



Winchester

The inhabitants of the Town of Winchester in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: Feb 6, 2021
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Winchester School 85 Parker ST.
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 9, 2021
Time: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Location: Winchester School
Details: 85 PARKER ST.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before <DATE>, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at <LOCATION> and that an original was delivered to <OFFICIAL>.

Name	Position	Signature
Herbert C Stephens	Selectman	
Gloria Leustek	Selectman	
Jack Marsh Jr	Selectman	
James Parker Sr.	Selectman	

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT
SB2
TOWN OF WINCHESTER
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Winchester, in the County of Cheshire in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Winchester School in said Winchester on Saturday the 6th of February next 2021 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to discuss, debate and amend warrant articles #1 through #30 and to receive the reports of the selectmen, town treasurer and other town officers including the agents and committees, and act thereon. Final vote will be by the official ballot on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021.**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Winchester School, 85 Parker St.in said Winchester on Tuesday the 9th of March next 2021 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects. The Polls not to close an hour earlier than seven of the clock in the afternoon.

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

Article 2: Shall the Town of Winchester 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 purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$3,675,097** (Three million six hundred seventy-five thousand ninety-seven dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$3,694,477** (Three million six hundred ninety four thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 3: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of **\$309,900**(Three hundred nine thousand nine hundred dollars) for the operations of the Water Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$309,604** (Three hundred nine thousand six hundred and four dollars) If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved. "With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 4: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of **\$375,544** (Three hundred seventy-five thousand five hundred and forty-four dollars) for the operations of the Sewer Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$389,439** (Three hundred eight nine thousand four hundred and thirty-nine dollars). If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved." With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,522.00** (sixteen thousand five hundred and twenty two dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Assessing & Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 16 at the March 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of performing the assessing update or revaluation of the real estate in the Town of Winchester scheduled for 2020-2025.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Town Owned Building Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of upgrades for Town owned buildings?

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** (five thousand dollars) for the Town's share of State road grant reconstruction costs for bridges and place it in the existing non-lapsing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting under Article 19 for that purpose.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1**
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Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000** (thirteen thousand three hundred dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of updating the current Police fleet.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement with a non-appropriation clause in the amount of **\$138,200** (one hundred thirty eight thousand two hundred dollars), to be paid in 5-year annual principal and interest payments of **\$27,640** (twenty seven thousand six hundred forty dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a **2021 John Deere 544P Wheel Loader**, and raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,640** (twenty seven thousand six hundred forty dollars) for the first years payment. Using the current loader as a trade to offset the total cost in the amount \$25,000 and putting a down payment of \$15,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account. At the end of the 5-year lease agreement, the Town will buy and own the 2021 John Deere 544P Wheel Loader for \$1.00 (one dollar). (Majority vote required)

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** (fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing **Highway equipment**.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing an Ambulance.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** (fifty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing **Fire equipment.**

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** (five thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Computer Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing/maintenance of computers.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Beach Ramp Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of installing a ramp at the Town Beach.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** (twenty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Culvert Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs & maintenance.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** (five thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Grant Writer Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying a Grant Writer.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Ashuelot Rail Trail Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs & maintenance to the trails.

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1**

Article 18: To determine if the Town of Winchester will appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of supporting youth programming through activities with ACCESS. The monies support ACCESS to scholarship children throughout the year who might not otherwise be able to attend program. While at ACCESS, children receive homework assistance and participate in enrichment clubs, games, and mentorship. The monies will also assist with running 6 weeks of summer camp which gives children the opportunity to hike, swim, build, craft, participate in special events, sports, engage in cultural literacy programming and so much more.

Inserted by Petition

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 19: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty thousand dollars) for the purpose of subsidizing youth recreation in the Town of Winchester to be paid to the E.L.M. Memorial Community Center on a contractual basis.

Inserted by Petition

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to be given to the Winchester Historical Society for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Sheridan House so that this museum may continue to preserve the history of Winchester for benefit of the public.

Inserted by Petition

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 21: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to support the annual Winchester Pickle Festival?

Inserted by Petition

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 22: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to hire a part time social worker to work 20 hours a week for the Winchester Police Department?

Inserted by Petition

- **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 23: Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to purchase equipment to live stream and video record all public board and committee meetings to provide transparency and accountability to the citizens and taxpayers.

Inserted by Petition

- **Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 24: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, for the “All” Veterans’ tax credit of, \$750.00, on residential property?” The credit granted under this section shall increase the amount of the optional veterans’ tax credit in effect, of \$500.00, under RSA 72:28II. This replaces RSA 72:28, II in its entirety and no longer requires, “War Time Service”, to qualify. (Surviving Spouse also qualifies)

Inserted by Petition

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 25: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, I-a, for an optional Veterans’ tax credit of, \$3,000.00, for; service-connected, total and permanent disabled Veterans’, on residential property, and replace the existing, \$2,000.00, optional tax credit in its entirety? (Surviving Spouse also qualifies)

Inserted by Petition

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 26: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, for an optional Veterans’ tax credit of, \$750.00, on residential property and replace the existing optional tax credit in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto. (Surviving Spouse also qualifies)

Inserted by Petition

- **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**
- **Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0**

Article 27: Are you in favor of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend the Aquifer Protection District to remove the Commercial District from the Ordinance.

- **Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0**

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the reports of the Selectmen, Auditors and other Town Officers.

Article 29: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.