

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
WARRANT FOR THE YEAR 2015

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, January 31, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. (or, in the event of inclement weather, on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 6 p.m.) for the purpose of transacting all business other than voting by official ballot and thereafter to meet on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 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 (3) 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 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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ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Allenstown Planning Board for the Town of Allenstown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this Article.

ARTICLE 9 Sewer Bond

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE)To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (gross budget) for the financing of an expansion of the Asset Management Plan development project for the Town of Allenstown wastewater collection and treatment system through the utilization of asset management software and wastewater collection system data and to authorize the issuance of not more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, further, to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and the rate of interest thereon; and to further authorize the Select Board to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for, contracting for and expending Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) with up to 100% principal forgiveness of the loan principal to loan recipients if they agree to implement an asset management program in accordance with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) guidance and agree to set aside a repair and replacement reserve account in the amount recommended in the asset management plan, or, as a minimum, two percent of the total yearly wastewater operation and maintenance budget each year for a minimum of five years. Repayment of the loan funds will include up to 100% forgiveness of the loan principal in the amount up to \$30,000. Repayment of any remaining loan balance to be raised by the currently available sewer funds, and, further, that the Allenstown Sewer Commission shall pay any outstanding remaining balance and applicable interest in full from said currently available sewer funds on or before the date that the first payment of the loan related to the CWSRF funding is due; and to authorize the Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners to take all other action necessary to carry out and complete this project. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 10 Town Operating Budget

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 **\$3,847,352**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,933,407. 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 \$0.28 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 11 Sewer Operating Budget

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) 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 **\$2,070,024**. said sum to come from sewer rents. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,080,591**, also to come from sewer rents, 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 12 Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unreserved fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 13 Landfill Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unreserved fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 14 Fire Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Fire Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unreserved fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 15 Solid Waste Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Solid Waste Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund created in 2013. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 16 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

(THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPACT THE TAX RATE) To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unreserved fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 17 Cemetery Facilities Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to establish a Cemetery Facilities Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring land and the construction of cemetery facilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.06 cents per thousand dollars of valuation. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

ARTICLE 18 Adoption of Provisions of RSA 41:14-a

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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19 Revisions to the Stormwater Management Ordinance

Shall the Town of Allenstown amend the Storm Water Management Ordinance CO 217 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS, on this day of January in the Year 2015.

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
SELECT BOARD

JASON TARDIFF, Chairman

JEFFREY GRYVAL, Selectmen

KATE WALKER, Selectmen

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.

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
SELECT BOARD

JASON TARDIFF, Chair

JEFFREY GRYVAL, Member

SANDRA MCKENNEY, Member

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN ROGERS, Town Clerk