

State of New Hampshire,
Town of Wentworth
Warrant for year 2018 Town Meeting

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth, in Grafton County, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the election of the Town Officers for the Town of Wentworth will be held at the Wentworth Elementary School, 1247 Mt Moosilauke Hwy, Route 25, Wentworth NH, March 13, 2018. The polls will open at 11 am and close at 7 pm to bring in your votes on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon on Saturday, March 17, 2018 beginning at 1 pm, to be held at the Wentworth Elementary School.

**The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Moderator Stephen Welch
The Moderator read Article 1**

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

Position	Term		
Selectman	3 yrs	Douglas G. Campbell	115
Selectman	2 yrs	Peter Santom	108
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 yrs	Deborah Ziemba	146
Moderator	2 yrs	Stephen Welch	184
Town Auditor	1 yr	Martha Morrill	23
Library Trustee	3 yrs	Christine Santom	157
Town Trustee	3 yrs	Morgan Currier	157
Cemetery Trustee	3 yrs	Francis Muzzey	149
Supervisor of the Check List	6 yrs	Deborah Vlk	177
Planning Board	3 yrs	John Meade	149
Planning Board	3 yrs	Francis Muzzey	116
Planning Board	2 yr	Tracy Currier	6
Fire Commissioner	1 yr	Brian A. DuBois	123
Fire Commissioner	1 yr	R. Pete Chierichetti	127
Fire Commissioner	1 yr	Jeffrey W. Ames	155

Motion to Accept: Chris Bassingthwaite

2nd: Donna Hajj

Passed by voice vote

2. To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Town Officers; and to vote on any motion relating to these reports.

Motion to Accept: Janice Thompson

2nd: Bruce Welch

Francis Muzzey moved to floor and spoke about a .20 difference on page 10 & 51

It was determined mistake was on page 10

Janice Thompson presented an amendment to this article:

I make the motion to not accept the 2017 Town Report because of a completely inaccurate report from the Town Trustees regarding the Plummer Trust.

Motion: Janice Thompson

2nd: Francis Muzzey

Hand count was 45 yes, 32 no

Then Withdrawn by Janice Thompson to re-word, amendment as follows:

I make the motion to accept all reports except Trustees of Trust Fund

Motion: Janice Thompson

2nd: Morgan Currier

Hand count was 51 yes, 28 no

Accepted

3. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 1% (one percent). (3/5th majority required)

Motion to Accept as read – Bruce Welch

2nd: John Meade

Marina Reilly-Collette Presented an amendment to this article:

I propose to amend the article (3) as read to account for the 2% mean rate of inflation in the United States by changing “based on the prior fiscal years actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 1% (one percent)” to read 3% (three percent)

Motion made by: Marian Reilly-Collette

2nd: Martha Morrill

Amendment failed 15 yes, all others no.

Meeting went back to original article

Ballot vote 50 yes, 47 no, 1 no vote - Motion Failed

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$325,900** for **General Municipal Operations** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote required).

Motion to Accept as read – Chris Bassingthwaite

2nd: Donna King

A motion was made to change the article

4150.06A Office equipment \$6500 (six thousand five hundred dollars to zero dollars)

Article to Read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$319,400 for General Municipal Operations for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote required).

Motion: Patti Welch
2nd: Donna King
Failed by voice vote

A signed petition was presented reading: “We the under signed wish for a paper ballot for any votes taken on Article 4 in the 2018 Town Report of Wentworth, NH”

Signed by:
Francis Muzzey
Janice Thompson
Benjamin F Berry Sr
Palmer Koelb
Ron Franz
Linda Franz
Motion: Francis Muzzey
2nd: Martha Morrill

A motion was made to change the article to read:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,100 for General Municipal Operations for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article.
Failed by paper vote – 32 yes, 52 no

- 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,200** to be expended for the **Historical Society** in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Historical Society.

Motion to Accept as read: Glenn Campbell
2nd: Kay Bailey
Move to vote: Noel King
2nd: Scott Davis
Passed by voice vote

- 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for the purchase and installation of a **generator** as a source of backup power for the Town Office building.

Motion to table: Paul Davis Sr.
2nd: Ray Welch
73 to table
2 no
Tabled indefinitely

- 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,500** to be expended by the **Planning Board** in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by the Planning Board.

Motion to accept as read: Chris Bassingthwaite
2nd: Dona Springham
Move to vote: Noel King
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.
Passed by voice vote

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,817** for the following **Health Agencies and Organizations:**

A Day Away – Alzheimer	\$250.00
American Red Cross (provides emergency & disaster relief)	\$100.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health Center (healthcare/counseling)	\$1250.00
Bridge House	\$500.00
CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug free Youth)	\$500.00
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children)	\$250.00
Genesis (mental health care)	\$750.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens (meals, transportation, etc)	\$600.00
Mid-State Health Center	\$100.00
Pemi-Baker Community Health (homecare, hospice, family health)	\$2130.00
Tri-CAP (fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral assistance)	\$1000.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT (homecare, hospice, family health)	\$887.00
Voices Against Violence (domestic& sexual violence)	\$500.00

Motion to accept as read: Martha Morrill

2nd: Morgan Currier

The selectmen recommended NOT passing this

Francis Muzzey motioned to table the article and then withdrew the motion

Article as read Failed Voice Vote

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriated the sum of **\$37,250** for the maintenance of the **Fire Department** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant.

