



The Town of

Eighty-Second

Winter 2023

Deerfield Newsletter

2023 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 14, 2023, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 10 Church Street. 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 2023 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 14, 2023 at the Town Hall,
10 Church Street, 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 Website 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 14, 2023

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 14, 2023

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
Deerfield, NH 03037-0159

PRSRT STD
ECRWS
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Town of Deerfield Warrant Descriptive

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Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by petition for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance – Section 204 District Objectives and Land Use Control – to increase the “Minimum Lot Size Area Per Dwelling Unit in Acres” from 3 acres to 5 acres? [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0

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 **\$4,813,543.00**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$4,267,422.00** 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 9-1-0

Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$6.20

Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$5.50

(Voting “yes” on this article approves the town operating 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 Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$350,000.00**) 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 10-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.45

Article # 3 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$250,000**) for the purpose of providing general support by way of maintenance and repair of equipment, purchasing of supplies and overall operational support to the Highway Department for road upkeep and repair. These funds will not be used for personnel support. Should this article pass, it would only be funded in the event that the 2023 Operating Budget fails to pass. This funding will be effective January 1, 2023.

INFORMATION: *The department is seeking to repair, if needed, the existing vehicles and equipment that are nearing or past their service life. The department will upgrade existing equipment, if needed, to provide reliable tools for personnel to perform their jobs in a safe and efficient manner.*

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Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.32*

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(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)

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$34,693.92

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-3-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.15*

Article # 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand One-Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$112,195.00), which includes additional wages and required benefits, for the purpose of providing cost-of-living adjustment to Town employees in the amount of 5.0%.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.14*

(Voting "yes" on this article will provide a cost-of-living adjustment of 5% to all staff of the Town of Deerfield)

Article # 6 To see if the town will vote to establish a Highway Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of general vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair with the ability to purchase any vehicle or piece of equipment, should repair not be possible; and to raise and appropriate Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to put in the fund; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The fund will have a cap at \$300,000.00 in principle.

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INFORMATION: *State law mandates that every town provide burial space, but Deerfield is running out of room. Instead of clearing land for a new cemetery, the trustees want to install a granite memorial wall (approximately 10' long x 5' tall x 3' deep) that will accommodate up to 128 urns in niches. Each niche will be sealed with a granite plaque that contains the same information provided on a traditional headstone. The concept is similar to a mausoleum, but meant only for urns.*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07*

Article # 8 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.

(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 "bit" on the budget and tax rate in the year equipment is actually purchased.)

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$372,262.57.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.06*

Article # 9 As Amended on Saturday, February 4, 2023 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings And Related Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

(Voting "yes" on this article will place \$40,000.00 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)

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$1,341.49.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

Article # 10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the previously established Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

(Voting "yes" on this article will place \$35,000 of "fund balance" 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.)

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$30,681.78.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

Article # 11 As Amended on Saturday, February 4, 2023 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Recreational Facility Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of executing general town field/court maintenance upkeep and to maintain existing playgrounds, athletic fields, athletic courts and the surrounding areas; with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

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.*

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$8,380.63.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

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 new taxation.

(Voting "yes" on this article will place \$20,000 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.)

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$49,875.40.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

Article # 13 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 Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(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)

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2022 is \$60,497.28.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03*

Article # 14 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 10-0-0
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 # 15 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 10-0-0
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 # 16 Shall the Town of Deerfield READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.00? (Majority vote required).

INFORMATION: Statutory Change to Property Tax Credits for Veterans – Readoption Required

The New Hampshire Legislature passed, and Governor Sununu signed into law House Bill 1667 (Chapter 121, Laws of 2022), amending eligibility criteria for certain veterans' property tax credits. Effective on July 26, 2022, the bill amended RSA 72:28, the "Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit," and RSA 72:28-b, the "All Veterans' Tax Credit," to expand the eligibility requirements of the veterans' tax credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. Under RSA 72:27-a, IV amendments to tax credits and exemptions which require adoption will only apply "in a municipality which previously adopted the provision only after the municipality complies with the procedure" specified in RSA 72:27-a, II, unless otherwise expressly required by law. Nothing in

HB 1667 created an exception to this readoption requirement. As a result of the passage of HB 1667, municipalities should consider the following:

- For municipalities with an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit under RSA 72:28, II:
- The Optional Veteran's Tax Credit, at the existing amount or at a new amount, must be readopted pursuant to RSA 72:27-a to remain in place and include the expanded eligibility effective for the April 1, 2023 tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Article # 17 Shall the Town of Deerfield READOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Article # 18 Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Deerfield on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?" (A 3/5 majority of those voting is required.)

