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Deerfield Newsletter

2022 Citizens Voting Guide

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield...

Voting session to act on all Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "First Session" will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Arts & Crafts Building, Deerfield Fairgrounds, 34 Stage Road. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Deerfield Voter's Guide is issued to help citizens prepare for the Second Session of the Town Meeting-Official Ballot Voting (SB2). This guide contains Town, Zoning and School sample ballots; explanations of the 2022 Warrant Articles presented by the Board of Selectmen, explanations from the Deerfield School Board regarding the School District Warrant, and explanations from the Planning Board regarding Zoning Amendments.

♦ **Voting Date and Time: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Arts & Crafts Building, Deerfield Fairgrounds, 34 Stage Road, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** ♦

SAMPLE BALLOTS

The Sample Ballots contained in this newsletter may be duplicated.

Copies are available at:

www.townofdeerfieldnh.com or
The Deerfield Town Offices or
The Philbrick James Library or
The Deerfield Community School

Marked Sample Ballots may be taken into the voting booth to assist citizens with the voting process.

This is encouraged to help reduce the amount of time in the voting booth.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for Absentee Ballots are available on the Town of Deerfield's Official Web site at:

www.townofdeerfieldnh.com

or in person at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee Ballots must be received and accepted prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 07, 2022

OR

Can be mailed by the U.S. Postal Service to:

Town Clerk
P.O. Box 159

Deerfield, NH 03037-0159

Mailed Absentee Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Questions about Absentee Ballots should be addressed to the Town Clerk's Office 463-8811, ext. 308 or 312 or via email at

twv@townofdeerfieldnh.com

Town of Deerfield
P.O. Box 159

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Town of Deerfield Warrant Descriptive

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Article # 1 Shall the Town of Deerfield 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 **\$4,664,277**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$4,122,731** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-4-0

Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$5.97

Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$5.28

(Voting "yes" on this article authorizes the town budget as recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee)

Article # 2 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$250,000.00**) for the purpose of repair and/or reconstruction of existing roads and associated drainage improvements? Shall the Town further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all State Aid or other revenue source that may become available for this work. The funds will be used for the improvement, reconstruction, maintenance, crack sealing, engineering of roads and tree removals as needed. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2025.

Roadway Construction - Background: Road rehabilitation and reconstruction continues to be a challenge. In an effort to work towards a goal of improving overall road conditions within the Town, these funds will be utilized to systematically improve roads based on the results of the Road Service Management System Report completed by NH Southern Planning Commission and in consultation with the Road Agent. Road program priorities are generally guided by road condition, traffic volumes, and opportunities to coordinate road construction with other projects.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.32

Article # 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$95,000**) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Building Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of having engineering and architectural plans prepared for a new Police Department building; and for the dissemination of information relative to the planning and design of such building.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12

(Voting "yes" on this article will add funding to an established Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of doing engineering and architectural plans; as well as disseminating information for a new police department building).

Article # 4 To see if the town will vote to establish a **Dowst-Cate Cemetery Expansion Expendable Trust Fund** per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of expanding the existing Dowst-Cate Cemetery to accommodate the town's future burial needs, and to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (**\$80,000**) to put in the fund. Cemetery Trustees to be named as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.10

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.10*

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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.10*

(Voting "yes" on this article will provide a cost-of-living adjustment of 3.5% to all staff of the Town of Deerfield).

Article # 7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$50,000)**, to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.06*

(As stated, this is a capital reserve fund; voting "yes" will set aside money to be used for anticipated future equipment purchases. The intended effect of reserving capital in smaller amounts over the years is to offset a large "hit" on the budget and tax rate in the year equipment is actually purchased).

Article # 8 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars **(\$35,000)** to establish the Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. Pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots in Deerfield cemeteries and any interest gained thereon will be deposited therein for the maintenance of cemeteries with the Cemetery Trustees named as agents to expend from the fund. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0*

(Voting "yes" on this article will establish a new fund with \$35,000 of "fund balance" (provided there is a fund balance) to be placed in a Trust that can only be used to care for cemeteries in Deerfield. Future proceeds from new plot sales would be deposited into this fund, updating the current method of creating a trust fund for each plot sold.)

