

2020 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Enfield, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Take notice and be warned that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Enfield, New Hampshire, will be held on two days as follows:

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield, NH, there will be voting only by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and Zoning Amendments. Note: By law, the meeting must open before the voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for the consideration of all ballot articles. At 12:00 Noon the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open.

Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There will be no opportunity to vote by ballot on Articles 1 through 7 at the second session of the Town Meeting. After the polls close at 7:00 p.m., the ballots will be counted.

The meeting will reconvene Saturday, March 14, 2020; Articles 1 through 7 will be presented and Articles 8 through 24 will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Enfield Elementary Village School, 271 US Route 4, Enfield, NH.

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

For One Year: One Cemetery Trustee

For Two Years: One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member

For Three Years: One Selectman
One Treasurer
One Trustee of Trust Funds
One Cemetery Trustee
One Library Trustee
One Zoning Board of Adjustment Member
Three Budget Committee Members

For Six Years: One Supervisor of the Checklist

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the following Sections: 401.1 "R1" DISTRICT, 401.2 "R3" DISTRICT, 401.3 "R5" DISTRICT, 401.4 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT "CB" and 402 CONSERVATION DISTRICT "C," to

remove all references to “stories” with regard to building height, such as “two stories” or “two and one half stories” and instead use only the 35 feet height limitation outlined therein.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the following Sections to remove text in ~~striketrough~~ below:

401.1 “R1” DISTRICT

P. ~~_____ and a minimum of 100 feet at the front of the proposed building.~~

401.2 R3 DISTRICT

P. ~~_____ and a minimum of 150 feet at the front of the proposed building. A Special Exception to this requirement may be granted, where soil and slope conditions permit, for counter balancing considerations such as preservation of wetlands, natural features, open space and habitat such as deer yards.~~

401.3 R5 DISTRICT

P. ~~_____ and minimum of 250 feet at the front of the proposed building. A Special Exception to this requirement may be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (where soil and slope conditions permit) for counter balancing considerations such as preservation of wetlands, natural features, open space and habitat such as deer yards.~~

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Revise Section 401.4 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (CB) to remove text in ~~striketrough~~ below:

N. Minimum lot size shall be one (1) acre for buildings with on-lot water and sewer supply but may be a minimum one-half acre lot size ~~for a commercial building~~ where community or municipal water and sewer are used.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 411 REMOVAL OF NATURAL MATERIAL to add the text in **bold** and remove text in ~~striketrough~~ below:

411 REMOVAL OF NATURAL MATERIAL **FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

The removal of sand, gravel, rock or construction aggregate shall be permitted as a Special Exception ~~in the R3 and R5 Districts~~ upon the approval of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and must be in compliance with the provisions stated in the Town of Enfield Local Excavation Regulations.

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 415 STUDIES AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS to add the text in **bold**:

415 **ADDITIONAL STUDIES AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment **and/or the Planning board** may require special studies and/or additional information that is deems necessary to carry out the purposes of these regulations. Such studies shall be undertaken at the expense of the applicant.

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 416 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR to add the text in **bold** and remove text in ~~strikethrough~~ below:

416 ~~ZONING ADMINISTRATOR~~ **LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR**

The administrative and enforcement officer for this Ordinance shall be known as the ~~Zoning Administrator~~ **Land Use Administrator** and shall be hired or appointed by the Selectmen. The ~~Zoning Administrator~~ **Land Use Administrator** shall administer the Zoning Ordinance literally and shall not have the power to permit any use of land or buildings which is not in conformance with this Ordinance.

And further to replace “Zoning Administrator” with “Land Use Administrator” in all other sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

Article 8: (Lease without Escape Clause) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **\$190,000** payable over a term of five (5) years for the purpose of leasing four police cruisers. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the lease.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article: 2 in favor, 1 abstention.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 abstention.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** to replace a bridge on Oak Hill Road, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$150,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first interest payment will be due in 2020. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 9 & 14 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 10-0.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900,000** to make improvements to the municipal water system (including preparation of a funding application to USDA, hydrogeological work, design and construction of a new well to increase drinking water supply, and

replacing approximately 5,500 linear feet of water distribution main) to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance of the Municipal Water Fund to reduce the amount borrowed. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to make associated future principal and interest payments from the Municipal Water Fund operating budget for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 10 & 11 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities while insuring that all future principal and interest payments are made from the appropriate fund on a proportionate basis.

