

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIRST SESSION:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield, in the County of Rockingham, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street, on Saturday, the 1st day of February 2020 at 9:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered One (1) through Twenty-two (22). The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

SECOND SESSION:

The final ballot vote for warrant articles will take place at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To vote on the following Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget as a result of the action of the First Session.

Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Section 210 Wetlands Conservation District of the existing Town of Deerfield Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board? Revisions to Section 210 Wetlands Conservation District include updated language consistent with current definitions in the State of New Hampshire Wetlands Regulations which are based on definitions established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The revisions clarify existing subsections such as the purpose, permitted uses, conditional use, and general provisions. One new section on prohibited uses was added to specify potential threats to wetlands and surface waters, such as salt sheds and hazardous waste facilities. Finally, the district boundaries have been revised to include wetlands as well as areas within 100 feet of the wetland area. The boundaries also specify what is not included in the wetland district – manmade ditches and ponds and other similar manmade water bodies. The Deerfield Planning Board voted to support this amendment by a vote of 4-0-1.

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 \$4,300,001.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,960,253.00 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 8-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$7.34
Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$6.76

Article # 2 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 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, and engineering of roads. 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 9-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.34

Article # 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$65,000 to be placed in the previously established Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund said funds come from unassigned fund balance. The fund will have a cap of \$100,000 in principal. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0-0

Article # 4 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,800 for the cost of a 2020/2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Fire Department Command Vehicle. The price includes a 75,000/7-year warranty. The intent is to use the current command vehicle for a trade in.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-1
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.11

Article # 5 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,813.00 for the salary and benefits (FICA, MEDI, Heath, Dental, NHRS) of a full-time children's librarian at the Philbrick-James Library. The salary would be \$35,000.00.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.10

Article # 6 To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Department Building Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of having engineering and architectural plans prepared for a new Police Department building, and for dissemination of information relative to the planning and design of such building; and to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000.00 to put in the fund; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09

Article # 7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 9-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09

Article # 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00, which includes additional wages and required benefits, for the purpose of providing cost of living raises to Town employees in the amount of 2%.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-0-1
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07

Article # 9 To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Emergency Water Supply Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of maintenance and repair to existing water holes and cisterns with the intent to install future cisterns in needed areas should the funds exist; and to raise and appropriate \$32,000.00 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 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0-0

Article # 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of updating and amending the Town of Deerfield Master Plan in accordance with RSA 674:1-4 and 675:6.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-1-1
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05

Article # 11 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$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 9-0-0

Article # 12 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 8-1-0

Article # 13 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,100, \$7,550 to be withdrawn from the Parks and Recreation revolving fund, with the remaining amount to come from taxes, to be used for Town field maintenance, playground mulching, playground fencing at Hartford Brook Field, and tree trimming in the area which holds Parks and Recreation activities outside the George B. White Building.

INFORMATION: Hartford Brook houses the newest playground in Deerfield and fencing is needed to ensure that children are kept safe at play. The playground was built via major donations from Deerfield Cooperative Preschool, Deerfield Parks and Recreation and volunteer labor. Similarly, tree trimming is needed to ensure children stay safe by minimizing the risk of falling limbs along the property line at the GBW Building. Costs of field maintenance in 2020 consist of infield mix material for two of our four ballfields with a full infield restoration performed by a professional on one of the fields. Playground mulching covers the cost of new bark mulch on at all three of Deerfield's playgrounds locations.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03

Article # 14 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 9-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02

Article # 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 9-0-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

Article # 16 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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 9-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

Article # 17 To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit for service-connected total disability in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0-0

Article # 18 To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 allowing the maximum veterans' tax credit in the amount of \$750.00.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0-0

Article # 19 To see if the Town will vote to urge the NH General Court to carry out the 2020 redistricting by the appointment of an independent commission chartered to map districts which are not intended to favor a particular political party and which minimize multi-seat districts.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the select board to the town of Deerfield's state legislators and governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents with thirty [30] days of the vote. [*sic*]

(Petition Warrant Article)

Article # 20 We the undersigned believe changing the fee on use of the town hall by the Board of Selectman from \$0.00 to \$75.00 is too much for non-profit organizations. We suggest the fee should be no more than \$25.00. [*sic*]

(Petition Warrant Article)

Article # 21 Per NH RSA 289.6 and NH RSA 30:130

Shall the Town of Deerfield delegate the duties and responsibilities for maintenance of the town cemeteries to the board of selectmen? [*sic*]

If the majority vote in the affirmative then the delegation shall take effect 90 days after adoption and shall continue until rescinded by vote of the town meeting. Contractor line of the cemetery budget shall be deleted and that amount added to the appropriate line in the town general budget. [*sic*]


(Petition Warrant Article)

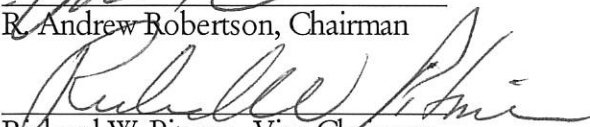
Article # 22 That the residents of the Town of Deerfield, NH adopt rules for towing in the Town of Deerfield, with these rules to include, but not be limited to:

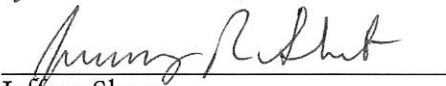
- Any company towing for the town must have a storage yard located in Town, to avoid undue stress on car owners collecting their vehicles which have been towed.
- When a disabled vehicle blocks or partially blocks a road, the closest available tow company will be called instead of waiting for an alternate service such as an auto club, in order to reopen the roadway as quickly as possible.
- The Deerfield Police department will be responsible for any payments to the towing company if a Deerfield policeman orders the vehicle towed elsewhere than a Deerfield storage yard and the owner of the vehicle is unable to pay. [*sic*]

(Petition Warrant Article)

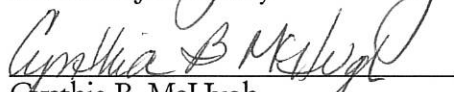
Given our hands and seal this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.


R. Andrew Robertson, Chairman


Richard W. Pitman, Vice Chairman

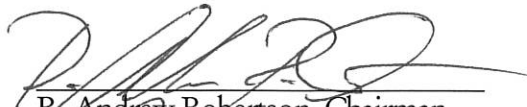

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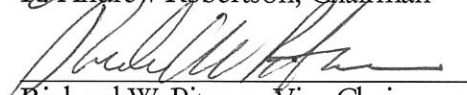

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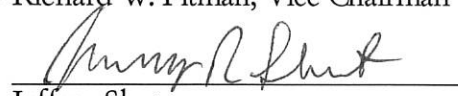

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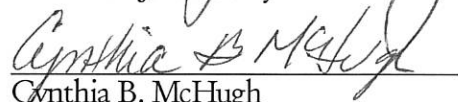
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