Article # 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **(\$25,000)** to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0*

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow up to \$25,000 of "fund balance" (provided there is a fund balance) to be placed in a Trust that can only be used for town building infrastructure repairs or replacements. The intended effect of this article is to provide funding for unseen expenses such as failing plumbing, heating or roofs).

Article # 10 To see if the town will vote to establish a Recreational Facility Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of executing general town field/court maintenance upkeep and to maintain existing playgrounds, athletic fields, athletic courts and the surrounding areas; and to raise and appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **(\$25,000.00)** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2-0

INFORMATION: The Town of Deerfield currently has three playgrounds, an outdoor basketball court, an outdoor tennis court, two baseball fields, two softball fields, and two soccer field locations which need routine attention to maintain safe playing surfaces/ areas, visual appearance, and overall longevity. Town facility maintenance may include, but is not limited to, court resurfacing, mowing, tick spraying, herbicide treatment for baseball and softball infields, infield mix, playground mulching, and tree trimming as necessary. Historically, maintenance has been subsidized solely by the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund. Due to the expansion of town facilities in recent years, the department is now seeking community support to help maintain its valued facilities, which are open to all Deerfield residents.

Article # 11 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Three-Hundred Eighteen Dollars **(\$20,318)** which represents an equity pay adjustment for both the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and increasing the salary line from 82,406.00 to 99,100.00 resulting in the Clerk/Collector base salary equal to \$58,100 and the Deputy base salary equal to \$41,000, plus combined payroll taxes of 3,624.26. The purpose is to bring both positions' wages to comparable standards and should not be confused with merit raises. Should this article pass, it would only be funded in the event that the 2022 Operating Budget fails to pass. These adjustments will be effective January 1, 2022.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03

Article # 12 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars **(\$20,000)** to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund said fund to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow up to \$20,000 of "fund balance" (provided there is a fund balance) to be placed in a Trust that can only be used for fire vehicles and equipment. As stated, this is a capital reserve fund, the intended effect of reserving capital in smaller amounts over the years is to offset a large "hit" on the budget and tax rate in the year equipment is actually purchased).

Article #13 As Amended on Saturday, February 5, 2022 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand **(\$20,000)** to be used to purchase a utility vehicle for Deerfield Parks and Recreation. A total of \$5,000 will be spent from the Parks and Recreation revolving fund, with the remaining amount to come from taxes.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-3-1

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03

INFORMATION: The department is seeking to replace a utility cargo van it disposed of three years ago. A newly acquired utility vehicle will be used to transport supplies and equipment to locations within the town for department business such as conducting programs and events, executing routine trash runs from the ballfields to the transfer station, and towing the department trailer as necessary to facilitate large special events in town. The department is currently using the only vehicle in its possession, a 12-passenger van, or employee-owned personal vehicles to execute all department business. Continuing to use the passenger van as a utility vehicle will put unnecessary wear and tear on an older vehicle not designed for such use.

Article # 14 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars **(\$10,000)** to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

(As stated, this is a capital reserve fund; voting "yes" will set aside money to be used for anticipated future vehicle and equipment purchases. The intended effect of reserving capital in smaller amounts over the years is to offset a large "hit" on the budget and tax rate in the year equipment is actually purchased).

Article # 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow Deerfield to help fund milfoil mitigation in Northwood Lake. Deerfield has a significant number of taxable properties on Northwood Lake, the intended effect of this article is to control milfoil and in doing so protect lakefront property values.)

Article # 16 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

(Voting "yes" on this article will allow Deerfield to help fund milfoil and invasive prevention in Pleasant Lake. Deerfield has a significant number of taxable properties on Pleasant Lake, the intended effect of this article is to keep Pleasant Lake free of milfoil and other invasive species and in doing so, protect existing water quality and lakefront property values.)

