



TOWN of NEW DURHAM
TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Durham, in the County of Strafford, in said State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of New Durham will be held on two days as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting – Deliberative

The first session, the Deliberative Session, of the 2016 Town Meeting shall be held on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** at the New Durham School Gymnasium, located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH. Snow date of February 4, 2016.

Second Session of the Annual Meeting - Voting

The Second Session, the voting on all warrant articles shall be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.** in the New Durham School Gymnasium, located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH, where there will be voting by official ballot for the election of Town Officers and all warrant articles with any amendments as made at the deliberative session.

Article 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term of</u>
(1) Selectman	3 Years
(1) Town Clerk	3 Years
(1) Moderator	2 Years
(1) Cemetery Trustee	3 Years
(2) Library Trustee	3 Years
(1) Library Trustee	1 Year
(2) Planning Board	3 Years
(1) Supervisor of the Checklist	3 Years
(1) Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Years

Article 2: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,793,039 Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,856,009, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold a special meeting , in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Majority vote required)

Estimated Tax Rate Impact- 2016 Proposed Budget *\$ 4.58 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.*

Estimated Tax Rate Impact- 2016 Default Budget *\$ 4.74 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.*

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 4 to 0 vote.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the purposes of a **Road Program (RSMS)** and to meet said appropriation by an application of up to One Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$108,000) from Highway Block Grant Aid, Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000) from the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund and the remainder of One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Dollars (\$143,000) to come from taxation.

(Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

Estimated Tax Rate Impact *\$ 0.35 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.*

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$184,800) to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows, with said funds to come from taxation.

Account	2016
Highway Trucks	\$55,100
Police Cruiser	\$20,000
Fire Truck	\$48,700
Highway Equipment	\$7,000
Hydrants	\$2,000
Solid Waste Facilities Equipment	\$12,000
Public Safety Facilities Improvements	\$10,000
Milfoil	\$10,000
Fire Department Ancillary Equipment	\$15,000
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	\$5,000

(Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

Estimated Tax Rate Impact *\$ 0.45 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.*

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows, with said funds to come from taxation.

Account	2016
Forest Fire Control	\$2,000
Accrued Benefits Liability	\$10,000

(Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

Estimated Tax Rate Impact *\$ 0.03 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.*

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in the previously established **1772 Meetinghouse Restoration** Capital Reserve Fund and to meet said appropriation by taxation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

(Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

Estimated Tax Rate Impact

\$ 0.025 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to spend Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) from the **Shirley Forest Trust Fund** to invest in the reclamation of the Town gravel pit located on the Shirley Forest Trust lands.

(Majority vote required)

Special Warrant Article

Estimated Tax Rate Impact

\$ 0.00 per \$ 1,000 assessed evaluation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to alter the manner in which positions on the Zoning Board of Adjustment are filled from appointment by the Board of Selectmen to election, in accordance with RSA 673:3.

[Note: Under the statute, if this Article is adopted, members will continue to be appointed by the Selectmen until the Town election of 2017 at which time they will be elected to take office as the terms of appointed members expire. Thereafter, board members are elected for 3 year terms. If this Article is not adopted, members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will continue to be appointed by the Selectmen as they currently are.]

(Majority vote required)

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to alter the manner in which positions on the Budget Committee are filled from appointment by the Town Moderator to election, in accordance with RSA 669:17 and 32:15.

[Note: Under the statute(s), if this Article is adopted, members will continue to be appointed by the Town Moderator until the Town election of 2017 at which time the terms of all appointed members shall cease and new members will be elected for staggered terms of 3, 2 and 1 year terms. Thereafter, board members are elected for 3 year terms. If this Article is not adopted, members of the Budget Committee will continue to be appointed by the Town Moderator as they currently are].

(Majority vote required)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to increase the size of the "Board of Selectmen" from three (3) members to five (5) members. If approved, voting for the additional members shall occur on the 2017 Town Ballot. In order to stagger the terms of office the Selectmen with the highest number of votes shall serve 3 years while the other newly elected Selectmen shall serve an initial term of 2 years.

(Majority vote required)
By Petition

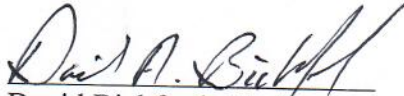
Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to elect the "Town of New Durham" Fire Chief who shall be a town resident and be at least a NH Certified Firefighter 1 and Nationally Registered First Responder eliminating the appointment of the Fire Chief by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office shall be for two years. If approved, voting shall occur on the 2017 Town Ballot. Passage of this article shall rescind the term of appointment of the current Fire Chief.

(Majority vote required)
By Petition

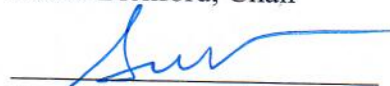
Article 12: To conduct any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25 day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.


We hereby certify that on this 25 day of January, 2016, we had posted an attested copy of the warrant at the place of Meeting within named and a like copy at the New Durham Town Hall, a public place in said Town.



David Bickford, Chair



David Swenson, Selectman



Gregory Anthes, Selectman