

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF EPSOM
2020 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 1, 2020 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 10, 2020 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 Applicability of the Ordinances, Article I. B. 3 to reference the current RSA 674:19 and delete the reference to RSA 574:20?

Recommended by the Planning Board 4 - 0

Are you in favor of **Amendment #2** as proposed by the Planning Board, to allow the Planning Board to make non-substantive corrections to the ordinance, such as correcting typos, paragraph identification/numbering, grammatical errors, and to update NH RSAs referenced in the ordinance, when necessary? Any substantive changes would require a vote of town meeting.

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 amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions, to delete Article III. G. (e). iv and modify Article III. G. 1. (e). ix to make provisions for adequate water supply and sewage disposal service as required by RSA 674:72 V?

Recommended by the Planning Board 4 - 0

Are you in favor of **Amendment #4** to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions, Article III. G. 1. (e). viii to require that prior to conversion of a single-family residence or the construction of an ADU the owner shall obtain a Special Exception as outlined in Article VI. E. 5?

Recommended by the Planning Board 4 - 0

Are you in favor of **Amendment #5** to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions, Article III. G. 1. (e). xi to allow that the lot on which an ADU shall be located will not be required to meet additional lot area requirements, frontage, space limitations or other controls beyond that required for the existing single-family dwelling.

Recommended by the Planning Board 4 - 0

Are you in favor of **Amendment #6** to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To remove the note at the end of Article III. M. 6 empowering the Epsom ZBA to grant special exceptions from the application of Article M relative to signs and signage?

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 1, 2020.

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 \$3,598,948? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,551,506, 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 \$4.14, 1 cent less than the 2019 Tax rate. The default budget is estimated to have a tax rate of \$4.03, 12 cents less than the 2019 Tax rate.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 - 0

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the 2020 year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) 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

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 - 0

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance, which is equivalent to the total amount of cemetery plot sales for 2019, to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? 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 thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to replace the roof on the library? Majority vote required. This is a Non-Lapsing Warrant Article and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2025, whichever comes first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0 - 1

ARTICLE 5: 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 10 - 1

ARTICLE 6: 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 11 - 0

ARTICLE 7: 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 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 8 - 3

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand eight hundred dollars (\$12,800.00) to purchase ten (10) portable radios for the Fire Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of twelve thousand eight hundred dollars (\$12,800.00) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? 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 9: 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 3 - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 - 0

ARTICLE 10: 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.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 *Estimated tax impact is \$.02 per thousand*
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 - 0

ARTICLE 11: 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.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 *Estimated tax impact is \$.06 per thousand*
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 - 0

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two thousand dollars (\$82,000.00) to purchase a new 19,500 gross vehicle weight rated dump truck equipped to plow snow for the Highway Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Motorized Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to pay part of the cost, with thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to be raised by taxation? 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 *Estimated tax impact is \$.07 per thousand*
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 1

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to be added to the previously established Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance of Historic Town-owned Buildings? 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 *No tax impact*
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 - 0

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to establish a Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance and upkeep of town buildings, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to be deposited into the fund; and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

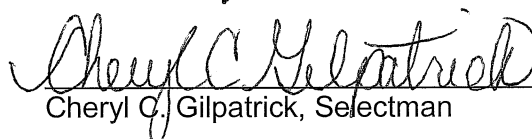
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 *No tax impact.*
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 - 0

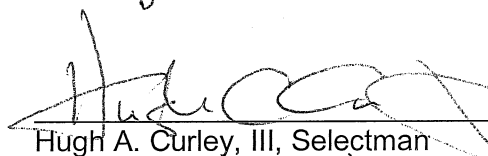
ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 1995? Any and all funds remaining, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. Majority vote required.

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

Given under our hands and seal this 23RD day of January, 2020: we certify and attest that on or before January 27, 2020, 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