



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

**2023
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TOWN OF LANCASTER
New Hampshire

Lancaster

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

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 14, 2023
Time: 08:00 a.m. to 07:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall Auditorium, 25 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584
Details: To act upon Article 1 by written ballot

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: March 14, 2023
Time: 07:30 p.m.
Location: Town Hall Auditorium, 25 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584
Details: To act upon the remaining articles

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Weeks Library, 128 Main Street, Lancaster, New Hampshire, and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature



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Article 01 Election of Town Officers

To choose One (1) Selectman for Three (3) years; One (1) Town Clerk for Three (3) years; One (1) Treasurer for Three (3) years; One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for Three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Emmons Smith Fund Committee member for Three (3) years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for Three (3) years; Three (3) Colonel Town Spending Committee members for Three (3) years.

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,125,150.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

Article 03 Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$55,000
Fire Department	\$50,000
Police	\$10,000
Library	\$10,000
Cemetery	\$10,000
Town Hall	\$10,000
Transfer Station	\$10,000
Colonel Town	\$10,000
 Total	 \$165,000

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 04 Reimburse Industrial Development Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Fifty-Four Dollars (\$24,054.00) to be added to the Industrial Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 05 Purchase New 10-wheel dump truck w/Body & Plow

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$253,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new 10-wheel dump truck w/body and plow for the Highway Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 06 Purchase New Backhoe

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new backhoe for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 07 Town Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of a Town-wide Revaluation and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)



Article 08 Purchase New Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing of a new ambulance for the Fire/EMS Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 09 Purchase New Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$64,391.00) for the purpose of purchasing of a new police cruiser for the Police Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 10 Support Lancaster Historical Society

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to assist the Lancaster Historical Society with the costs of the restoration of sills, joists, support columns and replace the bulkhead of the Wilder-Holton House Museum at 226 Main Street with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 11 Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Heal

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$5,921.00) for the support of Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health.

Article 12 Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Nine Dollars (\$1,609.00) for the support of the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Article 13 CASA

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire.

Article 14 American Red Cross

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (1,600.00) for the support of the American Red Cross.

Article 15 Tri County Community Action Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Forty-Five Dollars (\$8,045.00) for the support of the Tri-County Community Action programs to include Fuel & Electrical Assistance, Weatherization, Transportation, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Guardianship, RSVP, and Workforce programs.

Article 16 Center for New Beginnings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to help support the Center for New Beginnings in Littleton, which provides counseling and mental health services to individuals throughout the North Country.

Article 17 North Country Home Health & Hospice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$17,991.00) for the support of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency.



Article 18 Androscoggin Valley Home Care

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the clients of Androscoggin Valley Home Care who live in Lancaster.

Article 19 Backpack Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,150.00) to assist with the cost of the North Country Weekend Backpack program.

Article 20 Soup Kitchen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster Soup Kitchen. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 21 Food Pantry

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster Food Pantry. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 22 Mt Washington Regional Airport

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$1,653.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

Article 23 Sale of Town Properties

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned properties shown on tax map P05, Lot 066-B1, buildings located at 44 Depot Street and tax map P05, Lot 064-B1 buildings, located at 50 Depot Street. Said properties to be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by purchaser.

Article 24 Readopt Optional Veterans Credit

Shall the town READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$100? (Majority vote required)

Article 25 Readopt All Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the town READOPT the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

Article 26 Transact Other Business

To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.