

2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified of the First and Second Session of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

FIRST SESSION

You are notified to meet for the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held in the Opera House of the Wakefield Town Hall, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to debate, propose and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as may be amended at the First Session, to be held at the Opera House of the Wakefield Town Hall, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m., unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Add Article 23G-Bunkhouse Regulation to allow for an accessory building to a single-family dwelling providing extra sleeping quarters for guest staying in the principal building, providing no cooking facilities. Article 3, Table 1 is also proposed to be amended to include bunkhouses within the list of permitted uses. Currently the Wakefield Zoning Ordinance does not allow bunkhouses. (Majority vote required)

Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Article 23D - Accessory Dwelling Unit and Article 33 - Definitions: To allow for a detached accessory dwelling unit located in an existing or a proposed accessory structure to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies. Currently the Wakefield Zoning Ordinance allows for an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit only. (Majority vote required)

Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Article 3-Permitted Uses, Table 2 - Minimum Setbacks to increase the minimum shoreland setback for standard lots in the Residential II zone from 30

feet to 50 feet to match the state standards and to delete footnote 7, which explains that state setbacks currently supersede the local setback requirement. (Majority vote required)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000) to be added to the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from December 31, 2019 unassigned fund balance, with no amount to be raised from taxation. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required).

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$35,100) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required).

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established, and to further authorize Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000) to come from the December 31, 2019 unassigned fund balance with the balance to be raised by taxation and a partial offsetting revenue from State Highway Block grant funds received. (In 2019 the town received \$140,466). This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0-1. (Majority vote required).

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Greater Wakefield Resource Center Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Public Safety Building (PSB) Phase 2 Capital Reserve Fund, created in 2001. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for capital maintenance and improvements to the public safety building and to appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five

Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund, with Six Thousand Dollars to come from the December 31, 2019 unassigned fund balance and the remainder to come from general taxation. Further, to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Department of Public Works Building (Highway Garage) Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for capital maintenance, improvements or replacement to the Department of Public Works building and to appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Wakefield. (Majority vote required)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the updated Town of Wakefield Transfer Station and Recycling Center Ordinance, in accordance with RSA 149-M:17, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to 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 purpose set forth herein, totaling \$5,874,725? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,529,981 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and VI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required).

Article 25: By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to increase the “Optional Veteran’s Tax Credit” to the State of New Hampshire maximum of \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars). The Optional Veteran’s Tax Credit is currently \$500 (five hundred dollars). (Majority vote required)

Article 26: By Petition. To see if the Town of Wakefield will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.

Article 27: To transact any further business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 22nd day of January, Two Thousand Twenty.

WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark P. Duffy, Chairperson

Kenneth Paul, Sr

Richard C. Edwards