

Town of Nottingham
State of New Hampshire
2021 Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

First Session: You are hereby notified to meet at the Nottingham School, located at 245 Stage Road in Nottingham, on April 17, 2021. The session will commence following the close of the Nottingham School District deliberative session. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and deliberation of the Warrant Articles number Four through Twenty-Two. Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law may not be amended; and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion as amended.

Second Session: You are hereby notified to meet at the Nottingham School, located at 245 Stage Road in Nottingham, on June 8, 2021, to vote on all warrant articles. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON 2021 TOWN MEETING:

The dates of the sessions noticed herein are different from traditional town meeting dates. The Select Board, working with town election officials and the Nottingham School Board, have postponed both sessions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Changes are made pursuant to NH Governor's Executive Order #83, dated January 22, 2021.

The Select Board is legally obligated to post a meeting warrant by January 25, 2021. The meetings noticed herein may be changed, and any updates and formal notices will be posted in same locations as this warrant.

Article #01: To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article #02: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 01 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Nottingham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Adopt a new ordinance to protect Nottingham streams that are not subject to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (NH RSA 483-B) and add associated definitions to the Definition section. If approved, this overlay district will protect the water and ecosystem health of the Nottingham streams by establishing protective stream buffers. First and second order streams will receive a fifty (50) foot buffers and third order streams and higher will receive seventy-five (75) foot buffers.

Recommended by the Nottingham Planning Board (7-0)

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Article #03: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 02 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town of Nottingham Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 3, Section B: Wetland Conservation Areas, to create a conditional use permit for non-critical wetland disturbance, create a twenty-five (25) foot no-disturb vegetative buffer around vernal pools and add the critical wetlands definition to the Definition section.

Recommended by the Nottingham Planning Board (7-0)

Article #04: Shall the Town 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 \$4,222,256 (Four million, two hundred twenty two thousand two hundred fifty six) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,139,640 (Four million one hundred thirty-nine thousand, six hundred and forty dollars) 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 estimated tax impact is \$2.94 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10-1-1).

Article #05: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$30,500) for costs related to the development of a storm water asset management program, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a loan agreement of up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for this purpose. Further, to authorize the Select Board to negotiate such loan and determine the conditions and rate of interest thereon; and, further, to raise and appropriate one year interest payment of \$500 to come from unassigned fund balance. It is expected that repayment of the loan will include 100% principal forgiveness, per agreement with the CWSRF, to eliminate the need for payment of loan principal through tax dollars. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the completion of the project. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 (3/5 vote required).

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10-1-1).

Article #06: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,953.00 (Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing the necessary fuel, supplies, equipment and maintenance to run the ambulance and billing services for 2021; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,953.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars) from the Ambulance and Equipment Replacement Special Revenue Fund

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created for this purpose. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (11-0).

Article #07: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Vehicle /SCBA Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.126 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (11-0).

Article #08: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 (Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars) for construction and renovation at the fire station, to create sleeping quarters in the mezzanine area. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or not later than one year after the end of fiscal year 2021, whichever occurs earlier. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.028 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (11-0).

Article #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) for highway reconstruction and maintenance on Deerfield Road, McCrillis Road, and Priest Road, or other roads in Nottingham if a priority arises. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or not later than one year after the end of fiscal year 2021, whichever occurs earlier. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.377 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (8-3).

Article #10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.126 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (11-0).

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Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,000 (Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck with plow, wing, and sander; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$240,000 (Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. This Article is contingent upon the approval of Article #10 above. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4-1).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (11-0).

Article #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of performing a statutory revaluation of property every five years. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.025 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10-1).

Article #13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,400.00 (Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) for construction and renovation of the kitchen area of the community center. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or not later than one year after the end of fiscal year 2021, whichever occurs earlier. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-2).

Article #14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$181,000.00 (One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a new front-end loader. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (4-1).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (11-0).

Article #15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of bringing the Town into compliance with State of New Hampshire E-911 Addressing Guidelines. Some streets will be re-named and properties renumbered in order to improve emergency response. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.013 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

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The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-2).

Article #16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 (Thirteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of repairing and repaving roadways within the South Side cemetery. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.017 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (11-0).

Article #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Tri-Centennial Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.006 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (6-5).

Article #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Invasive Species Prevention and Eradication Removal Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.013 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10-1).

Article #19: To see if the Town will vote to accept Barderry Lane, Beach Head Road, Brustle Road, Cahill Lane, Cove Road, Dolloff Dam Road, Indian Run, Jampsa Trail, Lamprey Drive, Meindl Road, Meindl Road East, Sach's Road, Seaman's Point Road, Shore Drive, South Road (end of Mooers), Tuckaway Shores Road, and White's Grove Road in the Town of Nottingham as town roads. The Town has been maintaining these roads for decades. With this acceptance, these roads will be transferred to the Town of Nottingham, NH as Class V roads as is. Majority Vote Required. By citizen petition.

Article #20: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Minimum Design Standards for Town Roads that the Nottingham Select Board put into place on December 7, 2020. Majority Vote Required. By citizen petition.

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Article #21: To see if the town of Nottingham will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, to ask the town of Nottingham to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Nottingham to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seat in the NH House of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interest.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the state legislators for Nottingham informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. By Citizen Petition.

Article #22: To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

A True Copy Attest:

Nottingham Board of Selectmen

/s/ John Morin

Chair

/s/ Anthony Dumas

Selectman

/s/ Tiler Eaton

Selectman

/s/ Donna Davis

Selectman

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