INFORMATION: Voting YES to this warrant article changes the Town from an "SB 2" form of voting back to a "Town Meeting" form of voting.

Article # 19 To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to A) develop, or cause to be developed, within a period of nine months from the passage hereof, a Conflict of Interest ordinance (the **Ordinance**), consistent with RSA 31:39-a, defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed, to include, but not be limited to, conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof based on 1) direct or indirect pecuniary interest, whether by personal, corporate, social or professional association, 2) kinship, whether by blood or marriage, 3) employment, whether as principal, agent or representative, 4) abutment, or 5) any combination of items 1) to 4) above, and also setting i) the terms and conditions for the disclosure of such conflicts, ii) the disqualifications based on such conflicts, and iii) the resolutions of such conflicts (including with respect to political solicitations), such that the public might have increased confidence that local officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, are placing the interests of the public at large ahead of their own interests, and B) include the Ordinance on the 2024 Town Warrant for adoption by the legislative body. (Majority vote required) [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

Article # 20 To see if the Town will vote for the future improvements of town maintained asphalt roads that are being resurfaced or newly installed to be constructed with center lane striping. At minimum; a single solid yellow line, for the purpose of lane delineation, in accordance with NH RSA 265:22. Improved line striping enables the authorities to more effectively pursue traffic violations regarding lane offenses in the interest of the safety of the community. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

Article # 21 As Amended on Saturday, February 4, 2023 To see if the town will vote to deposit 100 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA79-A:25 II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting. If the above article does not pass, the percentage of LUCT revenues deposited in the conservation fund shall remain at 50% as it is now. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

*(The Current Use Program, created in 1972, provides a tax incentive to qualifying landowners who maintain their land as undeveloped forest, farm, or open space. When the use of the land changes to a non-qualifying use (e.g., the land is developed), a one-time land use change tax (LUCT) is assessed based on the current market value. Money collected through the LUCT represents the loss of farmland, forestland, or open space to development. Using these funds to protect important open space, conserve natural resources, and retain rural character is a logical reinvestment, and is currently Deerfield's primary source of contributions to the town Conservation Fund. In 2022, the Deerfield Conservation Commission expended LUCT funds to assist individual Deerfield landowners in achieving their goals of permanently protecting 100 acres of forest and farmland. **Increasing the percentage from 50 to 100 percent of the LUCT revenues collected will increase the capacity for conservation in Deerfield. There is no tax impact for Deerfield residents if this warrant article passes.)***

Article # 22 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Deerfield Select Board to work jointly with the Deerfield School Board on a solar energy project for the purpose of powering the school and the town buildings to reduce energy costs. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

Article # 23 Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for the contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

*(Deerfield routinely contributes funds to land conservation projects sponsored by qualified groups (such as land trusts), and is currently required to hold an executory interest in a property when town funds are used towards a conservation easement. Holding an executory interest makes the town the backup easement holder for a conserved property which comes with certain responsibilities. By adopting Warrant Article 23, the town will have more flexibility in determining when holding an executory interest would be in the best interest of Deerfield. **Rather than being a requirement, the town could decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether Deerfield would benefit from holding a legal interest in the property, or if it wished to forego holding a legal interest in order to avoid potential stewardship and financial responsibilities. There is no tax impact for Deerfield residents if this warrant article passes.)***



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023

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

STEVE BARRY ☐

ALEX E. COTE ☐

ALDEN DILL ☐

ROBERT "BOB" HEON ☐

WILLIAM "WILL" HUEBNER ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN TREASURER

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

JOANNA WARING ☐

HARRIET E. CADY ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN MODERATOR

Two Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

DAN HOLDRIDGE ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF
PHILBRICK-JAMES
LIBRARY

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than Two

JANICE LEVITON ☐

CHRISTINA EAGEN ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

JOHN REAGAN ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

JENNY WELLINGTON ☐

JEFF MACKEY ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than Three

JOCELYN MESSIER ☐

MAUREEN QUINN ☐

ERROLL RHODES ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE

Two Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

JEFF KELLEY ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET
COMMITTEE

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

ANDREA HOTALING ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

GARY SANBORN ☐

BRIAN ADAMS ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

GARY B. SANBORN ☐

HEIDI L. BENNETT ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

WATER COMMISSIONER

Two Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One

KIMBERLY BLACK ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

ZONING AMENDMENT

ZONING AMENDMENT # 1 Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by petition for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

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YES ☐

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES

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**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Kelly A Roberts
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 8 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. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.06*

Article # 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings And Related Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

Article # 10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the previously established Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

Article # 11 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Recreational Facility Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of executing general town field/court maintenance upkeep and to maintain existing playgrounds, athletic fields, athletic courts and the surrounding areas, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

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 new taxation. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0*

Article # 13 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 Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. YES ☐
NO ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03*

Article # 14 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 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

Article # 15 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 ☐

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01*

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 16 Shall the Town of Deerfield READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.00? (Majority vote required).

