



Barnstead

The inhabitants of the Town of Barnstead in the County of Belknap in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: 3/12/2024

Time: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Location: Barnstead Elementary School

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: 3/16/2024

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Barnstead Elementary School

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before <DATE>, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at <LOCATION> and that an original was delivered to <OFFICIAL>.

| Name | Position | Signature |
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| Paula Penney | Chairman | Paula Penney |
| Gary Madden | Vice Chair | Gary Madden |
| Diane Beijer | Selectman | Diane Beijer |
| Edward Tasker | Selectman | Edward A. Tasker |
| Priscilla Tiede | Selectman | Priscilla Tiede |
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Article 01 To choose Town Officers and vote by Official Ballo

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Town of Barnstead
Warrant for 2024 Annual Meeting

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Barnstead in the County of Belknap in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Barnstead Elementary School in said Barnstead on Tuesday, the Twelfth (12th) day of March, next at 7:00 a.m. of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

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| 1 Selectmen | 3 year term |
| 1 Trustee of Trust Funds | 3 year term |
| 1 Supervisor of Checklist | 6 year term |
| 2 Planning Board Members | 3 year terms |
| 1 Budget Committee Member | 1 year term |
| 2 Budget Committee Members | 3 year terms |
| 1 Overseer of Public Welfare | 1 year term |
| 1 Library Trustee | 3 year term |
| 1 Moderator | 2 year term |

Article 02 To vote by Official Ballot on amendments to the Zo

To vote by official ballot on amendments to the Barnstead Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Barnstead Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments, as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #1, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To add definitions for the following terms to Article 2 Definitions to match the current table of uses of the Zoning Ordinance and the current definitions in the Subdivision Regulations:

Mining of Land, Auto Repair and Service, Bed and Breakfast, Campgrounds, Church/Community Buildings, Day Care, Dwelling: Single Family, Dwelling: Two Family, Dwelling: Two Unit, Farm, Forest/Woodlot, Home Occupations, Inn, Manufacturing, Manufactured Housing Park, Office Building, Recreation Facility (Indoor), Recreation Facility (Outdoor), Retail Business, School (Private), Septage Facility, Service Business, Warehouse/Storage.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #2, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To revise Article 12, Section 12-16 of the Zoning Ordinance – Growth Management Regulation, to change the Sunset date from April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2029.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #3, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of



Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To revise Article 12 of the Zoning Ordinance – Growth Management Regulation: Section 12-2-Findings, and Section 12-5-Definitions, to update the census and statistical data.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #4, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To revise the Zoning Ordinance, Table 1, Table of Uses, to change the term "Aggregate Extraction" to "Mining of Land" and to change the term "Home Occupation" to "Home Business," and to change the name of the term "Aggregate Extraction" in Article 2 to the term "Mining of Land"

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #5, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To add Section 4-6, Short Term Rentals; a rental property that is utilized in the business or practice of offering short term stay rentals; either directly, or through a property rental service. Short term stay rentals are generally offered or rented on a daily, weekend or weekly basis. Property owners or agents shall obtain a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board via a Conditional Use Permit Application form.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #6, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To add to Article 2 the following Definition:

Condominiums and/or Condexs are a group of no more than 2 dwelling units, wherein dwelling units are individually owned, but wherein open space and group facilities are held in common ownership. Condominiums and Condexs shall be considered a subdivision of land as outlined in RSA 356-B and reviewed accordingly.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #7, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To add a Section 4-7: Condominiums or Condex; Condominium ownership of property, when permitted by this ordinance, shall conform to the following procedures and standards:

A. Conversions: Condominium conversions of existing structures and uses as regulated under RSA 356-B:5, as amended, is permitted in Agricultural/Residential or Village District or Zone for only conforming lots and requires subdivision approval by the Planning Board.

i. The site and subdivision plans shall contain all the required information as described in RSA 356-B: 20, as amended, "Contents of the Site Plans and Floor Plans", of the RSA 356-B, as amended, of the Condominium Act.

ii. There will be no increase in the number of units

iii. There will be no increase in the number of bedrooms per unit

iv. The use meets current standards for septic and water

v. The final plan for conversion meets all current Life Safety requirements

vi. The towns attorney shall review all documents of the Condominium submission and provide the Planning Board with an opinion, at the applicant's expense.

B. New Construction for Condominiums: The construction of new multi-family dwellings to be conveyed as condominiums shall require Planning Board approval. The Barnstead Planning Board's power to approve specifically includes the power to minimize impact on the town services by requiring phasing in appropriate circumstances (RSA 674:36, as amended)

i. The subdivision

ii. The site plan

iii. The form of ownership, including condominium instruments

iv. The site and subdivision plans shall contain all the required information as described in RSA



356-B:20, as amended, Contents of the Site Plans and Floor Plans, of the RSA 356-B, as amended, of the Condominium Act

v. The towns attorney shall review all documents of the Condominium submission and provide the Planning Board with an opinion, at the applicant's expense.

Before the condominium instruments may be recorded, the proposed condominium must conform to all current ordinances, subdivision regulations, codes or covenants of the Town of Barnstead or the State of New Hampshire. In the case of conflict, the more restrictive shall apply. No local permits shall be issued until final approval has been granted by the Planning Board.

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #7, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To amend Two Family and Two Unit Dwellings in Table 1 in the Table of Uses as "E", Special Exception in Commercial or Suburban Districts.

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of question #9, amending the Zoning Ordinance, Town of Barnstead, NH as proposed by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as follows:

To amend Section 8-1: Business, to read as follows: Any business located in Barnstead shall be permitted upon approval by the Planning Board, Select Board and Health Officer, by process of Site Plan Review; and provided that the business or industry or structure would not be seriously detrimental or offensive to the owners of adjoining property, or to the Town, or would tend to radically reduce property values of other property.