Motion to accept as read: R. Pete Chierichetti

2nd: Brice Chierichetti

Motion to amend article to read:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriated the sum of **\$41,250** for the maintenance of the **Fire Department** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant

Motion to accept as read: Patti Welch

2nd: Lisa Ames

Amended to \$41,250

Amended article passed by voice vote

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$364,200** for the **Highway & Streets** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, of which approximately \$61,838 to come from the State Highway Block Grant Aid and the remainder to come from 2018 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read: Dona Springham

2nd: Kay Bailey

Article passed by voice vote

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue the fourth year of the 7 year lease agreement, for the purpose of leasing a **2014 Freightliner Dump/Plow Truck** for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,679** for the fourth year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Kay Bailey
2nd: Paul Davis
Passed by voice vote

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,600** to be expended on behalf of the **Conservation Commission and Town Forest** in connection with activities for such conservation purposes as set forth in RSA 36-A and expenses related to the forester.

Motion: Donna King
2nd: Richard Berger Sr.
Passed by voice vote

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$164,000** to be placed into the following **Expendable Trust Funds** and **Capital Reserve Funds**, to come from 2018 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation

a. Fire Truck (est. 1984)	\$15,000
b. Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973)	\$25,000
c. Police Cruiser (est. 1993)	\$9,000
d. Property Revaluation (est. 1995)	\$10,000
e. Town Bridges Fund (est. 2006)	\$10,000
f. Road Paving (est. 2002)	\$50,000
g. Fire Dept Site (est. 2004)	\$15,000
h. Webster Library Trust (est. 2015)	\$15,000
i. Town Office Expansion (est. 2017)	\$15,000

Motion to accept: Chris Bassingthwaite
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.
Passed on a voice vote

14. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Celebration / Recreational Expendable Trust Fund** per RSA 31:19-a, for the offsetting costs of Town endorsed functions such as the 300 year celebration and to raise and appropriate **\$100** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from 2018 general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Jeff Ames
2nd: Morgan Carrier
Passed on a voice vote

15. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital Reserve Fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from Capital Reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Motion: Charles Stata

2nd: Martha Morrill

Motion to table: Jeff Ames

2nd: Richard Borger Jr.

Yes to table: 44

No: 8

16. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Charles Stata

2nd: Paul Davis Sr.

Passed by voice vote

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,000** for the purpose of disposal and hauling of solid waste associated and costs of maintenance for the **Town Transfer Station**, to come from 2018 general taxation.

Motion: Paul Davis Sr.

2nd Martha Morrill

Passed by voice vote

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$82,741** for the maintenance of the **Police Department** for the ensuing year for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, to come from 2018 general taxation.

Motion: Jeff Ames

2nd: Pete Chierichetti

Passed by voice vote

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the costs and expenses associated with **Animal and Pest Control**.

Motion: Martha Morrill

2nd: Chris Bassingthwaite

Passed by voice vote

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,400** for operating expenses for **Ambulance Services**.

Motion: Jenn Meade

2nd: Alexandra Reilly-Collette

Passed by voice vote

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,700** for the **Parks and Recreation** for the general maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field to come from 2018 general taxation.

Motion: Martha Morrill
2nd: Kevin Patten
Passed by voice vote

22. Since the **gazebo on the common** was built, electric service has been provided via extension cords strung through trees to neighboring properties. This practice needs to stop. We propose permanent service to the gazebo on the common as follows:

Install buried 100 amp electric service from the power pole on the common in front of the church to the gazebo. Install electric panel in the gazebo and finish preexisting lighting / electrical installation. Trenching is included in this budget. NH Electric Coop will need to install a meter on the pole, electric account to be the responsibility of the Town of Wentworth. Volunteers will handle coordination of this effort. Further to raise and appropriate **\$4,000** for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion: Jenn Meade
2nd: Richard Young
Passed by voice vote

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$47,855** for the **Webster Memorial Library** expenses; \$750 to come from Library Income, \$1,843 to come from Library Fund Balance, \$8,000 to come from the Library Expendable Trust Fund and the remaining sum of \$37,262 to come from 2018 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion: Glenn Campbell
2nd: Morgan Currier
Passed by voice vote

24. To see if the Town will vote to accept donation of a rock sculpture currently placed in front of the Town Offices building and further to seek the opinion of Town Meeting on the permanent location of said rock sculpture.

Motion: Kay Bailey
2nd: Michele Clark
Failed -NO to accepting sculpture

25. Shall the Town of Wentworth vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$200, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Wentworth under RSA 72:28.

Motion: Dave Williams
2nd: Hannah Carle
Passed by voice vote

26. Transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion: Paul Davis
2nd: Kay Bailey
No other business

To attest to the minutes authenticity and accuracy,
Respectfully Submitted by:



Deborah Ziemba, Town Clerk

[] Approved/Reviewed []

Date 4/24/2018