Article # 17 **As Amended on Saturday, February 5, 2022** Shall we express an advisory view that the position of Town Highway Agent be an appointed position, as approved by the voters in the 2021 municipal election? [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

Article # 18 Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town of Deerfield N.H.? [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Kelly A Roberts
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than Two

RICHARD "DICK" PITMAN ☐
STEVE ROLLINS ☐
FREDERICK "FRED" MCGARRY ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

One Year Term Vote for not
more than One

WILLIAM "WILL" HUEBNER ☐
ERROLL RHODES ☐
ALEX E. COTE ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF TRUST
FUNDS

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

JOANNA WARING ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF
PHILBRICK-JAMES
LIBRARY

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than Three

EMILY OXNARD ☐
SADIE REED STIMMELL ☐
GWEN MATHEWS ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than Three

RONALD HARVEY ☐
DANA VAN DER BIJL ☐
RICK DRUCKENMILLER ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

CHARLES R. SANBORN ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than One

LEILA THOMPSON ☐
STEVEN ROLLINS ☐
PETE SCHIBBELHUTE ☐
SPENCER TATE ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than Three

TERRY ROY ☐
WILLIAM VON HASSEL ☐
JOSHUA "JOSH" CRESSWELL ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

SUPERVISORS OF
CHECKLIST

Six Year Term Vote for not
more than One

JOANNA WARING ☐
☐
(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

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YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-4-0
Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$5.97
Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$5.28

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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YES ☐

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YES ☐

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Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0*

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Kelly A. Roberts

TOWN CLERK

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03*

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0*

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YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-3-1
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03*

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 14 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

Article # 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

Article # 16 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake. YES ☐
NO ☐

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NO ☐

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NO ☐

SAMPLE

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Deerfield Community School** in said District on the **12th day of February, 2022** at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to deliberate upon the warrant articles below. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended; and, (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article. An amendment that changes the dollar amount of an appropriation in a warrant article shall not be deemed to violate this provision.

Voting on warrant articles will be conducted by official ballot at the second session scheduled for **March 8, 2022** at the Arts and Crafts Building on the Deerfield Fair Grounds, 34 Stage Road, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

1. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Five Million, Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$45,500,000)** for the purposes of financing the addition to and the completion of the renovation of Deerfield Community School and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Forty-Five Million, Five-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$45,500,000)** of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any and all Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the School Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto, and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of **One Million, One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,137,500)** for the first year's interest payment on said bond or note? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [7-3-1]*

2. Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee. Shall the Deerfield School District, if Article # 1 passes, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$8,430,000)** for the purpose of adding a Community Recreation Center to Deerfield Community School and to authorize the issuance of not more than **Eight Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$8,430,000)** of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any and all Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the School Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto, and further to raise and appropriate an additional sum of **Two Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000)** for the first year's interest payment on said bond or note? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

*School Board Recommends Approval [3-1-0]
Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval [5-6-0]*

3. Shall the Deerfield School District 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Fifteen Million, Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred-Nine Dollars, (\$15,425,609)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Fifteen Million, Two Hundred Seventy Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$15,270,438)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Deerfield School District, or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [7-4-0]*

If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$16.17 [per thousand], which will result in a \$1.68 increase over the previous year school tax rate.

[Note: Warrant Article #3 (operating budget article) does not include appropriations from separate Warrant Articles.]

4. Shall the Deerfield School District, if Article #1 fails, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)** from the June 30, 2022 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022, to be added to the school **Building Repair Trust Fund**, with the balance to be raised from taxation, for the purpose of school building repair at Deerfield Community School? This article is contingent upon the failure of Article #1; if Article #1 passes, this warrant article shall not take effect. Majority Vote Required.

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Given under our hands at said Deerfield this____ day of January, 2022.

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DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest

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**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022**

Juli A. O'Brien
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☐
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MODERATOR	CLERK	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
Vote for not One Year Term more than One (1)	Vote for not One Year Term more than One (1)	Vote for not One Year Term more than One (1)
DAN HOLDRIDGE <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NATE OXNARD <input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	GREG WHITMORE <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)		ROBERT BAKER <input type="radio"/>
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VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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SAMPLE

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Town of Deerfield Special Needs Registry

The Special Needs Registry is a joint effort of the Fire/Rescue Department & the Emergency Management (“EM”) Team to assist Deerfield residents in times of natural & man-made disasters. We work to keep everyone safe & recognize some residents need an extra hand during a disaster. You can add your name to the Special Needs Registry by completing the form on the back of this page & submitting it to the Fire/Rescue Department in a **sealed** envelope.

If the Town opens a shelter because of an emergency or prolonged power outage, will you need help getting there? Completing this form will provide emergency responders with valuable information to help them better assist you in an emergency or natural disaster.

