

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF EPSOM  
2012 WARRANT**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Epsom in the County of Merrimack in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs, you are hereby notified of the following sessions:**

**FIRST SESSION:** Deliberative

**February 4, 2012 at 9:00 am at the Epsom Central School,  
282 Black Hall Road, in the gymnasium.**

**To act upon the following subjects and warrant articles.**

**SECOND SESSION:** Election

**March 13, 2012 The polls are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the  
Epsom Central School, 282 Black Hall Road, in the gymnasium.**

**To act on all zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board as required under  
RSA 675:3 and**

**To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year; and**

**To vote on the following articles as may be modified or amended during the first  
session of the town meeting to be held on February 4, 2012.**

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the Town of Epsom 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 \$ 2,769,441? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,772,491, 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.

Not recommended by the Selectmen 0-3      Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town of Epsom vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to purchase and install a new server and updated software for the Town Office, and further vote to authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) of interest from the Town Morrison Fund for that purpose, no amount to be raised from taxes? **Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reconstruction and improvements to town roads? **Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town of Epsom vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of ninety-three thousand ninety-four dollars (\$93,094.00) payable over a term of four (4) years for a one-ton truck with dump body, plow and sander, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand two hundred seventy-three and 50/100 dollars (\$23,273.50) for the first year's payment, and to authorize the withdrawal of that same amount of \$23,273.50 from the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Motorized Vehicles and Equipment for that purpose? Payments for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years to be raised from taxes. **3/5 Ballot vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Revaluation in anticipation of the next required revaluation in 2015? **Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to purchase a new Ambulance with major equipment, including Lifepak defibrillator, and further authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose; no funds to be raised from taxes? **Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$31,900.00) to pay for six (6) months' wages, benefits and equipment for one (1) additional full time firefighter/paramedic? **Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Not recommended by the Selectmen 1-2      Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand nine hundred dollars (\$30,900.00) to pay for six (6) months' wages, benefits and equipment for one (1) additional full time police officer? **Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Not recommended by the Selectmen 0-3      Not recommended by the Budget Committee 3-8-1

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town of Epsom establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance of historic Town-owned buildings to include the Old Town Hall, the Old Library building and the Meetinghouse, and raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund? **Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0-1

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to pay for materials for site and building improvements, including but not limited to subsurface disposal system, building materials, fuel reimbursement, and state permits, at the Historic Meetinghouse? **Majority vote required. This is a Special Non-lapsing Warrant Article and will not lapse until the funds are expended or December 31, 2014, whichever is sooner. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1      Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0-1

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the Town of Epsom vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing and/or replacing Emergency Management equipment, and raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this purpose, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund? **Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Not recommended by the Selectmen 0-3      Not recommended by the Budget Committee 1-11

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town of Epsom vote to discontinue the Salt and Sand Shed Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004? Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal will be transferred to the Town's General Fund. **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

**ARTICLE 13:** There presently exists a Special Revenue Fund known as the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund that receives all of the revenue from providing ambulance services. Shall the Town of Epsom vote to limit the amount of revenue deposited each year to this fund to one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) and deposit the revenue over that amount in the Town's General Fund to offset taxes? **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1      Not recommended by the Budget Committee 6-6

**ARTICLE 14:** There presently exists a fund known as the Epsom Historical Fund established in 1990 for use by the Historical District Commission. This Commission no longer exists. Shall the Town of Epsom vote to discontinue the fund known as the Epsom Historical Fund and transfer the balance of \$7,246.21, along with any accrued interest, to the General Fund? **Majority vote required.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0-1

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) from the General Fund, which is the total amount of cemetery plot sales for 2011, to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? No amount to be raised by taxes. **Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.**

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town of Epsom vote to adopt RSA 79-F, "Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures"? **Majority vote required.**

**ARTICLE 17:** We, who have affixed our signatures below, support the following article: "Shall the Town of Epsom create Town Office space in the historic meetinghouse? No money is attached to this article." **By Petition. Majority vote required.**

Given under our hands and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012.

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Keith Cota, Selectman

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Donald Harty, Selectman

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Robert Blodgett, Selectman

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:

**Epsom Board of Selectmen**  
Keith Cota  
Donald Harty  
Robert Blodgett