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Allenstown

The inhabitants of the Town of Allenstown in the County of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Time: 9:00AM

Location: Allenstown Elementary School

Details: Snow Date would be February 10, 2024, at 9:00AM

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 8:00AM to 7:00PM

Location: St John the Baptist Parish Hall

Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 27, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meetings and at the Allenstown Police Department and Town Hall, and Town Website, and that an original was delivered to Christine Solans Merchant, Town Clerk.

Name	Position	/ Signature
Keith Klawes	Selectman	Les 1
Scott McDonald	Selectman	Softwar Les
Sandra McKenney	Selectman	And a Helle
Maureen Higham	Selectman	
Jim Rodger	Selectman	Fin Roder



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Article 01 Election of Town Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Town Moderator - One (1) for a term of two (2) years; Town Treasurer - One (1) for a term of one (1) year; Select Board Member - Two (2) for a term of three (3) years; Sewer Commissioner - One (1) for a term of three (3) years; Trustee of Trust Funds - One (1) for a term of three (3) years; Trustee of Cemeteries Fund - One (1) for a term of three (3) years; Budget Committee Member - Four (4) for a term of three (3) years; Supervisor of the Checklist - One (1) for a term of six (6) years; Supervisor of the Checklist - One (1) for a term of two (2) years; Town Clerk/Tax Collector - One (1) for a term of two (2) years; Library Trustee -One (1) for a term of three (3) years (Majority Vote Required)

Article 02 Adopt Zoning Ordinance Changes

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Chapter 15, Floodplain Development Regulations, as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program

Establish a definition for the term "Short-Term Residential Rental"

Revise the definition of "Solar - Small-Scale Solar."

To address the permissibility of "Short-Term Residential Rental" in various districts To enact certain revisions to Chapter 12, Sign Regulations, including setbacks from front lot lines, and revising street number requirements

To revise Chapter 13, Section 1306, Accessory Dwelling Units by allowing for attached or detached accessory dwelling units, and corresponding requirements addressing Life Safety, provisions of utilities, appearance of the accessory dwelling unit, applicability of other land use requirements, and relief provision requirements

To establish Chapter 29, Short-Term Residential Rental requirements

To establish Appendix C, a Table of Uses; and

To revise the revision history, as applicable.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 03 To Borrow for Sewer Clarifier Upgrade Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of financing the costs of engineering and construction of the New Clarifiers at the Allenstown Wastewater Treatment Facility and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$11,500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan; a USDA/Rural Development Loan; and to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative



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thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is intended that repayment of the bonds or notes, including any CWSRF loan or USDA/Rural Development loan, shall be paid by sewer funds. This article does not have a tax impact. (3/5 ballot vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 04 Town Operating Budget Adoption

Shall the Town of Allenstown 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 \$5,516,375 Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,819,200 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Allenstown 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 tax impact is approximately \$1.32 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 05 Sewer Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Allenstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the Allenstown Sewer Commission, 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 \$2,707,225. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,672,748, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Allenstown 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. This article does not impact the tax rate. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 06 Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article does not impact the tax rate. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee



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Article 07 Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article does not impact the tax rate. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 08 New Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 to be added to the New Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article does not impact the tax rate. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 09 To Establish a Transfer Station Upgrades and Services Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of facilitating, maintaining, and encouraging recycling as defined in RSA 149-M:4. All revenues received at the Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station from the sales of recycling commodities will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body, and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article does not impact the tax rate. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 10 To Adopt Pelissier Boat Launch Ordinance

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to adopt an ordinance which regulates the use of the Pelissier Boat Launch located at the end of Ferry Street, such ordinance to govern issues including but not limited to who is entitled to use the boat launch, hours of operation, rules regarding use and enforcement of such rules and future amendments of the ordinance.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen



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Article 11 To Make Town Treasurer an Appointed Position

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Allenstown Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a treasurer. (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 12 To Discontinue the Combined Office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Are you in favor of discontinuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector pursuant to RSA 41:45-a, II? If approved, the position of Town Clerk will no longer be combined with the position of Tax Collector. (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 13 To Discontinue the Elective Office of Tax Collector

To see if, in the event Article 12 passes, the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 669:17-b to discontinue the elective office of Tax Collector? If approved, the office of Tax Collector will no longer be an elective position, and the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Tax Collector. (Majority ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen