STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF EPSOM  
2019 WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Epsom in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs, you are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING: Deliberative Session  
February 9, 2019 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 OF ANNUAL MEETING: Official Ballot Voting  
March 12, 2019 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 the following zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board as required under RSA 675:3.

Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions, Article III, G, 1(e) ii to require either the single-family residential unit or the ADU shall remain occupied by the owner of the property as his/her principal place of residence?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6 – 0

Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions, Article III, G, 1(e) iv to allow an ADU to not occupy more than 850 square feet within or adjacent to the single-family residence?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6 – 0

Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To add Self-Storage Facilities to Article I, C to the Table of Uses and to add a definition of Self-Storage Facility to the Glossary?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6 – 0

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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 9, 2019.

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 $3,573,062? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $3,399,998, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Epsom 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.

The operating budget is estimated to have a tax rate of $4.48, 33 cents more than the 2018 Town tax rate.  
The default budget is estimated to have a tax rate of $4.08, 7 cents less than the 2018 Town tax rate.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7 - 4

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the 2019 year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand
dollars ($10,000.00) from the Unassigned 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 Article and its appropriation are in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 – 0

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018, which is equivalent to the total amount of cemetery plot sales for 2018? No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 – 0

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00), to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association 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 9 – 2

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the potential future expansion of the public water system? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is $.03 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 – 1

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for a future Town Office? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is $.06 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0  
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3 – 8

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000.00) to purchase the necessary equipment and one (1) year of support services to have the capability of broadcasting board and committee meetings to the public? Subsequent years' support fees would be included in the annual operating budget. Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is $.03 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 7 – 4

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars ($52,500.00) to update the Town tax maps to the more accurate current aerial imagery, and further authorize the use of fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars ($52,500.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance for that purpose? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI, and will not lapse until the update is completed or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 – 1

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($28,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing a LIFEPAK 15 V4 Heart Monitor/Defibrillator, and authorize the use of the same amount of twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($28,500.00) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? 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.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 – 0
ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars ($32,000.00) for renovation of the front façade of the Fire Station to remove the second-floor deck and replace the second-floor windows and further authorize the use of thirty-two thousand dollars ($32,000.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance for that purpose? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0

No tax impact

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 – 0 – 1

ARTICLE 11: There presently exists an Ambulance Revolving Fund into which is deposited each year, $12,000.00 of the revenue received from providing ambulance service. Are you in favor of increasing the amount deposited each year into this fund to $16,000.00? 2/3 ballot vote required. This article is contingent on the passage of Article #12, and will be void if Article #12 does not pass.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0

No tax impact

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 – 0

ARTICLE 12: There presently exists a Fire and Rescue Apparatus Special Revenue Fund, established under the provisions of RSA 31:95-c, into which the revenue in excess of $12,000.00 received from providing ambulance service is deposited each year, to be expended by Town vote on replacement and maintenance of fire and ambulance apparatus. Are you in favor of changing the amount of revenue deposited into the fund to the amount of revenue received each year in excess of $16,000.00? 2/3 ballot vote required. This article is contingent on the passage of Article #11, and will be void if Article #11 does not pass.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 – 0

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to 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 $.35 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 2 – 1

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 5 – 6

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to 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 8 – 3

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) 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 $.06 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 – 0

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars ($190,000.00) to purchase a new 6-wheel plow truck with equipment for the Highway Department to be used for summer and winter maintenance? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is $.44 per thousand

Not Recommended by the Selectmen 0-3

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 0-11

ARTICLE 17: In the event that the above warrant article #16 does not pass, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000.00) to purchase a used 6-wheel plow truck with equipment for the Highway Department to be used for summer and winter maintenance? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is $.14 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7 – 4
ARTICLE 18: Shall we allow the operation of Keno games within the Town? By Petition. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 19: Do you favor the use of the Inventory of Taxable Property (Form PA-28)? By Petition.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of January, 2019: we certify and attest that on or before January 28, 2019, a true and attested copy of the within Warrant shall be posted at the place of meeting, Epsom Central School, and like copies at the U.S. Post Office and Town Office, and an original was delivered to the Epsom Town Clerk.

Hugh A. Curley, III, Selectman

Virginia J. Drew, Selectman

J. Christopher Bowes, Selectman