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Article # 17 Shall the Town of Deerfield READOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Article # 18 Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Deerfield on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?" (A 3/5 majority of those voting is required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 19 To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to A) develop, or cause to be developed, within a period of nine months from the passage hereof, a Conflict of Interest ordinance (the **Ordinance**), consistent with RSA 31:39-a, defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed, to include, but not be limited to, conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof based on 1) direct or indirect pecuniary interest, whether by personal, corporate, social or professional association, 2) kinship, whether by blood or marriage, 3) employment, whether as principal, agent or representative, 4) abutment, or 5) any combination of items 1) to 4) above, and also setting i) the terms and conditions for the disclosure of such conflicts, ii) the disqualifications based on such conflicts, and iii) the resolutions of such conflicts (including with respect to political solicitations), such that the public might have increased confidence that local officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, are placing the interests of the public at large ahead of their own interests, and B) include the Ordinance on the 2024 Town Warrant for adoption by the legislative body. (Majority vote required) [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 20 To see if the Town will vote for the future improvements of town maintained asphalt roads that are being resurfaced or newly installed to be constructed with center lane striping. At minimum; a single solid yellow line, for the purpose of lane delineation, in accordance with NH RSA 265:22. Improved line striping enables the authorities to more effectively pursue traffic violations regarding lane offenses in the interest of the safety of the community. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 21 To see if the town will vote to deposit 100 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use charge tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting. If the above article does not pass, the percentage of LUCT revenues deposited in the conservation fund shall remain at 50% as it is now. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 22 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Deerfield Select Board to work jointly with the Deerfield School Board on a solar energy project for the purpose of powering the school and the town buildings to reduce energy costs. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article # 23 Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for the contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☐

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 **11th day of February, 2023** 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 14, 2023** at the town hall 10 Church Street Deerfield, NH, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

1. 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, Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$15,886,390)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$15,823,174)** 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. Majority vote required.

[Note: The default budget is the District's current budget (2022-23) approved by the voters in March 2022, with such adjustments as are allowed or required by law. The fiscal year ends annually on June 30th. The proposed operating budget for 2023-24 represents a 2.36% decrease over last year's total appropriations. If we do not consider the last year's \$1 million in appropriated repair funds, the proposed operating budget represents a 4.03% increase over the current budget (2022-23). These budgetary increases are largely due to increased costs of Special Education services.]

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-2-0]*

If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$16.58[per thousand], which will result in a \$0.87 increase over the previous year school tax rate.

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include appropriations from separate Warrant Articles.]

2. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association for the 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2023/24	\$223,437
2024/25	\$228,752
2025/26	\$234,011
2026/27	\$239,484

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$223,437 for the 2023/24 fiscal year, 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? Majority vote required.

[Note: This four-year contract was negotiated between the Deerfield Education Association and the Deerfield School Board. It provides for raises to the salary schedule while also making other slight adjustments, including adjustments pertaining to personal days for teachers and notification of resignations.]

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]
[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.29 per thousand]*

3. Shall the Deerfield School District, if Article #2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article # 2 cost items only?

[Note: This article would allow the School Board to call a special meeting if Article 2 fails for the purpose of adopting a new contract, rather than waiting until March 2024.]

4. Shall the District approve, subject to approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to RSA 194:22, an agreed revision and extension of the current tuition agreement between the Deerfield School District and the Concord School District, currently set to expire on June 30, 2024 which provides for an initial term beginning on July 1, 2024 ending on June 30, 2036 with an option to extend the agreement for an additional eight years through June 30, 2044, and requires Deerfield to send at least 90% of Deerfield's assignable high school students to Concord at a tuition rate determined by the most recently reported per pupil cost (excluding transportation and special education costs) of operating Concord High School increased by the 5 year average increase in those operational costs; and further authorize the School Board to take such other and further acts necessary to give effect to this vote, including the adoption of minor amendments to the Tuition Agreement as the board determines are necessary during the term of the agreement without further action by the School District Meeting?

