

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF EPSOM
2018 WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Epsom in the County of Merrimack in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs, you are hereby notified of the following sessions:

FIRST SESSION: Deliberative

February 3, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Epsom Central School,
282 Black Hall Road, in the gymnasium.

To act upon the following subjects and warrant articles.

SECOND SESSION: Election

March 13, 2018 The polls are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the
Epsom Central School, 282 Black Hall Road, in the gymnasium.

To act on the following zoning amendment proposed by the Planning Board as required under RSA 675:3.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1** to the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit provisions, Article III, G, 1(e), to require the ADU to "make provision for adequate water supply and sewage disposal service" as required by state law, to require a minimum of one off-street parking space for each ADU, and to clarify that ADU's are not required to meet additional lot area requirements but must comply with all setback requirements?

Recommended by the Planning Board 5 - 0

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

To vote on the following articles as may be modified or amended during the first session of the town meeting to be held on February 3, 2018.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Epsom 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 \$3,353,682? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,363,467, 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 one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

The operating budget is estimated to have a tax rate of \$4.11, 46 cents less than the 2017 tax rate.

The default budget is estimated to have a tax rate of \$4.13, 44 cents less than the 2017 tax rate.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the 2018 year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to go into the fund? No amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Majority vote required. This Article and its appropriation are in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2017, which is equivalent to the total amount of

cemetery plot sales for 2017, to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 – 0

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ninety-three thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars (\$293,842.00) to purchase a new ambulance with major equipment, to include but not be limited to a power cot, stair chair, power load, to replace Ambulance 1, and further authorize the withdrawal of up to the same amount of two hundred ninety-three thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars (\$293,842.00) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? No amount to be raised by taxation. Any trade-in value received for Ambulance 1 will reduce the amount withdrawn from the fund. Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to purchase a used heavy duty truck with equipment for the Highway Department to be used for summer and winter maintenance? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.18 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 8 - 2

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of reconstruction and improvements to town roads? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.35 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing motorized vehicles and equipment for the Highway Department? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.02 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of bridge replacement and repair? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.06 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control Milfoil in Northwood Lake? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of potential future expansion of the public water system, and raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be deposited into this fund, and further to appoint the Board of

Selectmen as the agents to expend? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.02 per thousand
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 – 0

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the structural repair of the Old Town Hall building, and authorize the use of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance for this purpose? Majority vote required. This is a Non-Lapsing Warrant Article and will not lapse until the project is completed or December 31, 2023, whichever comes first. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

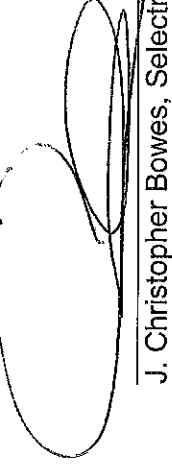
No tax impact
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 – 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 0

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town of Epsom vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-E relative to the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive program? Adoption of this tax relief program will allow owners of qualifying structures to apply to the Board of Selectmen for short term property tax relief from assessment increase resulting from substantial rehabilitation of the structures, provided one of the public benefits is achieved as defined by RSA 79-E:7. Majority vote required.

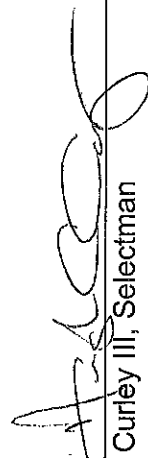
Given under our hands and seal this 29th day of January, 2018: we certify and attest that on or before January 29, 2018, a true and attested copy of the within Warrant shall be posted at the place of meeting, Epsom Central School, and like copies at the U.S. Post Office and Town Office.



Donald Harty, Selectman



J. Christopher Bowes, Selectman



Hugh Curley III, Selectman

ATTEST

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

Personally appeared Selectman Donald J. Harty known to me, or satisfactorily proven, to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Date: 1/29/18

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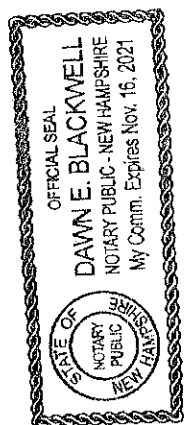


Dawn E. Blackwell
Notary Public

Personally appeared Selectman J. Christopher Bowes known to me, or satisfactorily proven, to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Date: 1/29/2018

J. Christopher Bowes
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Dawn E. Blackwell
Notary Public

Personally appeared Selectman Hugh A. Curley III known to me, or satisfactorily proven, to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Date: 1/29/2018

Hugh A. Curley, III
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Dawn E. Blackwell
Notary Public

