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**Article 01 Election of officers**

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

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**Article 02 Receive reports**

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.

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**Article 03 General Municipal Operations**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$331,797 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).

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**Article 04 Highway & Streets**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$316,300 for the Highway & Streets for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant.

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**Article 05 Planning board**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 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.

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**Article 06 Fire Department**

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 purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, of which \$2,500 is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and the balance of \$38,750 to come from general taxation.

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**Article 07 Freightliner lease**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue with the sixth 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 \$24,678 for the said sixth year payment for that purpose. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

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**Article 08 Conservation & town forest**

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



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**Article 09    ETF & CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$164,100 to be placed into the following Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds, to come from 2020 general taxation.

Fire Truck (est. 1984) \$15,000  
Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973) \$25,000  
Police Cruiser (est. 1993) \$9,000  
Property Revaluation (est. 1995) \$10,000  
Town Bridges (est. 2006) \$10,000  
Road Paving (est. 2002) \$50,000  
Fire Dept Site (est. 2004) \$15,000  
Webster Library (est. 2015) \$15,000  
Town Office Expansion (est. 2017) \$15,000  
Celebration ETF (est. 2018) \$100

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**Article 10    Transfer Station**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,100 for the purpose of disposal and hauling of Solid Waste and cost of maintenance for the Town Transfer Station, said amount to come from 2020 general taxation.

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**Article 11    Police Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,906 for the maintenance of the Police Department for the ensuing year for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant.

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**Article 12    Animal and pest control**

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.

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**Article 13    Ambulance services**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,850 for operating expenses for Ambulance Services.

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**Article 14    Parks & recreation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,650 for the Parks and Recreation for the general maintenance of parks, including the Common, Library, Riverside Park, and Hamilton Memorial Field to come from 2020 general taxation.

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**Article 15    Webster Memorial Library**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,869 for the Webster Memorial Library expenses, \$9,186 to come from Library income, \$3,282 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and the remaining sum of \$35,401 to come from General Taxation.



**Article 16 Additional Bridge EFT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$31,400 said amount to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, said amount to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no money to be raised from taxation. This is recommended by the Select Board.

**Article 17 Elderly Exemption**

To see if the Town of Wentworth will vote to increase the net income allowances for the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Wentworth as provided for in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:39-b, I(c) is as follows:

“Shall we modify the Elderly Exemption from the property tax in the Town of Wentworth, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$14,000, for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$21,000, and for a person 80 years of age and older, \$28,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least five consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,800, or if married a combined net income of less than \$36,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$63,000 excluding the value of the person's residence”.

Note: If a majority of those voting on the question vote yes, the Elderly Exemption shall take effect on April 1, 2020. If eligible you must apply.

**Article 18 Optional Veterans Tax Credit**

Shall the Town of Wentworth vote to accept the provisions of RSA 72:28, Optional Veterans Tax Credit.

The optional veterans' tax credit, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$51 up to \$500. The optional veterans' tax credit shall replace the standard veterans' tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

The following persons shall qualify for the standard veterans' tax credit or the optional veterans' tax credit:

(a) Every resident of this state who served not less than 90 days in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section (See RSA 72:28) and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph;

(b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and

(c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

If adopted, the credit granted by the town of Wentworth will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Wentworth under RSA 72:28.

Note: This article, in similar form but with incorrect wording of the law, was adopted on March 17, 2018, in the amount of \$200; the amount by RSA 72:28 (as stated above in this article) can be any amount from \$51 to \$500, by vote of the town.

Comment: If a majority of those voting on the question vote YES, this Optional Tax Credit shall take effect on April 1, 2020. If eligible you must apply.



**Article 19 Optional Veterans Tax Credit for service-connected**

Shall the Town of Wentworth vote to accept the provisions of RSA 72:35, Service-Connected Total Disability?

72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability.–

I. Any person who has been honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person, shall receive a standard yearly tax credit in the amount of \$700 of property taxes on the person's residential property.

