

State of New Hampshire,
Town of Wentworth
Warrant for year 2019 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 12, 2019. 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 16, 2019 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 Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence took place. The Select Board introduced our new Administrative Assistant, Tanya Houseknecht Vela, and thanked Austin Albro, Town of Warren) and Darlene Oaks (Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistant, Wentworth) for all the help they provided while the hiring search took place.

The Moderator proceeded with Articles.

Article 1.

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

March 12, 2019 brought out 123 voters and the following were elected:

Selectman 3 years – Morgan Currier	89
Selectman 2 years – Omer C Ahern Jr.	107
Selectman 1 year – Francis Muzzey	68
Library Trustee 3 years – Sharon Sanborn	115
Town Trustee 3 years – Linda Franz	114
Fire Commissioners 1 year - Jeffrey Ames	111
Fire Commissioners 1 year – Roland (Pete) Chierichetti	96
Fire Commissioners 1 year – Brian DuBois	92
Treasurer 3 years – Deborah Vlk	113
Supervisor of the Checklist 1 year – Susan Bliss	109

All action taken, no motion needed

Article 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 as read: Bruce Welch
2nd: Steve Davis**

**Motion to amend Article: Francis Muzzey
2nd: Morgan Currier**

Proposed Amendment:

I move that the reports from Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditors, Trustees of Trust Funds, and other Town Officers be accepted on the condition that the letter form Bahr Casey Financial Services, L.L.C. AND the accounting on the reverse side of said letter titled “Trustees for the Trust Funds 2018 Report” be included by the Town Clerk as part of the minutes of today’s annual meeting.

Discussion followed.

**Motion to accept amended article – Tracy Currier
2nd – Marina Reilly-Collette**

Amended article passed by voice vote

Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$319,072** 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 – Steve Davis
2nd: Kay Bailey**

**Motion to amend Article: Tim Minear
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.**

Proposed Amendment:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,216.87 from general taxation and \$31,947.93 from unassigned/unreserved fund balance from previous year, for the General Municipal Operations for the purpose detailed in the operation budget posted with the warrant. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article

**Discussion followed. Amendment defeated by voice vote.
Original Article 3 passed by voice vote.**

Article 4.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$322,100 for the Highway & Streets for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant

**Motion to accept as read: Morgan Currier
2nd Tracy Currier**

Motion to amend article: Marina Reilly-Collette
2nd: George Merrill

Proposed Amendment:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$322,100 for the highway and streets for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant and to expand any monies received from state highway block grants

Discussion followed. Amendment failed by voice vote.

Motion to move forward with original Article: Francis Muzzey
2nd Paul Davis Sr.
Original Article 4 passed by voice vote.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** 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: Morgan Currier
2nd: Kay Bailey
Article 5 passed by voice vote

Article 6

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: R. Pete Chierichetti
2nd: Bruce Welch

Motion to amend article: Jeff Ames
2nd: Steve Davis

Proposed Amendment:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41.250 for the maintenance of the Fire Department for the ensuing year for the purposes detailed in the operation budget posted with the warrant; \$7,600.00 to come from unassigned fund balance and the remainder \$33,650.00 to come from 2019 general taxation.

Amended Article passed by voice vote.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue the fifth 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 fifth year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept Article as read: Morgan Currier
2nd: Steve Davis
Article 7 Passed by voice vote

Article 8

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 to accept Article as read: Bruce Welch
2nd: Marina Reilly-Collette

Motion to Amend Article: Steve Davis
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.

Proposed Amendment:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to be expended on behalf of the Conservation Commission and Town Forest in connection w/activities for such conservation purposes as set forth in RSA 36-A and expenses related to the forester

Amended Article passed by voice vote

Article 9

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
j. Celebration ETF (est. 2018)	\$100

Motion to accept Article as read: Paul Davis
2nd: Jeff Ames
Article 9 Passed by voice vote

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$67,200** for the purpose of disposal and hauling of solid waste associated and costs of maintenance for the **Town Transfer Station**, to come from 2019 general taxation.

Motion to accept Article as read: Steve Davis
2nd Linda Franz

Article 10 Passed by voice vote

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$89,954** for the maintenance of the **Police Department** for the ensuing year for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant; \$2300 to come from unassigned fund balance, and the remainder \$87,654 to come from 2019 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion to accept Article as read: Pete Chierichetti

2nd: Brice Chierichetti

Article 11 Passed by voice vote

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** for the costs and expenses associated with **Animal and Pest Control**.

Motion to accept Article as read: Tracy Currier

2nd: Bruce Welch

Article 12 Passed by voice vote

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,100** for operating expenses for **Ambulance Services**.

Motion to accept Article as read: Jeff Ames

2nd: Bruce Welch

Article 13 Passed by voice vote

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,300** for the **Parks and Recreation** for the general maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field to come from 2019 general taxation.

Motion to accept Article as read: Morgan Currier

2nd: Pete Chierichetti

Article 14 Passed by voice vote

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$41,424** for the **Webster Memorial Library** expenses; \$1,400 to come from Library Income, \$2,763 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, and the remaining sum of \$37,262 to come from 2019 general taxation.

Motion to accept Article as read: Tim Minear

2nd: Clyde Masterson

Article 15 Passed by voice vote

Article 16

To further define the purpose of the Webster Memorial Library Trust
To see if the town will vote to change the language of the existing Webster Memorial Library Trust Fund to include “capital improvements and equipment” as a part of the previously established Webster Memorial Library Trust Fund’s purpose. (2/3 vote required)

Motion to accept Article as read: Kay Bailey
2nd: Patti Welch

Motion to Amend Article: Francis Muzzey
2nd Kay Bailey

Proposed Amendment:

To see if the Town will vote to change the language of the existing Webster Memorial Library Expendable Trust Fund to INCLUDE “capital improvements and equipment” for the Library as a part of the previously established Webster Memorial Library Expendable Trust Fund’s purpose. It shall be the intent of this article that the Library Trustees shall remain as agents to expend said Fund.

Amended Article passed by hand vote, 46 YES, 0 NO

Article 17

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

Paul Davis Sr. asked when the rock sculpture would be removed from the Town Office
George Morrill sked where the article for the historical society was.

Motion to adjourn: Deb Vik
2nd: Kay Bailey

To attest to the minute’s authenticity and accuracy,
Respectfully Submitted by:



Deborah Ziemba, Town Clerk