

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN

WARRANT FOR THE YEAR 2014

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 10 School St. Allenstown, N.H. on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. (or, in the event of inclement weather, on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 5 p.m.) for the purpose of transacting all business other than voting by official ballot and thereafter to meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Parish, located at 10 School Street in Allenstown N.H., to elect officers, vote on Zoning articles and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session by official ballot.

ARTICLE 1

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

- Town Clerk, for a term of one (1) year;
- Town Treasurer, for a term of one (1) year;
- Select Board Member, for a term of three (3) years;
- Sewer Commissioner, for a term of three (3) years;
- Trustee of Trust Funds, for a term of three (3) years;
- Library Trustee, for a term of one (1) year;
- Library Trustee, for a term of three (3) years;
- Trustee of Cemeteries Fund, for a term of three (3) years;
- Budget Committee Member, for a term of three (3) years;
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- Town Moderator, for a term of two (2) years;
- Supervisor of the Checklist, for a term of six (6) years

ARTICLE 2

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 Three Million Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$3,677,141.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Nine Hundred Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$3,904,267.00) 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 operations budget only. Passage of this article has an estimated tax rate impact of approximately \$0.54 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

The Select Board recommends this Article. The Budget Committee recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 3

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 Two Million Forty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety-two Dollars (\$2,044,892.00) said sum to come from user fees. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Million Eighty-eight Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Dollars (\$2,088,259.00), also to come from user fees, 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 operations budget only. Passage of this article has no impact on the tax rate.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

The Select Board recommends this Article. The Budget Committee recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town of Allenstown vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a long-term five (5) year lease purchase agreement for One Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$164,500) for the purpose of acquiring a new dump truck with plows and sander for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. This vehicle will replace a 1990 Dump truck. Passage of this article has an estimated tax rate impact of approximately \$.15 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

The Select Board recommends this Article. The Budget Committee recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town of Allenstown raise and appropriate the sum Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Landfill Capitol Reserve Fund. Passage of this article has an estimated tax rate impact of approximately \$.04 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

The Select Board recommends this Article. The Budget Committee recommends this Article

ARTICLE 6

Shall the town vote to establish an Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of funding the costs of accrued employee vacation leave that is payable at the time of the employee separation or retirement and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to said fund to be funded from fund balance. Passage of this article has no impact on the tax rate.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town of Allenstown vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a authorizing the selectmen to have the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided however, that prior to such acquisition or sale, that the Select Board comply with all procedural requirements of RSA 41:14-a as it may be amended, including but not limited to Planning Board and Conservation Commission review and recommendation and public hearings. In accordance with the provisions of RSA 41:14-c, once adopted these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the town at any duly warned meeting.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town of Allenstown vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Allenstown, based on assessed value, for qualified tax payers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$50,000. To qualify, the tax payer must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the tax payer must have net income of less than \$40,000 or if married, a combined net income of less than \$52,000; and own assets not in excess of \$85,000 excluding the value of the tax payer's residence.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of changing the term of the town clerk from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town clerk to be elected at next year's regular town meeting.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town of Allenstown vote to regulate discharges into the storm water drainage system in order to comply with the requirements of the MS4 permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, enforcement of such regulations shall be done by the Town of Allenstown. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance CO 217 is on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town will vote to change the position of road agent from an elected position to an appointed position and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a road agent pursuant to RSA 231:62. If passed, this warrant article will become effective in 2016 at the end of the term of the current elected road agent.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town will vote to require the Road Agent, pursuant to RSA 231:63 shall be responsible for the garbage collection, care and maintenance of the Town Dump.

The Select Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the town will vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position pursuant to the authority under RSA 41:26-e. Such appointment shall be made by the Select Board. If approved, the current elected Treasurer will continue to serve until the March, 2015 annual town meeting, at which time the Treasurer shall be appointed.

The Select Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 14-By Petition

The undersigned, registered voters, Allenstown, NH support funding from the town in 2014-2015 in the amount of \$3,500 to support a share of the services provided to residents to access counseling and family support services, without regard to income from Child and Family Services. Child and Family Services provides accessible and affordable programs to children, youth and their families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance and better citizenship. From July 1, 2013-June 30, 2013, 98 Allenstown residents received over \$94,000 of free or reduced services from Child and Family Services, including mental health counseling, adoption planning, child abuse prevention and treatment, foster care, residential summer camping and elder care/independent living.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS, on this 13th day of January in the Year 2014.

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
SELECT BOARD

JASON TARDIFF, Chair

JEFFREY GRYVAL, Member

SANDRA MCKENNEY, Member

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN ROGERS, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that on the ___ day of January in the Year 2014, we caused a true copy of the within Warrant to be posted at the Allenstown Town Hall located at 16 School Street, the Allenstown Police Department, located at 40 Allenstown Road, and the Town of Allenstown website www.allenstownnh.gov , Merrimack County, New Hampshire.

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