Special Warrant Article***2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required*****The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.****The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 10-0.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,900,000** to make improvements to the municipal sewer system (including preparation of a funding application to USDA, improved access, infiltration and inflow removal, manhole rehabilitation, CCTV inspection, pipe rehabilitation), to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,900,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to make associated future principal and interest payments from the Municipal Sewer Fund operating budget for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 10 & 11 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities while insuring that all future principal and interest payments are made from the appropriate fund on a proportionate basis.

Special Warrant Article***2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required*****The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.****The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 10-0.**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for wastewater planning related to recommended follow-up sewer system investigations from the 2019 Wastewater Asset Management Project, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$75,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; said borrowing to be from the NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Fund of which 100% of the principal is to be forgiven. There will be an interest payment due in 2020. The Municipal Sewer System Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the interest payments for the life of the loan.

Special Warrant Article***2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required*****The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.****The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 10-0.**

Article 13: (Lease without Escape Clause) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **\$48,000** payable over a term of seven (7) years for the purpose of leasing one Public Works one-ton pickup truck. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the lease.

Special Warrant Article***2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required*****The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.**

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 10-0.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to replace sidewalks in the village area, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$40,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first interest payment will be due in 2020. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen is agent to expend, will be used for the annual principal and interest payments for the life of the loan. Should both Articles 9 & 14 be approved, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to pursue integrated funding opportunities.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 10-0.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of **\$6,936,460** for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 5 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstentions.

Article 16: To hear the report of the Municipal Facilities Advisory Committee relative to the evaluation of existing facilities and an examination of alternative options and conceptual designs that meet the Town's municipal facility needs.

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153 to collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 per registration for the purpose of supporting a municipal transportation improvement fund. Said fund shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose and governed by the provisions of RSA 35, and the Board of Selectmen shall be appointed as agent to expend from said fund. All fees collected will be deposited in the newly created Municipal Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, and public transportation.

The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles, as defined in RSA 259:4.

Special Warrant Article

Paper Ballot Vote Required

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for community master planning with said funds to come from unassigned general fund balance.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-1.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-1.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in the Employee and Retiree Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned general fund balance.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-1.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$448,368 to be placed in the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 3-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 10-0.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to adopt, pursuant to RSA 72:81, a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in RSA 72:80). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and county taxes are excluded from the exemption. The exemption shall be granted for a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements, and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of ten (10) years. If adopted, the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a per case basis based on the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town's tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. If approved this exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for a maximum of five (5) tax years.

Special Warrant Article

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an electricity power purchase agreement of up to 25 years with a qualified third party that will install, own and maintain a solar energy system on the Department of Public Works salt and sand shed, and to grant a lease and easement for access to the location of the system. The Town will purchase the local solar energy at a cost of not more than \$0.120/kWh the first year, with an increase of not more than 2% in each subsequent year, and includes an option to purchase the system for no more than the depreciated market rate (as determined by an independent appraiser) during the term of the agreement. The Board of Selectmen would be authorized to negotiate terms and enter into said agreement through December 31, 2020, at which time the authorization would expire and necessitate additional Town Meeting approval.

Special Warrant Article

Article 23: (By Petition) "New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution"
"We the town of Enfield hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate

inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety"

"We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we rely."

"The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Enfield's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Enfield's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Enfield's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote."

Article 24: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

A true copy of warrant, attest:

John W. Kluge

Katherine D. P. Stewart

Meredith C. Smith
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ENFIELD NH

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

February 18, 2020

2020 Town Meeting Warrant

Town of Enfield, New Hampshire

We hereby certify that on February 14, 2020, we posted an attested copy of the 2020 Town Warrant at the Place of Meeting within named, and posted a like copy at:

Enfield Post Office
Enfield Center Post Office
Enfield Village School
Enfield Town Office
<https://www.enfield.nh.us>

Being public places in said town on February 14, 2020.

A true copy of Warrant:

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