



TOWN of NEW DURHAM

2022 TOWN WARRANT

May Be Amended at Deliberative Session on 02/07/22

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Durham, in the County of Strafford, in said State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of New Durham will be held on two days as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting – Deliberative

The first session, the Deliberative Session, of the 2022 Town Meeting shall be held on **Monday, February 7, 2022** at **7:00 P.M.** at the New Durham School Gymnasium located at 7 Old Bay Road, New Durham, NH. Snow date of Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at **7:00 P.M.** at the New Durham School Gymnasium located at 7 Old Bay Road, New Durham, NH.

Second Session of the Annual Meeting - Voting

The Second Session, the voting on all warrant articles shall be held on **Tuesday, March 08, 2022** from **8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.** in the New Durham School Gymnasium, located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH, where there will be voting by official ballot for the election of Town Officers and all Warrant Articles with any amendments as made at the Deliberative Session.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

Number of Positions	Office	Term of Office
1	Selectman	3 Years
1	Selectman	1 Year
1	Moderator	2 Years
2	Budget Committee	3 Years
1	John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustee	3 Years
2	Library Trustees	3 Years
1	Town Clerk	3 Years
1	Planning Board	3 Years
1	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Years
1	Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 Years
2	Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 Years

Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the New Durham Planning Board for the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article XIV, Shorefront Conservation Overlay District to: add the Merrymeeting and Ela Rivers to the District; establish dimensional requirements for all development within the District, regardless of whether the lot is nonconforming or not; clarify how the maximum building height is measured; require a natural waterfront buffer within 50 feet of the reference line; permit changes to nonconforming structures within the District under certain conditions; require that all new development within the District provide a minimum of four parking spaces; allow duplexes within the District under certain conditions. Section G, establish criteria for and require that applicants obtain a conditional use permit from the Planning Board for all construction within the 75 foot waterfront setback.

Are you in favor of Amendment #2 as proposed by the New Durham Planning Board for the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article XIV, Shorefront Conservation Overlay District to: Establish criteria for and require that applicants obtain exception from the Zoning Board of Appeals for all deviations from the Article.

Majority Vote Required

Yes _____ No _____

The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 3: Are you in favor of Amendment #1 as proposed by the New Durham Panning Board for the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article XXI(F) regarding nonconforming decks, stairs, and walkways to prohibit alteration of any building within 75 feet of the reference line in a manner which brings it closer to the reference line, to eliminate the ability to add an open deck an additional 12 feet towards the reference line and to limit the width of stairs and walkways within 75 feet of the reference line to 4 feet width.

And Amend Article XXI(G) setbacks for nonconforming building, land, and uses to remove the lesser setbacks for leach fields on such properties and instead require all lots to comply with the general setbacks of 125 feet from a public water body. 75 feet from a well or dwelling, and 20-40 feet from a property line, depending on the size of lot.

Majority Vote Required

Yes _____ No _____

The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.

Article 4: Shall the Town 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,552,150. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,435,494, 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 a special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Majority Vote Required

[Note: Operating Budget & Default Budget includes the Library Budget.]

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2022 Proposed Budget: \$ 5.905 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2022 Default Budget: \$ 5.711 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6 to 1** vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purposes of a Road Program with \$111,095 to come from the Highway Block Grant Aid and \$288,905 to come from general taxation.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.480 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 to be placed in previously established Public Works related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Established	2022
Highway Equipment	March 15, 2006, Article #12	\$60,000
Highway Trucks	March 4, 1988, Article #9	\$75,000
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	March 10, 2010, Article #15	\$10,000
Solid Waste Equipment	March 10, 2010, Article #14	\$25,000
Road Reconstruction	March 10, 2010, Article #5	\$40,000
Total		\$210,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.349 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be placed in previously established Public Safety related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Established	2022
Police Cruisers	March 15, 2000, Article # 7	\$30,000
FD Ancillary Equipment	March 10, 2015, Article # 15	\$5,000
Fire Vehicles	March 12, 2013 Article # 11 Amended March 12, 2017 Article # 7	\$30,000
Total		\$65,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.108 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in previously established Water Quality & Milfoil related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Established	2022
New Durham Water Quality & Milfoil Treatment	March 9, 2009, Article #7 Amended March 12, 2019, Article #11	\$15,000
Total		\$15,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.025 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in previously established Facilities related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Established	2022
Smith Ballfield & Equipment	March 13, 2000, Article #9	\$5,000
Public Safety Facility	March 10, 2010, Article #17	\$35,000
Total		\$40,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.066 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee does recommend this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in previously established Facilities related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Established	2022
1772 Meetinghouse Restoration	March 15, 2000, Article #14	\$5,000
Total		\$5,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.008 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Established	2022
Town Buildings & Improvements	March 15, 2000, Article #15	\$20,000
Total		\$20,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.033 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Established	2022
Computer Systems & Office Equipment	March 13, 1996, Article #11 Revised March 9, 2011, Article #26	\$20,000
Records Management	March 23, 1999, Article #23	\$5,000
Accrued Benefits Liability	March 13, 1996, Article #16	\$15,000
Total		\$40,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.066 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purposes of funding contributions to Health & Other Agencies i.e. Cornerstone VNA, CAPSC, Kingswood Youth Center, Haven, and Strafford Nutrition – Meals on Wheels, with this sum to come from authorizing the withdrawal of \$7,500 from the JC Shirley Timber Trust (Trust Fund #28). Said trust established for the purpose to “benefit of the Town of New Durham for such lawful purposes as the Town may direct at its annual meeting.”

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0**.

Article 14: By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of New Durham, NH to see if the town will increase the Veterans Tax Credit from \$500 to \$750 to include future amendments to the RSA 72:28. The Optional all veterans’ tax credit, upon adoption by city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a shall be an amount for \$500 up to \$750. The optional tax credit for all veterans shall replace the standard tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

Submitted by Petition

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.071 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Article 15: By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of New Durham, NH to see if the town will increase the Veterans Service-Connected Totally Disability Tax Credit from \$1,400 to \$4,000 to include future amendments to the RSA 72:35. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a shall be an amount from \$701 up to \$4,000. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability shall replace the standard tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

Submitted by Petition

Majority Vote Required

Total Estimated 2022 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.212 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Article 16: To retain tax deeded property Map 209 Lot 046 off Kings Highway on Shaw's Pond to become town owned real estate requiring the Town voters to determine its sale rather than Selectmen as is presently allowed for tax deeded properties. The purpose is to protect Shaw's Pond water quality.

Submitted by Petition

Majority Vote Required

Article 17: To retain tax deeded property Map 243 Lot 009 and Map 243 Lot 009-019, for the purpose of future Jones Pond Boat Access, to become town owned real estate requiring the town voters to determine its sale rather than selectmen as is presently allowed for tax deeded properties.

Submitted by Petition

Majority Vote Required

Article 18: To retain tax deeded property Map 250 Lot 016 at 50 Main Street, also known as Downing Pond Boat Access, to become town owned real estate requiring the town voters to determine its sale rather than selectman as is presently allowed for tax deeded properties.

Submitted by Petition

Majority Vote Required

Article 19: To conduct any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal, this 31st day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

We hereby certify that on this 31st day of January 2022, we had posted an attested copy of the warrant at the place of Meeting within named and a like copy at the New Durham Town Hall, a public place in said Town.



David W. Swenson, Chairman



Dorothy Veisel, Vice Chair



Ron Uyeno, Selectman

Town of New Durham, NH

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