Article 03 The 2nd session of Town Meeting

The second session for the purpose of discussing and voting upon the remaining articles of the Town Warrant shall be held on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Barnstead Elementary School.

3. To hear the Reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 04 Change from elected position to appointed

To see if the Town will vote to change the Road Agent's position from an elected position to an appointed position, (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 05 Lease/purchase payment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$33,426) for the third and final payment of the 3 year lease purchase agreement as passed at the 2022 town meeting for the Dynapac Roller for the Highway Department. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 03 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).



Article 06 Lease/purchase payment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$52,674) for the fourth payment of the 6 year lease purchase agreement as passed at the 2021 town meeting for the new ambulance. This lease agreement shall contain a non-appropriation clause for payments beyond 2024. (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 05 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 07 Lease/purchase payment

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four (4) year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing two (2) police SUV's and to raise and appropriate the amount of Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$35,936) for the first payment. The lease agreement shall contain a non-appropriation clause for payments beyond 2024. (Total cost approximately \$143,750). (Recommended by Selectmen 3-2). (Recommended by Budget Committee 5-3). Tax rate impact: 03 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 08 Appropriate to existing ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to be placed in the Road Paving and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Current balance \$181,073). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax rate impact: 23 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation) (Majority vote required).

Article 09 Appropriate to Barnstead Road Construction & Maint

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be placed in the Barnstead Road Construction and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2023 with \$50,000 to come from unassigned fund balance. (Current balance \$461). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax Rate impact: 14 cents) (Majority vote required).

Article 10 Appropriate to Municipal Bldg Repair & Maint ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Municipal Building Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 2023. (Current Balance \$34,800). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax Rate impact: 02 cents). (Majority vote required).

Article 11 Appropriate to existing CRF

To see if the Town of Barnstead will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund (current balance \$483,467). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax rate impact: 2 1/2 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).



Article 12 Appropriate to existing CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (current balance \$252,058). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax rate impact: 09 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 13 Appropriate to existing ETF

To see if the Town of Barnstead will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Expendable Trust Fund (current balance \$168,232). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax rate impact: 5 1/2 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 14 Appropriate to existing ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Barnstead 300 Year Celebration Expendable Trust (Current balance \$24,556). (300 years will be 2027). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: less than 1/2 cent per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 15 Appropriate to existing CRF

To see if the Town of Barnstead will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Seventy Five Thousand (\$75,000) to be placed in the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve (which includes Town Hall). (Current balance \$421,674). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax rate impact: 07 cents). (Majority vote required).

Article 16 Appropriate to Emergency Preparedness ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Emergency Preparedness Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Current balance \$2,636). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax Rate impact: 0 cents). (Majority vote required).

Article 17 Appropriate to Emer Fuel & Heat ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Emergency Fuel and Heat Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Current balance \$27,177). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 0 cents). (Majority vote required).

Article 18 Appropriate to existing ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Municipal Computer and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (current balance \$8,924). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 2 1/2 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).



Article 19 To Discontinue a Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Milfoil Prevention Non-Capital Reserve created in 2006. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. This is a housekeeping article to close this Capital Reserve and open an Expendable Fund. (Current balance \$33,433) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0)

Article 20 To establish an Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of treating milfoil, utilizing and maintaining equipment and paying divers and to raise and appropriate the amount of Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$33,433) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance; further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax Rate impact: 0 cents). (Majority vote required)

Article 21 Appropriate to ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund (current balance \$33,433). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 1 1/2 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 22 To add State reimbursement funds to ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$7,817) to be placed in the Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (current balance \$33,281). This represents the State's reimbursement for costs associated with the Milfoil Grant. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 0 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 23 Appropriate to existing ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Cistern Construction and Maintenance Expendable Fund (current balance \$80,403). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 01 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

Article 24 Appropriate to existing CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Parks & Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund (Current balance \$50,145). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0) (Tax rate impact: 1/2 cent per \$1000 assessed valuation).



Article 25 Petition - Parks & Rec Grant

By petition of 25 or more voters in the Town of Barnstead, NH to see if Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) for the purpose of maintaining and developing the Barnstead Recreation area at 115 S Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead NH 03225. Seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) is the Federal Lakes and Conservation Fund Grant #33-00740 portion already awarded; Seventy-five thousand is the local match portion. This amount will come from Town Capital Reserve funds already spent or authorized, and private contributions. Submitted by Petition. (Tax Impact 0 cents). (Not Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 26 To increase the Veteran's Tax Credit

Shall the town re-modify the Standard and Optional Veteran's Tax Credit RSA 72:28 and RSA 72:28-b from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750? (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Majority vote required).

Article 27 Petitioned SB2 - Town Meeting

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Barnstead, New Hampshire on the second Tuesday of March. (3/5 Majority Ballot vote required) (Submitted by petition) (Not recommended by Selectmen 0-5).

Article 28 To modify the Elderly Exemption Amount

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Barnstead, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 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 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$50,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 excluding the value of the person's actual residence and the land upon which it is located up to the greater of 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Majority vote required).

Article 29 Annual Bus Company lease

To see if the Town will vote to approve the annual Lease Agreement between the Town and Bus Company for the purpose of leasing the town-owned land on South Barnstead Road to the Bus Company to allow the parking of company's school buses. The Bus Company pays approximately \$1,002 dollars in property taxes on that portion of the property that is used. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0).

Article 30 Operating Budget

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$5,122,133 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. The Selectmen's recommend sum is \$5,122,133. (Majority vote required).

Article 31 To transact any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.