



TOWN of NEWMARKET, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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:

You are hereby notified that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with House Bill 1129, the Newmarket Town Council will use optional town meeting procedures for the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. There will be no deliberative session in 2021. Instead, the Town Council will hold two virtual informational sessions followed by a voting session at which voters may vote at polls that will include drive-up voting.

FIRST SESSION (INFORMATIONAL)

The Town Council will hold the first virtual informational session on January 27 at 7:00 PM. Residents may watch on local Channel 13 or via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/9117025727> or by calling 1-646-558-8656 meeting ID 9117025727.

During the first informational session, the Town Council will outline the optional town meeting procedures and then review the warrant and explain the articles. After this session, the public may submit questions and comments on the articles by:

Email: townmeeting@newmarketnh.gov

Mail: Town Meeting Comments 186 Main St. Newmarket NH 03857

Phone: (603) 659-3617 extension 1301

Drop off comments at Town Hall in the drop box on the side of the building.

All comments must include your name and address. Comments must be submitted by February 2 at noon.

The second informational session will be held on February 2 at 7:00 PM. Residents may watch on local Channel 13 or via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/9117025727> or by calling 1-646-558-8656 meeting ID 9117025727. At this time, the Town Council will review all comments submitted and deliberate any changes suggested by these comments. The Council will then finalize the warrant with any amendments in the Council's discretion. The Town shall make the final warrant available electronically for printing by voters to be brought to the voting session.

SECOND SESSION (VOTING)

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the annual town meeting to be held at the Newmarket Town Hall, Newmarket NH, on the 9th day of March, 2021, 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 vote in person or through drive-up procedures, to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the following Articles, with amendments (if any) made after the second virtual informational session:

Article T- 1. Do you approve the optional town meeting procedures used only in 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic? *Recommended by the Town Council 7-0*

Article T- 2. To choose the following officers for the coming year:

Two Town Councilors	Three Years
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Three Municipal Budget Committee Members	Three Years
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One Municipal Budget Committee Member.....	One Year
Two Planning Board Members	Three Years
One Town Clerk – Tax Collector	Three Years
One Trustee of the Trust Funds	Three Years

Article T- 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000.00 (gross budget) for the purpose of design and construction of stormwater improvements along New Road, including roadway repairs as required (the "Project"), that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, and to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) in the amount up to \$1,000,000.00; and further to authorize the Town

Council to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, and to determine the interest rate thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize Town officials to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, grants or other funds, if any which may be available for the Project, and use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued or to pay debt service on the bonds or notes, and to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose; and to authorize the Town to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$100,000.00 in principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund loan program. It is the intention of the Town that debt service on the bonds or notes shall be paid for by general taxation. (3/5 Majority Vote Required). *Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0. Recommended by the Town Council 7-0.*

Article T- 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 \$13,729,433? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,492,581 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 \$6.50 of the tax rate, which is an eighteen-cent increase over the previous year. If the article is defeated, the default budget will amount to \$6.26, which is a five-cent decrease over the previous year. (Majority vote required) *Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0. Recommended by the Town Council 7-0.*

Given under our hands and seals this 19 day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty - one.

Town Council, Town of Newmarket, NH

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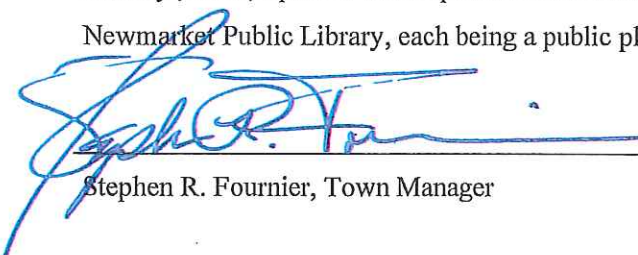
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Scott Blackstone, Councilor

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

January 20, 2021

I do hereby certify that on the 20 day of January, 2021, I posted an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named Newmarket Town Hall and that on the 20 day of January, 2021, 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,.



Stephen R. Fournier, Town Manager