

2018 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 13, 2018, 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 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. 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 4 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 17, 2018**; Articles 1 through 4 will be presented and Articles 5 through 20 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 Three Years: One Selectman
 One Trustee of Trust Funds
 One Cemetery Trustee
 One Fire Ward
 One Library Trustee
 Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members
 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?

Revise the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit to meet the updated Statutes.

Accessory Dwelling Unit: A single apartment of no more than 800 square feet, containing no more than one bedroom and one bathroom, must be connected to ~~the main~~ **a single family** dwelling by enclosed

weather-tight space with continuous roof and continuous foundation. The apartment and main dwelling are exempt from district acreage density requirements and must remain *under one ownership*.

Revisions to State Statutes RSA 674.71 & 72 revise language pertinent to accessory dwelling units by excluding certain types of structures from the requirement to allow accessory dwelling units in districts that allow single family homes.

Add the following definition to the Zoning Ordinance:

Single-family dwelling: A principal, detached residential living unit which stands apart from other buildings, except accessory buildings, is not a condominium as defined in RSA 356-B:3, V, is not manufactured housing as defined in RSA 674:31, and provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

Approved by a 6-0 vote by the Planning Board.

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

Delete the inclusion of "voluntary mergers" from the requirements for abutter notification. State Statute 674:39a does not require abutter notification for voluntary mergers.

Approved by a 6-0 vote by the Planning Board.

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

Add Section 402 O. to the Conservation District (C)

- O. In the Eastman Subdivision as shown on Tax Map 51, existing lots 1-127, no structure shall be placed, located, or constructed within fifty feet from the seasonal high water line of any river, stream, wetland, lake or public pond, and no dock may be located nearer than 25 feet from a side lot line. Dry hydrants, culverts and bridges may be permitted by Planning Board and with State wetland permits as required

The Conservation District requires 300 ft. separation from water bodies and wetlands. The Eastman District pre-dates zoning and is in the Enfield Conservation District. The revised language allows new construction in Eastman to be subject to the same setbacks as other Residential Districts in Enfield.

Approved by a 6-0 vote by the Planning Board.

Article 5: (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 **\$215,000** payable over a term of seven (7) years for the purpose of leasing one police cruiser (\$35,000) and one dump truck (\$180,000). The first payment will be due in 2019. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen are agents 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 7-0.**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$117,500** for Crystal Lake Road improvements (\$58,000), Fire Station and Shedd Street Garage Furnace and Insulation Upgrades (\$20,000), Huse Park Basketball Court Improvements (\$15,000), Whitney Hall Parking Lot Resurfacing (\$15,000), Transfer Station Office Trailer Replacement (\$6,500) and Community Building Security/Locks Upgrades (\$3,000), to authorize the issuance of not more than \$117,500 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 2018. The Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend, will be used for the annual principal and 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 6-1.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Employee and Retiree Benefits Trust Fund under the provisions of 31:19-a for the funding of employee and retiree benefits and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Town Manager as agent to expend from the Employee and Retiree Benefits Trust Fund. If Article 8 is approved by the voters the Operating Budget (Article 8) shall be decreased by \$15,000 to offset the impact of this appropriation. This decrease shall be reflected in Personnel Administration (Account Code 4155).

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 6-1.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of **\$ 6,429,592** for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority 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 7-0.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase the real property known as Mascoma Lakeside Park from the State of New Hampshire, identified in the Town's tax records as Tax Map 32, Lots 44 & 46, with the purchase price to be funded entirely from private gifts, legacies, grants, or other devises.

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 6-1.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$76,000** for the purpose of funding a strategic planning and governance project and the purchase and implementation of municipal finance and permitting software. If Article 10 is approved by the voters the appropriation to the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund (Article 11) shall be decreased by \$76,000 to offset the impact of this appropriation.

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 7-0.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$395,968** 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 7-0.

Article 12 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for wastewater asset management and planning, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000 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 2018. The Municipal Sewer System Capital Reserve Fund, which the Board of Selectmen are agents 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 7-0.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of **\$1** for the purpose of reducing the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 41:9, V. (Majority 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 7-0.

Article 14: To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,400** for deposit into the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This money represents 2017 revenue from the sale of cemetery lots.

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 7-0.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 20-year electric power purchase agreement with Barrington Power LLC, of Barrington, NH who will install, own and maintain a solar energy system on the Department of Public Works 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 \$0.12/kWh the first year, with a 2% increase each year, and includes an option to purchase the system. The Board of Selectmen would be authorized to negotiate terms and enter into said agreement through December 31, 2018, at which time the authorization would expire and necessitate additional Town Meeting approval.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of real property.

Article 17: Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Enfield?

Ballot Vote Required

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United State and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$200, the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Enfield under RSA 72:28.

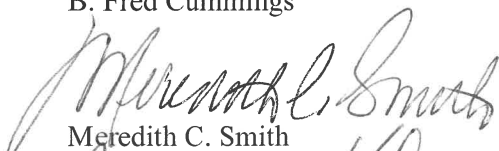
Article 19: To see if the Town shall vote that upon the sale of cemetery lots funds received from such sale shall be deposited in the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, in accordance with RSA 289:2-a.

Article 20: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

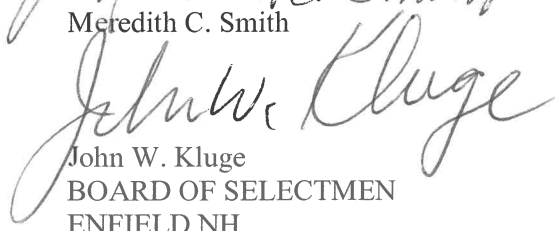
A true copy of warrant, attest:



B. Fred Cummings



Meredith C. Smith



John W. Kluge
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ENFIELD NH