



2023  
WARRANT

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:

Date: MARCH 14, 2023

Location: Barnstead Town Hall

Details: 108 So. Barnstead Rd. Ctr. Barnstead, NH

Date: MARCH 18, 2023

Time: 9 am

Location: Barnstead Elementary School

Details: 91 Maple St. Ctr. Barnstead, NH

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>.

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**Article 01 To choose Town Officers and vote by Official Ballo**

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Town of Barnstead  
Warrant for 2023 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 Town Hall in said Barnstead on Tuesday, the Fourteenth (14th) 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.

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

To change Article 4, Section 4-3: Accessory Dwelling Units; FROM "An attached accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted in all zoning districts that permit single family dwellings following approval of a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment":

TO: "An accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted in all zoning districts that permit single family dwellings following approval of a special exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment".

This is a housekeeping measure to keep the ordinance consistent with 4-3.01 and Section 2-1, both of which provide ADUs may be attached or detached.



**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 18th, 2023, 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    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 second payment of the 3 year lease purchase agreement as passed at the 2022 town meeting for the new Dynapac Roller for the Highway Department. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause for payments beyond 2023. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 05 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 05    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 third 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 2023. (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: 8 ½ 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 Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$33,473) for the third and final payment of the 3 year lease for the purchase of 2 police vehicles (as passed at the 2021 town meeting). (Total cost approximately \$100,419). (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). Tax rate impact: 05 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 07    Establish an ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Barnstead Road Construction and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a to include the construction, repair and maintenance of Barnstead roads and to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. Further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. 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 08    Establish an ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Building Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a to include the construction, repair and maintenance of Barnstead municipal buildings and to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. 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 09 To raise and appropriate funds and to withdraw**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars (\$22,106) to purchase radios for the Fire Rescue Department which shall replace outdated equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars (\$22,106) from the Fire Rescue Expendable Fund (current balance \$145,248). 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 10 Withdraw from Special Revenue**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of One Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars (\$1,317,701) for the purchase of one combination aerial and pumper fire apparatus, Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$857,142) is the Federal Grant portion and to authorize the withdrawal of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$460,559) for the Town's portion from the Fire Rescue Vehicles Special Revenue Fund. This fire truck replaces two current vehicles - the 2001 International Pumper and the 1978 Aerial Tower Truck. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 4-1). (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-1). (Tax rate impact: 0 cents). (Majority vote required).

**Article 11 To put the reimbursement of Hannah Nutter Bridge**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Four Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$434,612) to be placed in the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund (current balance \$30,399) to come from unassigned fund balance. This figure represents the State's reimbursement of costs associated with the Hannah Nutter Bridge. 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 12 To put funds into an ETF**

To see if the Town of Barnstead 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 (current balance \$23,957). 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: .40 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 13 To put money into a capital reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (current balance \$75,105). 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: 20 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation). (Majority vote required.)

**Article 14 To put reimbursement funds from the Highway Diesel**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$43,363) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (current balance \$75,105) to come from unassigned fund balance. This figure represents the State's reimbursement of the Highway Department Diesel Truck 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). (Majority vote required).



**Article 15 To put funds into an ETF**

To see if the Town of Barnstead will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Expendable Trust Fund (current balance \$145,248). 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: 08 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 16 appropriate funds for 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 \$20,902). (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: 1/2 cent per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 17 To put funds into a CRF**

To see if the Town of Barnstead will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) to be placed in the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Current balance \$356,421). 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 Add to ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500) to be placed in the Emergency Preparedness Expendable Trust with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (current balance \$26,636). 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 per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 19 To add money to the Emergency Fuel & Heat fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) to be placed in the Emergency Fuel and Heat Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (Current balance \$27,159). 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 20 Add to 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 Computer and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (current balance \$26,785). 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: 03 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 21 Add to ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Milfoil Treatment Expendable Trust Fund (current balance \$13,851). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-1). (Tax rate impact: 02 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).



