

TOWN WARRANT – 2006

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The State of New Hampshire**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPENING FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newton, N.H. in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs; you are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual meeting, which shall be for the explanation, discussion and debate of each warrant article and the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot to be held at the **Sanborn Regional Middle School on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM**; the **second session to be held at the Memorial Elementary School, in said Newton, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to choose all necessary Town officers** for the ensuing year by official ballot, **and to vote on all issues before the Town of Newton on the official ballot**; the polls to be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and to close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

1. To hear reports of Town Officers and pass any vote relating thereto.
2. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
3. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. _1_** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Section XVIII, General Provisions, paragraph 9 by adding the following words: "There shall be no burial of demolition or construction materials in any zone in the Town of Newton."

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

4. "Shall the Town of Newton 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 **\$2,498,250.00**?

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Should this article above be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,423,495.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newton 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."

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$47,500.00 for phase I** of the installation of a **“SPRINKLER SYSTEM”** in the Town Hall and to withdraw **\$15,637.00** plus **\$4,302.10** in interest from the Sprinkler Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997; and to withdraw **\$1,844.03** plus **\$138.38** in interest **from the sprinkler fund of public donations** toward the Sprinkler System held by the Trustees of Trust Funds. The balance of this years cost, approximately \$25,578.49, is to be raised by taxes. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the sprinkler system is completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. (Per Selectmen’s Bid Policy) Phase II will be requested at a later date.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

6. If article 5 above fails: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Sprinkler Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, and the funds of public donations with accrued interest to date of withdrawal, held by the Trustee of Trust Funds are to be transferred to the Town of Newton’s General Fund. (Majority Vote Required)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$4,000.00 to replace the existing fire alarm systems in the Town Hall and the Central Fire Station.** This will include the monitoring as the current system is outdated and will no longer be supported.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed **in the existing Capital Reserve Fund** called the **“FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FUND”** created in 2005.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to **prepare a lease acquisition agreement with Chester Bearce to acquire sufficient land off South Main Street/Merrimac Road to build a Community Safety Complex** as recommended by the Safety Complex Building Committee and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to cover the cost of the legal fees associated with the agreement. Such land is to be solely for the purpose stated. (The proposed lease agreement and any other amounts to be appropriated therefore, will be presented to the voters at the 2007 Town Meeting.)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Gale Library Board of Trustees, the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed **in the existing Capital Reserve Fund** called the **“Gale Library Building Fund”** created in 1982.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

11. To see if the Town will vote to **establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the **“TOWN BUILDINGS FUND”** for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and construction; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be placed in this fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

12. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, **to establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a **“PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING PROGRAM”**, correcting and digitizing the zoning maps making them compatible with the Town’s Assessing software and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be placed in this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as Agents.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,018.00** for the following Community Services:

A SAFE PLACE	\$ 1,250.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,000.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	2,000.00
NHSPCA	550.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	6,093.00
RVNA-HOSPICE	5,678.00
THE SAD CAFÉ	5,000.00
SEACARE HEALTH SERVICES	2,000.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$ 37,018.00

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14. On a petition of 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Newton, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00 for the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County.**

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00 to increase the salary for the three Selectmen** from \$2,500.00 per year to **\$3,500.00 per year.**
(Last increase was in 1989)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the sum of \$5,500.00 for the position of a **PART-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**. All fines and fees shall be returned to the Town as an offset to this appropriation

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent, the sum of **\$75,900.00** to reconstruct the road base, shoulder and apply the binder coat for the entire length of **Heath Street and Maple Avenue**.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum **\$10,000.00** to be used toward the **reconstruction of the town tennis court** located at Greenie Park on Heath Street. (The balance of the tennis court reconstruction cost of \$11,000.00 will be paid for out of the Recreation Commission savings account.)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

Norman P. Harding, Chairman

Gary F. Nelson

John P. Ulcickas

BOARD OF SELECTMEN