## 2022 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 2022 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 Town Hall Opera House, 2 High Street, Sanbornville, New Hampshire, on Saturday, February 5, 2022 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 8, 2022. 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: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) for the purpose of financing and outfitting a Multi-Generational facility; such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid and/or donations, if any, which may be available for said project, to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. 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 8-4. (3/5 majority required.) Estimated tax impact: \$0.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for 2022.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of financing and outfitting a DPW (Department of Public Works) facility; such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid and/or donations, if any, which may be available for said project, to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote

relative thereto. 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 8-4. (3/5 majority required.) Estimated tax impact: \$0.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for 2022.

Article 4: 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 Bridge Construction 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 11-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) 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 11-1. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact:* \$0.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) 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 11-0-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Article 7: 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

**Article 10:** to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 12-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact:* \$0.09 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$34,400) 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 11-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) 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 9-3. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established, for the future purchase of a command/supervisor cruiser. 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 10-2. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.002 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.008 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.20 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) 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 11-0-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.004 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 X12-0 (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 20: 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 Public Works Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Wastewater Treatment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. 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 12-0. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.008 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000) for an electronic key fob system for use at the Public Safety Building to allow touchless access to all doors within the building. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-3. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$0.006 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- 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 \$6,472,412? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,124,756 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 2-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-1. (Majority vote required). Estimated tax impact: \$5.66 per \$1000 of assessed valuation; Default Budget estimated tax impact: \$5.36 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.
- Article 25: By Petition: To see if the residents of Wakefield will vote to reverse the decision of the Wakefield Selectmen's Board from May 18, 1988 prohibitting [sic] the possession and display of permissible fireworks in the Town of Wakefield pursuant to NH RSA 160-C:6, and to further establish that no subsequent action of the Selectmen to reinstate any such ban shall, in in [sic] the absence of a vote at Town Meeting supporting such reinstatement, be effective. This article is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.
- Article 26: By Petition: Article to amend rules and procedures of Wakefield NH boards

and committees. Article for Wakefield NH Town Warrant in regards to families on boards and committees restricting to (1) person (member or alternate) related to others by: "Son-Daughter-Mother-Father-Grandfather-Grandmother-Grandson-Granddaughter-Wife-Husband-Brother-Sister-In Laws-Adopted-Etc" (Majority vote required.)

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 12th day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

WAKEFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mark P. Duffy, Chairperson

Richard C. Edwards

Kenneth G Effield