[Note: The negotiated contract is effectively an extension of the 20-year contract approved in 2004 with some adjustments. Like the last contract, this one has a minimum term (12 years) after which either Concord or Deerfield can withdraw from the agreement without cause. This contract freezes tuition for the first year (2024-25) and eliminates the capital fee for the duration of the contract. Approval of the contract would mean that students would not need to apply to Concord High School and that Concord School District would agree to educate at least 90% of our students. Without the contract and a 90% student minimum, a tuition agreement with Concord School District would raise tuition more than \$1000 per student, while a tuition agreement with Coe Brown Northwood Academy would raise tuition more than \$3000 per student.]

5. Shall the School District vote to establish a **Building Renovation and Site Improvement Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of renovating the Deerfield Community School, modernizing its systems and making site improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in this Fund, this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023? Further to name the School Board as agents to expend from said fund. Majority vote required. **No amount to be raised from additional taxation.**

[Note: This article would create a new trust fund with the purpose of making improvements to the Deerfield Community School's educational space, rather than just repairs. For example, renovating a science lab at the Deerfield Community School would not be covered by our existing trust funds because those funds are limited to repair projects only, and a renovation would not count as a 'repair'.]

*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-2-0]*

6. Shall the Deerfield School District, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)** to be placed in the **School Building Repair Trust Fund** for the purpose of school building repair and future replacement at Deerfield Community school? Majority Vote Required.

[Note: The Board has repaired the failing Deerfield Community School septic system and its fire alarm panel and wiring over the last year. The Board anticipates its next project to be repairing the Deerfield Community School's leaking roof.]

*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

7. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in **Special Education Trust Fund**, this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023? Majority vote required. **No amount to be raised from additional taxation.**

[Note: The Administration asked the Board to increase Special Education funding for the 2023-24 budget year in anticipation of increased Special Education costs. Rather than budget for the highest amount anticipated, the Board chose to keep these funds out of the proposed operating budget for the 2023-24 year, and instead use the Special Education Trust Fund, if necessary, at the end of the fiscal year. Article 7 asks voters to add funds back into the Trust Fund.]

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

8. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in **School-Facility Paving Plan Expendable Trust Fund**, this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023? Majority vote required. **No amount to be raised from additional taxation.**

[Note: The Board is in the planning and engineering phase of paving the upper lot at the Deerfield Community School. This fund will likely be exhausted this current year (2022-23) and Article 8 would ensure that we have the funds in this trust fund to finish paving the lot.]

*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

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[Note: The Board is in favor of providing the opportunity for voters to weigh in on this question.]

10. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Deerfield School Board to work jointly with the Deerfield Select Board on a solar energy project for the purpose of powering the school and the town buildings to reduce energy costs. [This article is submitted by petition].

[Note: The Board is in favor of using solar power and is considering this idea as we discuss repairs to the Deerfield Community School roof. This article is advisory.]

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[Note: This advisory article would provide input to the Board regarding voters' opinions about school choice.]

Given under our hands at said Deerfield this____ day of January, 2023.

Zachary Langlois, Chair

Nathan Oxnard

Kendra Cohen

Andrew Riordan

Jeffrey Kelley
DEERFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest

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Y. Steward
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.

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER

Vote for not
Three Year Term more than Two (2)

BOBBY-ANN DOSTIE ☐

STACEY MARCHIONNI ☐

ELLEN O'DONNELL ☐

KENDRA COHEN ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER

Vote for not
One Year Term more than One (1)

DANIELLE K. PALMER ☐

WILLIAM "BILL" MONNIE ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL TREASURER

Vote for not
One Year Term more than One (1)

ERIK GROSS ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Vote for not
One Year Term more than One (1)

KAYLA STANKARD ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL MODERATOR

Vote for not
One Year Term more than One (1)

DAN HOLDRIDGE ☐

(Write-in) ☐

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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.

Please fill out & return this form in a sealed envelope to Cindy McHugh, Fire/Rescue Dept. EMS Captain, PO Box 9, Deerfield, NH 03037. Questions? Call 463 811x310. Please submit an updated form if you have phone / address changes or other changes. Blank forms are available at Town Offices or www.townofdeerfieldnh.com.

*This information will be kept under lock & key and kept confidential. It is being requested on a **volunteer** basis and is for informational purposes for town emergency officials & 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.*

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: _____

*****ECRWSS****

Local
Postal Customer

Town of Deerfield Office Hours

Assessing Office 603-463-8811 x 315	Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Building Department 603-463-8811 x 302	Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Town Clerk – Tax Collector’s Office 603-463-8811 x 308 or 312	Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Transfer Station 603-463-7705	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 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	
Zoning Board of Adjustment Meets the 4th Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	
Conservation Commission Meets the 2nd Monday	

VOTING DAY

(Town Meeting SB2 Second Session)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

***Polling Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall,
10 Church Street***