

**FISCAL YEAR 2023
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 5th day of April 2022, at 7:00 p.m.* for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting (to deliberate on Articles 3 - 12).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm St, in said Town on *Tuesday, the 10th day of May 2022, 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- 12).

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 1st day of May 2022, at 7:00 p.m.*

**OFFICIAL BALLOT ARTICLES
MAY 10TH, 2022**

ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMAN for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Bill Taylor

CEMETERY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Linda M. Guyette

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

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than three
Mandy Sliver
Leslie Lewis
River Marmorstein
Andrew Osterman

LIBRARY TRUSTEES for One Year;
vote for not more than two
John Lawlor
Peggy Van Valkenburgh

BUDGET COMMITTEE for One Year;
vote for not more than one
Mary Clark

PLANNING BOARD for Three Years;
vote for not more than two
Carl Staley
Blair J. Weiss
Joshua Blair

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE for Three
Years; *vote for not more than two*
Roxanne Loudin
Andrew Osterman

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for
Six Years; *vote for not more than one*
Denise Sweet

RECREATION COMMITTEE for Two
Years; *vote for not more than one*
Zoe Wroten-Heinzmann

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for
Two Years; *vote for not more than one*
Laura Norton
Kathy Sullivan

OTHER BALLOT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2. ZONING AMENDMENTS

ZONING AMENDMENT 1:

- 1) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the definition of “Dwelling or Dwelling Unit” under §245-4 to read as follows:
“A building or portion thereof providing complete housekeeping facilities for one (1) family, which contains areas for living, cooking, sleeping, bathing, and sanitary facilities. These terms shall include manufactured housing, apartments, efficiency apartments, and condominium units and shall exclude hotels and motels. These terms shall also include what is commonly referred to as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) or ‘in-law apartment;’ such units shall be treated as any other dwelling unit in Peterborough.”

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 2) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the definition of “Manufactured Housing” under §245-4 by removing the dimensional requirements. *Removal of those requirements allows for the future potential of smaller dwellings, such as tiny homes, to be allowed.*

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 3) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Family District, under §245-6, by adding manufactured housing as a permitted use.

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 4) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the General Residence District, under §245-7, by removing the minimum dwelling size requirements under §245-7 C (7). *Removal of these requirements allows for the potential future opportunity of tiny homes while International Building Code will continue to govern dwelling size requirements.*

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 5) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the West Peterborough District, under §245-9.1, by adding manufactured housing as a permitted use.

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 6) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Community Health Care District, under §245-9.2, by adding manufactured housing as a permitted use.

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 7) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Floodplain District, under §245-13, by changing “mobile homes” to “manufactured homes” under §245-13 J. *Manufactured homes is broader definition which includes mobile homes and mirrors the term used by FEMA in their sample floodplain ordinance.*

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 8) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the Groundwater Protection Overlay Zone, under §245-14, by adding the authority clause which reads as follows: “A. Authority. This ordinance is adopted under the authority granted pursuant to RSA 674:161, Grant of Power; and RSA 674:21, II,

Innovative Land Use Controls.” *This ordinance currently employs Innovative Land Use Controls and adding the authority clause will further clarify the Planning Board’s powers.*

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 9) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), under §245-24.1, to rescind the minimum size regulation and to increase the maximum size regulation. This amendment as proposed under §245-24.1A(1) reads as follows: “No accessory dwelling unit shall be larger than 1,000 square feet or 30% of the gross living area of the principal unit, not including unfinished spaces such as but not limited to unfinished attics or unfinished basements.” *This proposal gives greater flexibility for those seeking to build ADU’s and allows for the future potential of tiny homes.*

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7-0.

- 10) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend Manufactured Housing, under §245-34:

- to repeal the requirement that manufactured housing must be placed on a permanent foundation;
- to include the Family District, Monadnock Community Health Care District, and West Peterborough District under §245-34 A as clarification of Districts which allow manufactured housing;
- to amend §245-34 B for clarification and to allow for temporary manufactured homes to be allowed by Special Exception in all Districts for a period of no more than two years while a permanent residence is being built; and,
- to repeal the current language of §245-34 C and replace it with “For emergency manufactured homes, please refer to 245-17.”

This proposed amendment aims to make manufactured housing an accessible and affordable housing option in Town by removing the requirement to provide a full, permanent foundation and by removing the minimum size requirements.

The Planning Board is in favor of this amendment, 6-0, with 1 abstention.

11) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend the permitted uses of Monadnock Community Health Care District, under §245-9.2C(5) to allow for multi-family housing which is not restricted to staff and students of the hospital. *This proposed amendment encourages the development of housing while removing the burden on the Town to ensure tenants are affiliated with the hospital in perpetuity of their tenancy.*

The Planning Board is in favor of this amendment, 4-3.

ARTICLE 3. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 – \$13,691,283

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen Million, Six Hundred Ninety-One Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$13,691,283)** for the support of General Municipal, Water, and Wastewater Operations. This represents the fiscal year 2023 budget period, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. 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 9-0

ARTICLE 4. PAY-AS-YOU-THROW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – \$112,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$112,000)** 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 9-0

ARTICLE 5. CAPITAL RESERVE AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS – \$353,100

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$353,100)** to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve and expendable trust funds:

- Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the GIS Capital Reserve Fund
- Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$18,100) to be placed in the Police Department Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund
- One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in Fire Department Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Winter Operations Expendable Trust Fund

- One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be placed in the Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund
- Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to be placed in the Recreation Department Equipment 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 9-0

ARTICLE 6. 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 9-0

ARTICLE 7. TRANSFER FROM CEMETERY FUND – \$3,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000)** to be added to the previously established Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund, and further, to transfer said amount from the Cemetery Trustee’s checking account to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund. This amount is funded 100% by the sale of deeds for burial lots.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 8. MUNICIPAL FACILITIES CAMPUS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND – \$350,082

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of an Expendable Trust Fund (pursuant to RSA 31:19-a) to be known as the “Municipal Facilities Campus Expendable Trust Fund” for the purpose of retaining funds for the designing, engineering and construction of a municipal facilities campus off of Elm Street and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Eighty Two Dollars (\$350,082)** from fund balance, to be placed in this new Municipal Facilities Campus Expendable Trust Fund, per the Acceptance of Unanticipated Moneys pursuant to RSA 31:95b of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the State of New Hampshire under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 accepted by the Selectmen on August 3, 2021 to be used for this purpose; no money 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 9-0

ARTICLE 9. SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – \$75,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000)** to be placed in the previously established Sewer Capital Reserve Fund. This amount is funded 100% by Sewer Fees.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 10. DISCONTINUE FUND

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

- o Fire Department Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund, date of establishment 5/13/2014, with an approximate balance of Thirty-One Dollars and Twenty-Five cents (\$31.25)

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

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 11. COMMUNITY POWER PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Peterborough Community Power Plan pursuant to RSA 53-E:7, which authorizes the Select Board to develop and implement Peterborough Community Power as described therein. Under the Community Power Plan, the Town is authorized to buy electricity in bulk for its residents and businesses. The plan's goal is to help ratepayers save money on their electric bills, while also getting more energy from renewable sources. The plan will be self-funding, with no amount to be raised from taxation. Each ratepayer will be able to choose from among four optional rate tiers with varying percentages of renewable energy and rates, or they may opt-out of the plan if desired.

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

ARTICLE 12. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SUPPORT – \$15,500 – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,500)** for the purpose of a contractual service to support the Economic Development Authority in their efforts to promote business retention and new business development. By Petition.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 2-1

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4-2

OPEN SESSION ARTICLES
MAY 11TH, 2022

ARTICLE 13. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 – \$13,691,283

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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 9-0

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.

ARTICLE 14. MUNICIPAL CAMPUS AND FIRE & AMBULANCE FACILITY – \$2,000,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)** (gross budget) for the purpose of designing and engineering a Municipal Campus and Fire & Ambulance Facility located off of Elm Street; to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, R.S.A. 33.1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof as shall be in the best interest of the Town; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State or any and all other aid, grants, gifts or revenue source that may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or any other action relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate the amount of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** for the Fiscal Year 2023 bond payment.

Pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Peterborough, a two-thirds vote in favor is required for passage of this article.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 6-1

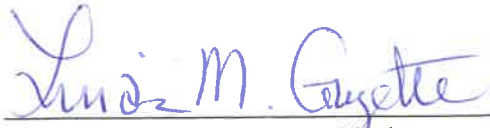
ARTICLE 15. AMBULANCE SERVICE REVOLVING FUND – \$328,738

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$328,738)** to be placed in the Ambulance Service Revolving Fund. This amount represents the Town of Peterborough's share of the cost to operate the 911 Emergency Response Ambulance Service for calendar year 2022.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

This is a true and certified copy.



Linda M. Guyette, Town Clerk
Peterborough, NH