STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF EPSOM 2015 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 7, 2015 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 10, 2015 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 choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

To act on the following zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board as required under RSA 675:3.

AMENDMENT 1: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Epsom Planning Board as follows: Amend Article II F to allow double wide mobile homes to replace single wide mobile homes in a mobile home park or cooperative provided they meet current regulations?

AMENDMENT 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Epsom Planning Board as follows: Amend Article III M, 4 to increase the permitted size of an allowable off premise sign to each face no larger than nine (9) square feet?

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 7, 2015.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) to do site work and renovate the Meetinghouse into Town Office space, including but not limited to septic, water and parking, and authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) of bonds or notes for that purpose in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the first year's interest payment? (3/5 ballot vote required) This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.) **BY PETITION**

Estimated tax impact in 2015 is \$.05 per thousand.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2 - 1 Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3 - 4

ARTICLE 2: 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 \$3,257,334? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,174,060, 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.

Estimated impact of operating budget on the current tax rate is \$.48 per thousand less. Estimated impact of default budget on the current tax rate is \$.68 per thousand less.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4 - 3

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the 2015 year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand

dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Unexpended Fund Balance to go into the fund? No amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 7 - 0

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) from the Unexpended Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014, which is equivalent to the total amount of cemetery plot sales for 2014, to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? No amount to be raised by taxation. Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 7 - 0

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established 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.

Estimated tax impact is \$.36 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 6 - 1

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing motorized vehicles and equipment for the Highway Department? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.02 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen: 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6 - 1

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of bridge replacement and repair? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.04 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen: 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5 - 2

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association for the treatment to control Milfoil in Northwood Lake? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen: 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee: 4 - 3

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to connect to the Epsom Village District's water line and install a water main and hydrant on the Old Town Hall, new Library site, U4-52 on the tax maps, and further authorize the use of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Unexpended Fund Balance to be combined with a grant of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for that purpose? No funds to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen: 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5 - 2

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand sixty dollars (\$5,060.00) to purchase two (2) new intravenous pumps and authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of five thousand sixty dollars (\$5,060.00) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for

that purpose? No funds to be raised by taxation. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.00 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen: 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 - 0

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of January, 2015:

J. Christopher Bowes, Selectman

Hugh Curley III, Selectman

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:

Epsom Board of Selectmen

Elizabeth Bosiak J. Christopher Bowes Hugh Curley III