



TOWN OF
HAVERHILL
New Hampshire

2024 TOWN WARRANT

Article 01 Election of Officials

To choose by non-partisan ballot Two (2) Selectman one for a term of (1) year and one for a term of three (3) years, One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years, One Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years, One (1) Moderator for a term of Two (2) years, and One (1) Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years.

Article 02 Petitioned Article – To Remove the Position of Town Manager

To see if the Town will vote to remove the position of Town Manager from the local government structure and transition to a Town Administrative form of government. Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 03 nay / 01 abstain). (Majority ballot vote required).

This article will appear on the official ballot and be voted on along with the election of officers on the second Tuesday in March 2024.

Article 03 Announce the Results of Article 01 & 02

To announce the results of the balloting on Article 01 & 02.

Article 04 Adopt Short-Term Lodging Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a Short-Term Lodging Ordinance and to rescind any previously approved versions of or amendments to said ordinance. (This article is advisory to the Select Board)

Article 05 Adopt False Alarm & Frivolous Complaints Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a False Alarm & Frivolous Complaints Ordinance and to rescind any previously approved versions of or amendments to said ordinance. (This article is advisory to the Select Board)

Article 06 Adopt Special Event Permit Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a Special Events Ordinance and to rescind any previously approved versions of or amendments to said ordinance. (This article is advisory to the Select Board)

Article 07 Elect Cemetery Commissioners

To elect two (2) Cemetery Commissioners for the term of three (3) years each.

Article 08 Acceptance of Annual Reports

To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Town Manager, Treasurer, Cemetery Commissioners, Airport Zoning Commissioners, Parks & Recreation Commissioners, Conservation Commissioners, and any other Town offices and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 09 Operating Budget 2024

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$5,242,169) for general municipal operations. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required).

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$6.7924 per \$1,000

Article 10 Transition to an SB2 Town

To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town on the second Tuesday of March? Select Board recommends this article. (02 yay / 00 nay / 02 abstain) (3/5 majority ballot vote required)

This article will be voted on by paper ballot at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 11 Eliminate Town Resident Tax

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 72:1-c, which authorizes any town or city to elect to assess, levy, and collect a Resident Tax. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required.)

Article 12 Petitioned Article – Official Budget Committee

To determine if the residents of Haverhill will vote to have a town budget committee in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 32:14. Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 03 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

Article 13 Appointment of Advisory Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint an Advisory Budget Committee to review the Town Manager's preliminary budget and to present to the Select Board their recommendations regarding the budget; members of which shall be representative of all areas of town equitably. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required).

Article 14 Vehicle CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0244 per \$1,000

Article 15 Fire Vehicle CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0488 per \$1,000

Article 16 Police Vehicle CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0488 per \$1,000

Article 17 Discontinue Tannery Road

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Tannery Road. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

Article 18 Discontinue Slight Hill Road

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Slight Hill Road. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Discontinue Anderson Lane

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Anderson Lane. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

Article 20 Discontinue Tailgate Lane

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 231:43 to completely discontinue as a public road the road currently referred to as Tailgate Lane also referred to as Tollgate Lane. Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay). (Majority vote required)

Article 21 Lease/Purchase Highway Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board through its Town Manager to enter into a three (3) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$225,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new highway dump truck. And to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) for the first year's payment on a three (3) year lease/purchase agreement, and to further approve the annual payment of this lease/purchase to be included in the 2025 and 2026 operating budget in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00). The lease/purchase agreement will contain an escape clause. Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.1829 per \$1,000

Article 22 Open Town Roads to OHRV / ATV Use

To see if the Town will vote to open all roads throughout the Town of Haverhill to OHRV / ATV use except State roads, private roads, and any other road explicitly excluded by the Select Board after a Public Hearing to be held on February 22, 2024. Select Board does NOT recommend this article (00 yay / 02 nay / 02 abstain) (Majority vote required)

Article 23 Town Clerk's Salary

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Clerk's wage range that is based upon years of experience and certification as a NH Town Clerk. With the wage range starting at \$40,000 per year for an uncertified, inexperienced clerk. \$50,000 for an uncertified, experienced clerk, and \$55,000 per year for a certified, experienced clerk. The Selectboard recommends this article (03 yay / 01 nay).

Article 24 Town Clerk's Hours

To see if the Town will vote for the Town Clerk's office to be open no less than forty (40) hours per week, and for the schedule to include the Town Clerk's office being open at least one evening per week. The Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay). (Majority vote required). (This article is advisory.)

Article 25 Petitioned Article - Expand the North Haverhill Water & Light District

To see if the Town will vote to expand the boundary of the North Haverhill Water & Light District to include the following additional two (2) properties; 324 Airport Road, Tax Map No. 414-009-0001 and 329 Airport Road, Tax Map No. 414-009-002. This article was requested by the district and is requested in accordance with their by-laws. The Selectboard recommends this article (04 yay / 00 nay) (Majority vote required).

Article 26 Petitioned Article – Grafton County Senior Citizens Council

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$25,500.00) to support the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yai / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0622 per \$1,000

Article 27 Petitioned Article – Caring Cases

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of supporting Caring Cases, a non-profit organization that provides new backpacks filled with personal essentials for New Hampshire children entering foster care. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yai / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0122 per \$1,000

Article 28 Petitioned Article – Tri County Community Action Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents (\$9,170.00) for the purpose of supporting Tri County Community Action Program. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yai / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0224 per \$1,000

Article 29 Petitioned Article - No. Country Home Health & Hospice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of supporting North Country Home Health. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yai / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0366 per \$1,000

Article 30 Petitioned Article – Second Chance Animal Rescue

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$3,500.00) to support the Second Chance Animal Rescue. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yai / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0085 per \$1,000

Article 31 Petitioned Article - Court Street Arts

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00) to support the Court Street Arts at Alumni Hall cultural programming of Haverhill Heritage, Inc. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yai / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0183 per \$1,000

Article 32 Petitioned Article – Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Four Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and No Cents (\$6,419.00) for the Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry, which represents one dollar per capita based on the 2020 census. The Selectboard recommends this article (02 yea / 01 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.0157 per \$1,000

Article 33 Petitioned Article – Woodsville Fire Department

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of One Hundred and Three Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$103,244.00) to fund the Fire Department of Woodsville NH, for 2024 operating budget. The Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yea / 03 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.2518 per \$1,000

Article 34 Petitioned Article – Woodsville Highway Department

To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$246,182.00) to fund the Highway Department of Woodsville NH, for 2024 operating budget. The Selectboard does NOT recommend this article (00 yea / 03 nay / 01 abstain) (Majority vote required.)

The estimated tax impact for this article will be \$0.6003 per \$1,000

Article 35 Take any other action.

To take any other action that may legally come before this meeting
