

**Town of New Hampton
State of New Hampshire
2012 TOWN WARRANT**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire, in the
County of Belknap, qualified to vote in town affairs:**

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Hampton Community School for the First Session of the 2012 Town Meeting to be held at the New Hampton Community School, 191 Main Street, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 7th day of February next at 7:00 p.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of the warrant articles and zoning amendments which are attached, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to the warrant articles.

In the event of an emergency cancellation, the Deliberative Session will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the 2012 Town Meeting, to vote by official ballot on the election of town officers, zoning amendments and the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Town House, 86 Town House Road, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 13^h day of March next. Polls for voting by official ballot at the Town House will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

1.) Vote by official ballot on the election of Town Officers:

1 Selectman	3 year term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term
1 Moderator	2 year term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 year term
1 Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund	3 year term

2.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

To add to the Mixed Use District Article IV, Section C(3) as a Permitted Use by Special Exception and Article IV, Section C the Special Exception criteria to allow Drive-thru Professional and Business Offices, Banks and Financial Offices, Commercial Service and Repair Facilities and Restaurants. The Mixed Use District is located along NH Route 104 from I-93 east to the vicinity of Drake Road.

3.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance submitted by petition, as follows:

“This petition is to allow outside display of product from a Home Occupation and to amend Article IV Section F (6)v(c) and Article V, Section C (3) to Read: There is no outward appearance of such a occupation with the exception of 100 square feet of product display area and one sign. Also amend Article XIV, the definition of Home Occupation/Professional Office any use conducted within a dwelling and/or within any accessory building which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the premises for dwelling purposes and does not adversely affect or undermine the residential character of neighborhood, and in connection with which there is a maximum of 100 square feet of product display area and a permitted sign.”

Not recommended by the Planning Board.

4.) Shall the Town 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 two million three hundred and seventy nine thousand two hundred and nine dollars and no cents (\$2,379,209.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be two million three hundred and seventy five thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2,375,764.75), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town 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. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

5.) Shall the Town vote to approve the discontinuance of the New Town Building(s) Construction and Land Purchase Fund, a Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999? Said funds (estimated to be \$87,000), with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund as revenue. The intent is to use these funds to offset the first year's bond payment for the Public Safety Building which is included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

6.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to partially pay the first year's bond payment on the Public Safety Building and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

7.) Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and seventy-four thousand four hundred and thirty dollars (\$174,430) for the installation of a new culvert, replacing the existing substandard culvert, improving drainage, reducing future damage to the road and risk of flooding on Straits Road in this location, with \$130,822.50 (75%) funded by a State of NH Hazard Mitigation Grant and the balance of \$43,607.50 (25%) raised from taxation? The location is 2 miles east from the Dana Hill Road intersection with Straits Road, in the vicinity of 386 Straits Road. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

8.) Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of leasing a 6 wheel dump truck with sander and plow for the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose? This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

9.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to purchase and equip a new Police 4-wheel drive vehicle? This consists of (\$25,000) for the vehicle with extended warranty and (\$10,000) for equipment. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

10.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9,500) toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera and extrication pump and upgrades and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$475 (5%) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$9,025 (95%) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? This appropriation is in addition to the 2011 Warrant Article #16 appropriation for this same purchase and is necessary because the price of the camera, extrication pump and upgrades increased by \$2,500 and \$7,000 respectively following the passage of the 2011 warrant article. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

11.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500); for the purchase of a rescue tool power unit (\$9,000) and a thermal imaging camera (\$11,500) and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$1,025 (5%) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$19,475 (95%) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

12.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Federal/State Surplus Equipment and Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, created by Town vote in 2001, for the purpose of purchasing surplus equipment or vehicles from Federal or State Surplus? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 4. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

13.) Shall the Town modify the annual optional veteran's tax credit from \$300 to \$400, in accordance with RSA 72:28 for any person who served not less than 90 days in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in the statute and was honorably discharged, or an officer honorably separated from service, or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident? This tax credit also applies to any resident who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service connected disability, or the surviving spouse of such resident and the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

14.) Shall the town vote, pursuant to RSA 32:5, V-a, to require that the selectmen make recommendations relative to all budget items or warrant articles that include appropriations, and that such recommendations be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article?

15.) Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the .1mi Bellarose Road (located .4mi north of town maintained Donkin Hill Road, off NH Route 132N), which was built to town Class V road specifications as required as part of a subdivision approved by the town planning board in August 2004, as a Class V maintained road? (BY REQUEST) PETITION

16.) Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Lindsay Lane (located off NH Route 104) as a Class V town maintained road? (BY REQUEST)

17.) To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.

Paul J. Tierney
Kenneth A. Mertz
Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Jr.

SELECTMEN OF NEW HAMPTON