I-a. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$701 up to \$4,000. The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability shall replace the standard tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

I-b. Either the standard tax credit for service-connected total disability or the optional tax credit for service-connected total disability shall be subtracted each year from the property tax on the person's residential property.

II. The standard or optional tax credit under this section may be applied only to property which is occupied as the principal place of abode by the disabled person or the surviving spouse. The tax credit may be applied to any land or buildings appurtenant to the residence or to manufactured housing if that is the principal place of abode.

III. (a) Any person applying for the standard or optional tax credit under this section shall furnish to the assessors or selectmen certification from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs that the applicant is rated totally and permanently disabled from service connection. The assessors or selectmen shall accept such certification as conclusive on the question of disability unless they have specific contrary evidence and the applicant, or the applicant's representative, has had a reasonable opportunity to review and rebut that evidence. The applicant shall also be afforded a reasonable opportunity to submit additional evidence on the question of disability.

(b) Any decision to deny an application shall identify the evidence upon which the decision relied and shall be made within the time period provided by law.

(c) Any tax credit shall be divided evenly among the number of tax payments required annually by the town or city so that a portion of the tax credit shall apply to each tax payment to be made.

If adopted, the credit granted by the Town of Wentworth for Service-Connected Total Disability will be \$4,000.

Comment: This RSA became effective January 1, 2019. If a majority of those voting on the question vote YES the Tax Credit for Service Connected Total Disability shall take effect on April 1, 2020. If eligible you must apply.

**Article 20 Historical Society**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the maintenance and expenses associated the Wentworth Historical Society Museum and the grounds on which it stands.

**Article 21 Emergency Lanes EFT**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Lanes Expendable Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance and repairs on roads so designated as Emergency Lanes in the Town of Wentworth, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund, and to further designate the Selectmen as agents to expend said fund. Note: Hooper Hill Road is the only road in Wentworth designated as an Emergency Lane at this time, but it is the expressed intent of this article that money in this fund may be used on other Emergency Lanes in Wentworth as they may be so designated in the future. This is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.



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**Article 22 Landfill Closure CRF**

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, the principal and accumulated interest to actual date of discontinuance to be transferred to the town's general fund.

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**Article 23 Addition to Bridge EFT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$84,394.65 to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006 (ETF) with said funds to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance (this amount represents the funds resulting from the discontinuance of the Landfill Closure Fund in Article 21) and no monies to come from general taxation. This appropriation is contingent upon the passage of Article 22. This is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

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**Article 24 Highway Department Equipment Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,542 for the purpose of a tow behind, eight-foot (8') Hydraulic Broom for sweeping Town paved roads and a ten-foot (10') interchangeable York Rake, of which \$8,542 is to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$8,000 to come from general taxation. This is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

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**Article 25 Red Oak Hill Road Paving**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,421 for the purpose paving Red Oak Hill Road from its intersection with East Side Road to the Wentworth/Warren Town Line and to also pave approximately four hundred feet (400') of East Side Road in front of King's Lumber, of which amount \$135,421 is to come from Road Paving Capital Reserve Fund, and nothing from general taxation. This is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

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**Article 26 Pemi Baker Access Media**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,930 to be used for participation in pbCAM (Pemi-Baker Access Media) for the purpose of making video recorded selectmen's meetings and annual town meetings available for cable television viewers and the recording of the videos. The sum includes the \$250 yearly membership fee, the video recording of the current annual town meeting and all other selectmen/town meetings.

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**Article 27 Highway Department New Hire**

Received by Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for a third, Full-time, hired person to be expended by the Highway Department for such purposes deemed necessary by the Road Agent.

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**Article 28 Selectmen Compensatin**

Received by Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 in total to increase the pay for (2) Selectmen from \$2,200 to \$4,000 each and pay for the Selectman Chair from \$2,200 to \$4,500. The purpose being to gain continuity on the Board and to attract and retain good candidates. This raise would remain in effect until voted on again at the annual Town Meeting. This salary shall cover all duties associated with the Selectmen.



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**Article 29    Other business**

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