**Article 22 To place reimbursement funds from the State into**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$19,710) to be placed in the Milfoil Treatment Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (current balance \$13,851). 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 To place money in the Library Computer Support**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Library Computer Support Trust Expendable Fund (current balance \$2,602). This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 4-1). (Recommended by Budget Committee 8-0). (Tax rate impact: less than 1 cent per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 24 put money into an 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 \$66,675). 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 per \$1000 of assessed valuation). (Majority vote required).

**Article 25 Appropriate to Parks & Rec**

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 \$42,786). This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. (Recommended by Selectmen 4-1) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 3-5) (Tax rate impact: less than 1 cent per \$1000 assessed valuation).

**Article 26 Petitioned Article - Playscape Grant**

By petition of 25 or more voters in the Town of Barnstead, NH to see if the Town will vote to accept and sign the federal Land and Water Conservation Grant #33-00740 for \$75,000 for the purpose of maintaining and developing the Barnstead Recreation Area at 115 South Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, NH 03225. Submitted by Petition. (Not Recommended by Selectmen 2-3) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 0-8). (Majority vote required).

**Article 27 To remove \$ from a capital reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of repairing existing features and adding new recreational features to the Parks & Rec area and to authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the Parks & Rec Facility Capital Reserve. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. (Recommended by the Selectmen 4-1) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 2-6). (Tax rate impact: 0 cents). (Majority vote required).

**Article 28 Purchase & Sale Agreement**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Barnstead School Board for the purpose of purchasing the Barnstead School District owned land on Hannah Nutter Road at Map 7 Lot 65-1 containing 54.635 acres. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0).



**Article 29      Sale of Town Owned Land**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small portion of town-owned land at Map 7 Lot 5 to abutting owners Stephen Winchester at Map 20 Lot 20 (.15 of an acre) and to the Center Barnstead Church parsonage at Map 20 Lot 19 (.41 of an acre) for the purpose of adjusting the lot line to meet both rear and sideline setback requirements of both abutters. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0). (Majority vote required).

**Article 30      Discontinue a portion of roadway**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely a portion of Damsite Road for the purpose of completing the road reconstruction per order of the DES. The proposed closure will be at Map 39 Lot 46 to the intersection of Emerson Drive for a distance of 75 feet. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0).

**Article 31      Optional Veterans**

Shall the town READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500? (Majority vote required).

**Article 32      Readopt the All Veteran's Tax Credit**

Shall the town readopt the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article 33      To amend the existing Noise Ordinance**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 31:39, I(n) to repeal in its entirety the noise ordinance adopted by the 1990 Barnstead Town Meeting and replace it with a new noise ordinance which: prohibits specific unnecessary noise from motor vehicles from electronically amplified sound systems and the misuse of power, braking, acceleration, deceleration and racing of engines in non-emergency situations; prohibits nighttime operation or use of construction equipment, tools, and vehicles, and fireworks or cannons; prohibits nighttime use of radios, television, phonographs, instruments and amplifiers at a volume clearly audible at the property boundary; exempts from these prohibitions certain safety and emergency sounds, signals, equipment, and vehicles, including public and private snow removal; exempts governmental and utility emergency work; exempts municipal maintenance work when abutters have been notified; exempts noise from certain temporary permitted or licensed activities; exempts certain bells and chimes; exempts the unamplified human voice; and provides for police warnings and penalties of \$100 per violation for individuals and \$500 for any other person per violation. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0).

**Article 34      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 \$136 dollars in property taxes on that portion of the property that is used. (Recommended by Selectmen 5-0).

**Article 35      operating budget**

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of \$4,797,178 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately. (Majority vote required).



**Article 36 To transact any other business**

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

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at Barnstead Parade Post Office, Ctr. Barnstead Post Office, Barnstead Town Hall and Barnstead Elementary School being a public place in said Town, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2023.

**A true copy of Warrant – Attest:**

Richard Therrien, Chairman

**SELECTMEN**

Diane Beijer, Vice-Chairman

**of**

Gary Madden

Paula Penney

**BARNSTEAD**

Edward Tasker