Sunapee – off Route 103 in Newbury.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,107,938 as the Operating Budget for general municipal operations. This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

## **PASSED**

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4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required).

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 130,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$ 150,000
RECREATION FACILITIES	\$ 20,000

## **PASSED**

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,000 to be added to the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required).

DOCKS	\$ 3,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 50,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 8,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$ 30,000
PAVING AND GRAVEL	\$ 0

## **PASSED**

6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Police Department Technology & Specialized Equipment Fund, for the purpose of repairing, upgrading, replacing, or acquisitioning technology and specialized police equipment, including electronic devices and appropriate software and accessories, weapons, armor, and accessories as used to protect life and property, and specifically excluding vehicles and vehicle maintenance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000, raised by taxation towards this purpose and to designate the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

#### **PASSED**

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, police cruiser fuel, maintenance, and repair. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Selectboard 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. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

#### **PASSED**

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,639 for the purchase and outfitting of a new 2023 Dodge Police Pursuit AWD vehicle and furthermore authorize public auction of the existing 2019 Ford F-150, the estimated amount on the sale is expected to be \$12,000 to offset this purchase. The balance will be raised by general taxation. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

## **PASSED**

9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Newbury Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Selectboard to develop and implement Newbury Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7). There is no cost to the Town budget, and no obligation to participate. The goals of this plan will be to lower electricity cost and possibly add more renewable energy. The Newbury Community Power Plan offers flexibility for ratepayers. The Town will not enter a community power plan until the rates are lower than Eversource at the time of commitment and all residents will be placed in the plan. All residents will be able to choose from different program options as well as the option to opt-out of the program. (Recommended 2 to 1 by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

#### **PASSED**

10. To see if the Town will vote to create a Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and improving the Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,600 to be placed in the fund. This sum comes from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

## **PASSED**

11. Petitioned Article: To see if the Town shall return to the traditional NH Constitution Part 2, Article 32 method of hand counting ballot votes by the Town Moderator and Town Clerk in the presence of the Town Selectboard. (By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

## **DID NOT PASS**

12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to allow the Town to pay for the hand counting of ballots by the Town Moderator and Town Clerk in the presence of the Town Selectboard. This article is contingent on Article 11 passing. If Article 11 fails, this Article shall be null and void. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

## **NOT APPLICABLE**

13. To see if the Town will vote to enable the Selectboard to protect all our watershed in the Town of Newbury by implementing septic rules to require all owners in the Town to regularly pump their septic systems with varying requirements for the type and use of each property. The purpose of these rules is to promote the health and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury; to enhance and preserve the value of our lakes, ponds, and natural environment; to conserve the value of buildings, ground water, wells, health, and prevent nuisances and potential health hazards. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Vote Required)

## **DID NOT PASS**

14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to take all necessary steps for a lot line adjustment between the South Newbury Union Church, 162 Village Road, Tax Map/Lot #0043-0174-0434 and the Town of Newbury, 7 Sutton Road, Tax Map/Lot #0043-0408-0162, to transfer land to allow the Church's septic system to now be located on Map/Lot #0043-0174-0434. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority Bote Required)

## **PASSED**

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

## **NOT APPLICABLE**

Newbury Selectboard	
	Joanne Lord, Chair
	Scott Wheeler
	Kristen Schultz