

**FISCAL YEAR 2026
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Pursuant to the Peterborough Charter, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town on **Tuesday, the 8th day of April 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting (to deliberate on Articles 3 – 18).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Town House, in said Town on **Tuesday, the 13th day of May 2025, at 7:00 a.m.** (Polls close at 7:00 p.m.) for the second session of the Annual Town Meeting (to act on Articles 1- 18).

You are hereby further notified that consideration of all other articles contained in the warrant will commence at the third session of the Annual Town Meeting at the Town House in said Town on **Wednesday, the 14th day of May 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT ARTICLES
MAY 13TH, 2025**

ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMAN for Three Years;
vote for not more than one

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS for Three Years; *vote for not more than one*

PLANNING BOARD for Three Years;
vote for not more than two

BUDGET COMMITTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than three

RECREATION COMMITTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT for Three Years; *vote for not more than one*

RECREATION COMMITTEE for Two Years;
vote for not more than one

CEMETERY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one

OTHER BALLOT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2. ZONING AMENDMENTS

ZONING AMENDMENT 1:

ARTICLE 3. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – \$19,047,184

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Nineteen Million, Forty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$19,047,184)** for the support of General Municipal, Water, and Wastewater Operations. This represents the fiscal year 2026 budget period, July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 4. PAY-AS-YOU-THROW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – \$113,672

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$113,672)** for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Town's Pay-As-You-Throw program, with said funds to come from Pay-As-You-Throw Special Revenue Fund and no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 5. POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET MANAGEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – \$125,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000)** to be placed in the previously established Police Department Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 6. FLEET MANAGEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – \$300,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000)** to be placed in the previously established Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 7. ROADWAY SYSTEM UPGRADES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – \$400,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)** to be placed in the previously established Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 8. BRIDGES, CULVERTS, AND DAMS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$400,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)**, to be placed in the previously established Bridges, Culverts, and Dams Expendable Trust Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 9. ADAMS POOL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – \$35,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000)** to be placed in the previously established Adams Pool Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 10. AMBULANCE SERVICE REVOLVING FUND – \$375,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000)** to be placed in the Ambulance Service Revolving Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 11. WEST PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND – \$1,227,194.34

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million, Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Thirty-Four Cents (\$1,227,194.34)** from the West Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District taxes collected, to be placed in the previously established West Peterborough District Expendable Trust Fund, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 12. GREATER DOWNTOWN DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$700,943

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$700,943)** from the Greater Downtown Tax Increment Finance District taxes collected, to be placed in the previously established Greater Downtown District Expendable Trust Fund, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 13. SOUTH PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$829,560

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$829,560)** from the South Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District taxes collected, to be placed in the previously established South Peterborough District Expendable Trust Fund, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 14. DISCONTINUE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds with said funds accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the municipality's general fund:

- Fire and Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund, date of establishment 3/13/1973, with a zero balance (\$0)
- Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund, date of establishment 3/14/1972, with a zero balance (\$0)
- Water Department Capital Reserve Fund, date of establishment 3/14/1944, with a zero balance (\$0)
- Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, date of establishment 3/10/1998, with a zero balance (\$0)
- Landfill Pollution Abatement Fund, date of establishment 3/12/2005, with a zero balance (\$0)
- Library Renovation Project Expendable Trust Fund, date of establishment 7/14/2020, with a zero balance (\$0)

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 15. UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - \$10,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** for the purpose of planning and celebrating the United States Semiquincentennial Anniversary in 2026.

The Select Board does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of 2-1
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 6-0-2

ARTICLE 16. TERMS OF COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS – \$3,960

To see if the town will vote to amend the annual terms of compensation for the elected Treasurer and appointed Deputy Treasurer as follows:

- Treasurer from \$2,040 a year to \$5,000 a year
- Deputy Treasurer from \$1,500 a year to \$2,500 a year

And, furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$3,960)** as the cost associated with this warrant article for fiscal year 2026.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 6-0-2

ARTICLE 17. ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Peterborough, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

- For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, 100,000
- For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, 150,000
- For a person 80 years of age or older, 200,000

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

ARTICLE 18. DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF BASS ROAD – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 229:5, VII and RSA 231:45 to change the classification of a portion of Bass Road starting at the intersection of Bass Road with Wilton Road (Route 101) to the easterly boundary line of Tax Map R002, Lot 41 from a Class V highway to a Class VI highway subject to gates and bars. Said portion of Bass Road having approximately 952 feet of linear frontage. If approved, this reclassification would prevent the discontinued portion of Bass Road from being used as a throughway by motor vehicles between Elm Hill Road and Wilton Road. By Petition.

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

**OPEN SESSION ARTICLES
MAY 14TH, 2025**

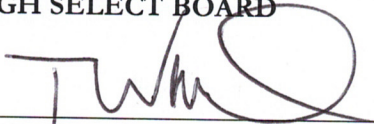
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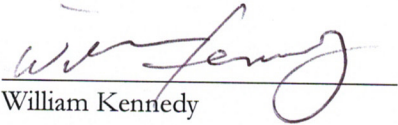
The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

Pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Peterborough, if the Official Ballot Session adopts an annual budget by approving **Article 3**, this article will be passed over.

SUBMITTED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2025, PETERBOROUGH SELECT BOARD



Tyler Ward, Chair



William Kennedy

Bill Taylor