



### 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 4, 2023

Time: 9:00AM

Location: Armand R Dupont Middle School, 10.5 School Street

Details: Snow Date would be February 7, 2023, at 6:00PM

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 8:00AM to 7:00PM

Location: St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 10 School Street

Details:

#### GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 26, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meetings and at the Allenstown Town Office and Allenstown Police Department and that an original was delivered to Kathleen Pelissier, Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Scott McDonald	Selectman	
Sandra McKenney	Selectwoman	
Maureen Higham	Selectwoman	
Keith Klawes	Selectman	
Jim Rodger	Selectman	

A TRUE COPY. ATTEST:



**Article 01 Election of Town Officials**

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

- Town Treasurer - 1 for 1 year
  - Selectman - 1 for 3 years
  - Sewer Commissioner - 1 for 3 years
  - Trustee of Trust Funds - 1 for 3 years
  - Trustee of Cemeteries - 1 for 3 years
  - Budget Committee - 4 for 3 years
  - Budget Committee - 2 for 1 year
  - Library Trustee - 1 for 3 years
  - Town Clerk - 1 for 3 years
- (Majority vote required)

**Article 02 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 \$4,718,670. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,566,810 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. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF PROPOSED BUDGET = \$6.19  
TAX IMPACT OF DEFAULT BUDGET = \$5.90

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

**Article 03 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 \$2,675,340. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,441,685, 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. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 03 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

**Article 04 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. (Majority Vote Required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 04 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee



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**Article 05    Public Safety Facilities Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be added to the Public Safety Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 05 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 06    Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 06 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 07    Economic Development Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Economic Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 07 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 08    Assessing Valuation Update Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 to be added to the Assessing Valuation Update Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 08 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 09    Parks & Recreation Projects Capital Reserve Fund**



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- Article 09** To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be added to the Parks and Recreation Projects Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)
- TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 09 = \$0.00
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee
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- Article 10** **Road Repair & Paving Capital Reserve Fund**
- To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,000 to be added to the Road Repair & Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)
- TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 10 = \$0.00
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee
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- Article 11** **Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund**
- To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 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. (Majority vote required)
- TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 11 = \$0.00
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee
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- Article 12** **Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**
- To see if the Town of Allenstown will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)
- TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 12 = \$0.00
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee
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- Article 13** **Discontinue New Town Hall Renovation CRF**
- To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the New Town Hall Renovations Capital Reserve Fund created in 2022 for the purpose of renovating Allenstown Elementary School at 30 Main Street, Allenstown, New Hampshire. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)
- TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 13 = \$0.00
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee



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**Article 14 New Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a New Municipal Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for renovation of Allenstown Elementary School at 30 Main Street and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 14 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 15 Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 15 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 16 Emergency 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 Emergency Services. All revenues received for Emergency Services from FEES, CHARGES, OR OTHER INCOME DERIVED FROM THE ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES SUPPORTED BY THE FUND 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. And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Emergency Services revolving fund, this sum to come from taxation. 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. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 16 = \$0.05

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 17 Readopt provisions of RSA 72:28, II**

Shall the town readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500?  
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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**Article 18 To Readopt the All Veterans Credit**



- Article 18** Shall the town readopt the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Committee

**Article 19 Purchase ARD Middle School**

To see if the Town will purchase the Armand R. Dupont Middle School at 10.5 School Street, Allenstown, New Hampshire and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to come from Permit Revenue, and to authorize the Selectboard to sell the property after soliciting and exploring concepts for reuse of the property and upon such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deem to be in the best interest of the Town of Allenstown and provided such sale does not include the field which lies between the property and the adjacent Town Hall property. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 19 = \$0.00

Recommended by Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Committee

**Article 20 To Modify Elderly Exemption**

Shall the town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Allenstown, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$40,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$80,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive 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 to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$52,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$85,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

TAX IMPACT OF WARRANT ARTICLE 20 = \$0.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Budget Committee

**Article 21 Adopt Energy Plan**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Allenstown Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, which authorizes the Selectboard to develop and implement Allenstown Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7). The program would provide a new default electric supply and new renewable energy supply options for customers in Allenstown. There is no cost to the Town Budget, and no obligation to participate. Customers can opt out at any time and return to utility default service. A copy of the Allenstown Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan will be available for review at the Town Clerk's office prior to the Election and a copy will be available at the deliberative session and at the election. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by Budget Committee