



TOWN of NEW DURHAM

2024 TOWN WARRANT

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 Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of New Durham will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting – Deliberative

The first session, the Deliberative Session, of the 2024 Town Meeting was held on **Tuesday, February 06, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** at the New Durham School Gymnasium located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH.

Second Session of the Annual Meeting - Voting

The Second Session, the voting on all warrant articles, shall be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024 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:

Number of Positions	Office	Candidate	Term of Office
1	Selectman	Dorothy Veisel Ken Ross-Raymond	3 Years
2	Budget Committee	Kenneth Fanjoy Jeffery Kratovil Paul Patrick Perry	3 Years 3 Years
1	John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustee		3 Years
2	Library Trustee	Bill Meyer Marilee DeCoff	3 Years
1	Moderator	Linda Callaway	2 Years
1	Planning Board	Jeffery Allard	3 Years
1	Supervisor of the Checklist	Angela Pruitt	6 Years
1	Trustee of the Trust Funds	David Bickford	3 Years
1	Zoning Board of Adjustment		3 Years
1	Zoning Board of Adjustment		1 Year

Article 2: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Article VI, General Provisions / Use Regulations, to reduce the setback for septic tanks from the edge of a public water body from 125 feet to 75 feet; and apply the leach field setback of 20-40 feet from property lines, depending on the size of the lot, to privies and septic tanks as well. And Delete Article XX.G to maintain consistency with leach field setbacks. Also, to change the reference in Table 8 regarding wetland and water body setbacks to identify setbacks to “leach fields” rather than “septic systems.”

Majority Vote Required

Yes _____ No _____

The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 3: Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 to the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Article XIV, Shorefront Conservation Overlay District, to remove the requirement that deviations from the district’s requirements obtain both a variance and a special exception; to clarify the difference between wetland buffers and wetland setbacks; to clarify that nonconforming structures (which includes dwellings, garages, ADUs and sheds greater than 80 SF) within the Overlay District may be demolished and rebuilt provided the rebuilt structure’s footprint does not exceed the original structure’s footprint, and the rebuilt structure contains only two stories; to provide that construction of dwellings, garages, ADUs and sheds greater than 80 SF within the 75 foot Waterfront Setback requires a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board; to require the building inspector / code enforcement officer to review all plans before disturbance of land and / or soil removal; and to remove the required leach field setbacks for nonconforming buildings.

Majority Vote Required

Yes _____ No _____

The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 4: 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 \$4,052,423. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,033,440, 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

[Note: Operating Budget & Default Budget includes the Library Budget.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2024 Proposed Budget: \$ 6.538 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2024 Default Budget: \$ 6.507 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6 to 1** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purposes of a Road Program with said appropriation to be offset by an anticipated \$114,000 from the Highway Block Grant and the remainder to come from general taxation.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.461 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$305,000 to be placed in previously established Public Works related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2024
Highway Trucks	March 4, 1988, Article #9	\$180,000
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	March 10, 2010, Article #15	\$20,000
Road Reconstruction	March 10, 2010, Article #5	\$100,000
Gravel	March 13, 2012, Article #12 Purpose change March 10, 2020 Article #12	\$5,000
Total		\$305,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.492 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **2 to 1** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5 to 2** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to be placed in previously established Municipal Facility Land related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2024
Municipal Facility Land Acquisition	March 13, 2007, Article #8	\$120,000
Total		\$120,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.194 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in previously established Public Safety related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2024
Police Cruisers	March 15, 2000, Article #7	\$15,000
Fire Vehicles	March 12, 2003, Article #11	\$20,000
Fire Department Ancillary Equipment Non-Vehicle	March 10, 2015, Article #5	\$15,000
Total		\$50,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.081 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **2 to 1** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6 to 1** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in previously established New Durham Water Quality & Milfoil related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2024
Milfoil Treatment	March 11, 2009, Article #6 Amended for Purpose Change March 12, 2019, Article #11	\$15,000
Total		\$15,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.024 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,000 to be placed in previously established Facilities related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2024
Smith Ballfield Improvements	March 11, 2008, Article #9	\$5,000
Public Safety Facilities	March 10, 2010, Article #17	\$35,000
Library Facilities Improvement	March 13, 2007, Article #7	\$4,000
Total		\$44,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.071 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **2** to **1** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5** to **2** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$20,000, to be added to the 1772 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for urgently needed structural repair. Further, to direct the New Durham Board of Selectmen to work with the 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee to find qualified restoration contractors and complete this work as soon as possible.

Account	Created	2024
1772 Meetinghouse	March 15, 2000, Article #14	\$20,000
Total		\$20,000

(Majority vote required)

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.032 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2024
Computer Systems & Office Equipment	March 13, 1996, Article #11 Revised March 9, 2011, Article #26	\$50,000
Records Management Fund	March 23, 1999, Article #23	\$15,000
Town Buildings & Improvements Fund	March 15, 2000, Article #15	\$75,000
Total		\$140,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.226 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **2** to **1** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5** to **2** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2024
Accrued Benefit Liability Fund	March 1992, Article #16	\$15,000
New Durham Dam Maintenance	March 13, 2018, Article #13	\$5,000
Total		\$20,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.032 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **2** to **1** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5** to **2** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the purposes of funding contributions to Health & Other Agencies i.e. Cornerstone VNA, CAP of Strafford County, Kingswood Youth Center, and Strafford Nutrition – Meals on Wheels with this sum to come from authorizing the withdrawal of \$7,000 from the JC Shirley Timber Trust (Trust Fund #28). Said trust established for the purpose to “benefit of the Town of New Durham for such lawful purposes as the Town may direct at its annual meeting.”

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to align the Municipal Facility Land Acquisition CRF established in March 13, 2007, Article #8 with other CRF's in the Town and to change the current default agents to expend being the Trustees of the Trust Fund to identify the agents to expend the Municipal Facility Land Acquisition as the Board of Selectmen.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2024 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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


The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6 to 1** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

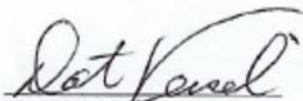
Article 16: To conduct any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal, this 7th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Four.

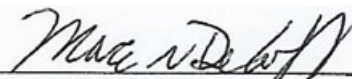
We hereby certify that on this 8th day of February, 2024, we had posted an attested copy of the warrant at the place of Meeting within named and a like copy at the New Durham Town Hall, a public place in said Town.



David W. Swenson, Chair



Dorothy Veisel, Vice Chair



Marc DeCoff, Selectman

Town of New Durham, NH

Final / Posted on 02/08/2024 **By:** _____

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02/07/2024