

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF EPSOM
2021 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 6, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. 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 9, 2021 The polls are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the
Epsom Bible Church, 398 Black Hall Road.**

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 Article III.G.1.b, Buildable Lot, to include the requirement of one contiguous acre of buildable land?

Are you in favor of **Amendment #2** to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To add Sports Facilities, to Article I.C to the Table of Uses and to add a definitions of Sports Facilities to the Glossary?

Are you in favor of **Amendment #3** to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to add Article VI.E.9, Time Limits?

Are you in favor of **Amendment #4** adding Article III.M.2A as proposed by the Planning Board requiring a permit for banner type signs and outlining the regulations for such signs?

Are you in favor of **Amendment #5** adjusting the Zoning Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board to adjust Article III.H and Article III.I., to reference to Special Use Permits to Conditional Use Permits?

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 6, 2021.

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 \$3,552,329. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,531,446 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 \$3.83, .12 cents less than the 2020 Tax rate. The default budget is estimated to have a tax rate of \$3.79, .16 cents less than the 2020 Tax rate.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the 2021 year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to go into the fund? 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

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, which is equivalent to the total amount of cemetery plot sales for 2020? 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

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) 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 \$.04 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added into the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for a future Town Office with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance? 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

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the previously established Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance of Historic Town-Owned Buildings with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance? 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

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance? 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

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) 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 \$.30 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) 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

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) 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 \$.05 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand six hundred dollars (\$25,600) for the purpose of purchasing a Heart Monitor/ Defibrillator for the Fire Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of twenty-five thousand six hundred (\$25,600) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? Majority vote required. This is a special Warrant Article and is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Portable Ventilator for the Fire Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of same amount of seventeen thousand (\$17,000) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? Majority vote required. This is a special Warrant Article and is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of purchasing an Electric Hoist for the Hose Tower for the Fire Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of the same amount six thousand (\$6,000) from the Fire Apparatus Fund for that purpose? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Forestry Truck for the Fire Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) 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

Given under our hands and seal this 23RD day of January, 2021: we certify and attest that on or before January 27, 2021, 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 delivered to the Epsom Town Clerk.

Virginia J. Drew, Selectman

Cheryl C. Gilpatrick, Selectman

Hugh A. Curley, III, Selectman

