



**2023  
WARRANT**

### Woodstock

The inhabitants of the Town of Woodstock in the County of Grafton 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:** March 14, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Location:** 924 Daniel Webster Highway, Woodstock, NH 03293

**Details:** To vote on **Articles 1 and 2.**

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

**Date:** March 14, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** 924 Daniel Webster Highway, Woodstock, NH 03293

**Details:** To act upon **Articles 3 through 34.**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before **February 8, 2023**, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting, at the Woodstock Town Office, on the Town of Woodstock's website, and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Charyl Reardon	Chair, Select Board	
Scott Rice	Selectman	
R. Gil Rand	Selectman	



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**Article 01 CHOOSE TOWN OFFICERS**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing: 1 Selectman, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Fire Chief, 1 Library Trustee, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds, 2 Cemetery Trustee, 3 Budget Committee, 4 Planning Board, 2 Floodplain Board of Adjustments.

**See attached**     Yes     No

**Article 02 TAX COLLECTOR TERM OF OFFICE**

Are you in favor of changing the term of the tax collector from three years to one year, beginning at the end of the current three-year term of the tax collector elected two years ago?" (Majority vote required.) (Ballot Vote)

**110**                      **90**  
 Yes                       No

**Article 03 BULLDOG FOUTS BROTHER'S 3000 GALLON TANKER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eight Dollars (\$509,208) for the purchase of a Fire Department BullDog Fouts Brother's 3000 Gallon Tanker Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Account created for that purpose, further to authorize the issuance of not more than Three Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eight Dollars (\$309,208) of bonds, notes, or lease agreements in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds, notes, or lease agreements and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any grants available for this purpose. Payments will begin in 2024. The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (3/5-Ballot vote required.) Polls must remain open for one hour.

**76**                              **8**  
 Yes                               No

**Article 04 OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of Four Million Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$4,575,981) for the operating budget. This amount does not include any articles voted separately. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes                       No

**Article 05 WATER DEPARTMENT RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund by authorizing the withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Water Department Restricted Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes                       No



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**Article 06 ESTABLISH A HIGHWAY GARAGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for purposes of paying the bond approved in 2021 for the purchase of the new highway garage, and to raise and appropriate Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$460,000.00) to be placed in said fund, with the funds to come from the proceeds of the sale of properties at 17 Lost River Road (Tax Map 106, Lot 102) and 24 Kancamagus Highway (Tax Map 107, Lot 012), and further, to designate the Selectmen as agents. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 07 HIGHWAY GARAGE BOND PAYMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$37,841.00) for the highway garage bond payment with said funds to come from the proceeds of the sale of properties at 17 Lost River Road (Tax Map 106, Lot 102) and 24 Kancamagus Highway (Tax Map 107, Lot 012). If article 6 passes this article will be null and void. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

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Yes  No

**Article 08 COMMUNITY CENTER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Community Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 09 REVALUATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, under the provision of RSA 35:1, to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are full and true, which revaluation must occur at least as often as every fifth year. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 10 PAVING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the existing Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No



**Article 11 HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$23,166), which is the anticipated grant amount this year, to be placed in a Highway Block Grant Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, under the provision of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of any maintenance, repair and/or improvement to Class V roads in town. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 12 TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in the existing Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 13 FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 14 FIRE TRUCK**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 15 LIBRARY COMPUTER EQUIP EXP TRUST**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be placed in the existing Library Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 16 MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Main Street Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 17 SOLID WASTE FACILITY IMPROVEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Solid Waste Facility Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)



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**Article 17**

Yes  No

**Article 18 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 19 HIGHWAY HEAVY DUTY**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Heavy Duty Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 20 SEWER DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the existing Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with said funds to come from the Sewer unassigned fund balance. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 21 WATER DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to be placed in the existing Water Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with said funds to come from the Water unassigned fund balance. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 22 RECORD PRESERVATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Record Preservation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 23 POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the existing Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 24 CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the existing Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No



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**Article 25     DISTRIBUTING FUNDS RECEIVED/SALE CEMETERY LOTS**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sale of Cemetery Lots Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and, pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, vote to authorize funds received from the sale of cemetery lots to be deposited directly into this fund, to be used for the maintenance of cemeteries; and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.)

Yes      No

**Article 26     BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO BUY/SELL LAND**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. Prior to the sale of any property, the Selectmen shall hold a public hearing, notice for which shall be given at least 14 days prior to the hearing. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by a majority vote. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes      No

**Article 27     AUTHORIZE SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT TRUSTS (RSA 31:19)**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, expend, and hold in trust gifts, legacies, and devises for any public purpose without further action by the town pursuant to RSA 31:19. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes      No

**Article 28     ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT**

Shall the Town of Woodstock 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 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Woodstock under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required.)

NOTE: This article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

Yes      No

**Article 29     OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT**

Shall the Town of Woodstock 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)

NOTE: This article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

Yes      No



**Article 30 APPOINTMENT OF A TAX COLLECTOR**

Are you in favor of discontinuing the elected office of the Tax Collector, and instead having the Tax Collector appointed by the Board of Selectmen? If this warrant article passes, the current Tax Collector will continue to hold office until March 12, 2024, at which point a Tax Collector will be appointed. If Article 2 fails, this article shall be null and void. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 31 APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN TREASURER**

Are you in favor of discontinuing the elected office of Treasurer, and instead having the Treasurer appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 669:17-d? If this warrant article passes, the current elected treasurer will continue to hold office until March 12, 2024, at which point a new Treasurer will be appointed. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 32 FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE**

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Woodstock Floodplain Ordinance as proposed by the planning board as follows: adopt various changes required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to, update and clarify references to the flood insurance study maps; clarify the applicability of various provisions, change references to "NGVD" to "mean sea level", change references to "100-year flood" to "base flood elevation" and add a definition of "base flood elevation"; and to update the definition of "substantial improvement." (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 33 MERRIAM WOODS CONSERVATION LAND**

To see whether the town wishes to allow climbing safety bolts installed without the prior authorization of the Town on the Merriam Woods Conservation Land (a/k/a Russell Craggs) to remain in place or be cut off. This property is managed by the Conservation Commission, and therefore any vote on this article will be non-binding. (Majority vote required.)

Yes  No

**Article 34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Yes  No