

TOWN OF SANDOWN STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sandown qualified to vote in Town affairs you are, hereby, notified of the following Town meeting schedule.

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative)

You are hereby notified to meet at Sandown Town Hall 320 Main Street, Sandown, New Hampshire, on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00 am. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and debate of warrant articles number 1 through 19. 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; and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting)

Voting on warrant articles number 1 through 19 and the zoning amendments will be conducted by official ballot to be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at Sandown Town Hall, 320 Main Street, Sandown, New Hampshire. Polls will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Warrant Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (to be voted by ballot March 12, 2024).

Warrant Article 2. 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 \$6,058,414 Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,858,042 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of 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.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$5.32 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5-1-0)

Warrant Article 3. Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Sandown Board of Selectmen and the Union representing the Police and Animal Control Officers, the Teamster Local 633 Union, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Contract Year	Estimated Increase
Year 1	\$49,510
Year 2	\$50,404
Year 3	\$40,519

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$49,510) for the current fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, 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.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.04 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Warrant Article 4. Shall the town, if WARRANT ARTICLE 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address WARRANT ARTICLE 3 cost items only? (Majority vote)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Warrant Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Fifty Seven Dollars (\$167,057) for the road improvement programs to be recommended by the Sandown Highway Department and approved by the Sandown Board of Selectmen, said sum expected to be supplied by the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Dollars (\$592,000) to be added to the previously established Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.52 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) be added to the Plowing Expendable Trust Fund previously established with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$28,245) to be added to the Phillips Pond Expendable Trust Fund previously established with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.09 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Dollars (\$45,000) to be added to the Stormwater Management Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.04 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.02 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Thousand Dollars, (\$20,000) for the purpose of purchasing ballot counting devices. The ballot-counting devices must be certified for use in New Hampshire elections by the NH Ballot Law Commission. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until purchase of the ballot-counting devices is completed or by December 31, 2029, whichever is sooner.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.02 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Warrant Article 14. Shall the Town vote to adopt a longevity policy for Town employees which will provide on the employees' anniversary date annual awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,500 based on the employees' years of service, to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine (\$34,249) for this purpose, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen at any time to revise the longevity policy as they deem necessary. This appropriation is the amount of the longevity bonus for all employees from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024. If this Article is approved, longevity bonuses shall remain as part of the operating and default budgets in future years.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.03 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 4-1-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 4-2-0)

Special Warrant Article 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Government Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-0-0)

Special Warrant Article 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be added to the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 4-1-1)

Warrant Article 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for fireworks with a date and time to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.01 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee: 4-1-1)

Petitioned Warrant Article 18. Shall the Town vote to prohibit door to door sales/solicitations. By voting yes, the town can enforce the practice of stopping door to door solicitations and will be approved to serve violators with fines payable to the Town. Violations will be subject to the laws of Trespassing with the first offense at \$50.00, the second offense at \$500.00 and the third offense up to \$1,000 and possible loss of their driver's license.

Estimated tax impact of this article is \$0 per thousand.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3-2-0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 2-3-1)

Petitioned Warrant Article 19. Shall the Town vote to ban the use of voting machines in local, state and federal elections.

(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 0-5-0)

(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 1-5-0)

**Sandown Planning Board
Zoning Amendments for the 2024 Ballot**

Z-1 Are you in favor of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To repeal the existing Article 1, Part B, “Wetland Conservation District” and replace it with a new Article 1, Part B, “Wetland Conservation District.” The amendment incorporates components of the existing Article but also includes provisions to increase protection of water resources and wetlands by expanding the area included in the Wetlands Conservation District, establishing buffers, adding a definitions section, expanding the purposes section, defining permitted and prohibited uses, and revising the conditional use permit criteria and requirements.