

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newmarket, County of Rockingham, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the annual budgetary town meeting, to be held at the Newmarket Town Hall, Newmarket, NH on the 4th day of February 2023 being a Saturday, at ten in the forenoon (10 A.M.) The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the annual town meeting, to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Newmarket Town Hall, Newmarket NH, on the 14th day of March, 2023, being Tuesday, at seven o'clock in the forenoon (the polls are to be open at 7:00 A.M. and may not close prior to 7:00 P.M.) to act upon the following:

Article 1. To choose the following officers for the coming year:

Two Planning Board Members	Three Years
One Trustee of the Trust Funds	Three Years

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of stormwater planning work relative to management of the municipal storm drain system in the area of Moody Point in accordance with State and Federal water quality guidelines (the "Project"), such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds and notes not to exceed \$100,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the Town Council and Treasurer to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and additionally to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds to reduce amounts to be repaid on such bonds or notes, and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) established in RSA 486:14 for this purpose. This Project is contingent upon approval of a Clean Water SRF loan, which may include up to 100% of loan principal forgiveness. If passed there will be no impact on the tax rate. (2/3 Vote Required) Recommended by the Town Council 7-0. Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Newmarket and the New England Police Benevolent Association Local 215, which represents the Police Employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

	Estimated Salary and Salary Driven
<u>Year</u>	Benefits Increase
FY2024	\$167,385
FY2025	\$70,215
FY2026	\$73,725

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-seven thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$167,385) for fiscal year 2024, such sum

representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. If passed, it is estimated that this article will amount to \$0.17 of the tax rate. Recommended by the Town Council 7-0. Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0.

Article 4.

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$16,240,017? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$16,151,712 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Town Council may hold one special meeting, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. If passed, it is estimated that passage of this article will amount to \$6.82 of the tax rate, which is a twenty-seven cent increase over the previous year. If the article is defeated, the default budget will amount to \$6.66, which is a one cent decrease over the previous year. (Majority vote required) *Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0. Recommended by the Town Council 7-0.*

A true copy attest: Town Council, Town of Newmarket, NH

Joe LaMattina, Councilor

Colin White Councilor

Fatana Conley, Vice Chair

Brian Ward, Councilor

Scott Blackstone, Councilor

Given under our hands and seals this $\underline{\mathbb{Z}}$ day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty - three.

Town Council, Town of Newmarket, NH

Toni Weinstein, Chair

Joe LaMattina, Councilor

Megan Brabec/Councilor

Colin White, Councilor

Katanna Conley, Vice Chair

Brian Ward, Councilor

Scott Blackstone, Councilor

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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I do hereby certify that on the Aday of January, 2023, I posted an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named Newmarket Town Hall and that on the Aday of January, 2023, I posted like copies at the Newmarket Town Hall, Newmarket Post Office, and Newmarket Public Library, each being a public place in the Town of Newmarket.

Stephon R. Fournier, Town Manager