Please fill out & return this form in a sealed envelope to Cindy McHugh, Fire/Rescue Dept. EMS Captain, PO Box 9, Deerfield, NH 03037.

This information will be kept under lock and key and kept confidential. It is being requested on a volunteer basis and is for informational purposes for town emergency officials and emergency responders if needed. Submitting this form does not represent a guarantee of services based on specific needs, but may serve as a useful document in an emergency.

Please update the form with phone / address changes or other significant changes. Remember to send the updated info in a **sealed** envelope to Cindy McHugh, Fire/Rescue Dept. EMS Captain, PO Box 9, Deerfield, NH 03037. Blank forms are available at the Town Offices & www.townofdeerfieldnh.com.

Keep yourself, your family & your pets safe! Preparation is critical. **Make a kit; Make a communications plan; Stay informed and Help your neighbor!** Visit ready.gov or our emergency management page at www.townofdeerfieldnh.com for more information on preparedness!

Stay informed about local emergencies by *signing up* for NH Alerts at www.readynh.gov/. This is especially important for cell phone users! To receive local emergency updates, please sign up! (Deerfield has enhanced 911 (similar to reverse 911) but it only covers landlines)! To make sure you receive the latest local updates on your cellphones, everyone should sign up for NH Alerts.

QUESTIONS? CALL 463 8811X310!

SPECIAL NEEDS FORM -- TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Will you require assistance in an emergency? Filling out this form could provide emergency responders with valuable information to help them better assist you in an emergency or natural disaster.

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Yes/I am the person who will need assistance during an emergency:	Relative/person we can notify to assist you in an emergency:
*Name: _____	Name: _____
*Address: _____ _____	Address: _____ _____
*Phone (Home): _____	Phone (Home): _____
Phone (Cell): _____	Phone (Cell): _____
Email: _____	Email: _____ _____
*Information needed for us to assist you	

Please mark an "X" in EACH box that applies to your needs:

Mobility & Transportation Issues

- ☐ I have significant mobility issues
- ☐ I must use a wheelchair to get around
- ☐ I must use a walker/cane to get around
- ☐ I will need special assistance to evacuate my home as I am a person of size
- ☐ I will need wheelchair accessible transportation to successfully evacuate
- ☐ I will need an ambulance to successfully evacuate

Medical Issues

- ☐ I require the use of oxygen
- ☐ I have hearing difficulties; my TTY number is _____
- ☐ I have special dietary needs: _____
- ☐ I require the use of: _____

Other Issues

- ☐ I have a communication issue: _____
- ☐ I do not speak English - language _____
- ☐ I have a service animal; it is a _____ and weighs _____ pounds
- ☐ OTHER: _____

Deerfield News and Updates



Board of Selectmen Meetings

- The Board of Selectmen have improved the audio and visual capabilities for the public in their meeting room.
- Very soon the public will be able to participate remotely in public meetings held in the Board of Selectmen meeting room within the George B White Building through the Zoom platform.
- The public will also be able to watch the meetings via livestreaming over YouTube and the Public Access Channel 24.
- The new system can accommodate a simultaneous Zoom meeting so that the public can actively participate and speak to members, at the appropriate time, during the meeting.
- This capability will be available for all Town boards, commissions and committees, which meet in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room and who wish to use the technology.
- Once the system is fully operational, the Board of Selectmen's agendas will clearly provide information on how to participate either by livestreaming or attending remotely through the Zoom platform.
- Please look for this information on upcoming agendas.

Deerfield, NH 03037-0159

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Local
Postal Customer

Town of Deerfield Office Hours

Assessing Office 463-8811 x 315	Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Building Department 463-8811 x 302	Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Town Clerk – Tax Collector’s Office 463-8811 x 308 or 312	Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Transfer Station 463-7705	Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Board of Selectmen Meets Every Other Monday 5:30 p.m.	
Planning Board Meets the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	
Zoning Board of Adjustment Meets the 4 th Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	
Conservation Commission Meets the 2 nd Monday	

VOTING DAY

(Town Meeting SB2 Second Session)

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

*Polling Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Arts & Crafts Building, Deerfield Fairgrounds,
34 Stage Road*