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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 10, 2026
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 through 4 by written ballot

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

Date: March 10, 2026
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 23, 2026, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Weeks Memorial Library and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature

Article 01 Election of Town Officers

To choose One (1) Selectman for Three (3) years; One (1) Treasurer for Three (3) years; One (1) Town Clerk for Three (3) years; One (1) Moderator for Two (2) years; One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for Three (3) years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for Six (6) 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 Zoning Ordinance Adoption

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amended Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Lancaster Planning Board?

Article 03 Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Conservation Subdivision

Are you in favor of the adoption of a Conservation Subdivision amendment to the Lancaster Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Lancaster Planning Board?

Article 04 Combine Town Clerk & Tax Collector Positions

Are you in favor of combining the offices of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector to create a new office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector with the term of office be Three (3) years? RSA 41:45-a. If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting to choose a town clerk/tax collector. (Majority ballot vote required)

Article 05 Lead Service Line Improvement

To see if the Town of Lancaster will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and No Cents ($1,835,343.00) for the purpose of all work needed to identify, engineer, purchase of materials, and replace water system services improving compliance with the Federal Lead and Copper Rule. Such sum to be raised by the issuance of Bonds or Notes not to exceed $1,835,343 under, and in compliance with, the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Lancaster Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, term of payment, and rate of interest thereon. Further, to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Lancaster, NH. And to further authorize the Lancaster Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend unanticipated money from the state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available pursuant to RSA 31:95-b for the same or similar purposes of this article. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or until December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner. (3/5ths ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0 and Budget Committee, 9-1)

Article 06 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Million Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars ($9,628,282.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

Article 07 Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($247,500.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Bridge Repair	$20,000
Col. Town	$25,000
Highway	$75,750
Fire/EMS	$75,500
Police	$10,000
Town Hall	$21,250
Cemetery	$10,000
Library	$10,000
Total	**$247,500**

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0 and Budget Committee, 7-3)

Article 08 Reimburse Industrial Development Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($3,400.00) 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, 3-0 and the Budget Committee, 10-0)

Article 09 Reimburse Capital Reserve from Fund Balance

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars ($875.00) to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0 and the Budget Committee, 9-1)

Article 10 Change Purpose of Fire/EMS Capital Reserve

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Fire/EMS Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Fire/EMS equipment to the Fire/EMS Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Fire/EMS equipment and building improvements and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 vote required).

Article 11 Change Purpose of Highway Capital Reserve

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Highway equipment to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Highway equipment and building improvements and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 vote required).

Article 12 Change Library Capital Reserve agents to expend

To see if the Town will vote to change the agents to expend for the Weeks Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 from the Select Board to the Library Trustees, pursuant to RSA 35:15, and to authorize the withdrawal of funds for the purposes for which the fund was created. No additional appropriation is required.

Article 13 Discontinue Dispatch Service Capital Reserve

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Dispatch Services Capital Reserve Fund created in 2021. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Article 14 Purchase Mobile Radios

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars ($19,264.00) for the purpose of purchasing mobile radios for the Fire/EMS Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 15 Lease/Purchase New Tasers

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a Five (5) year lease agreement in the amount of Sixty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars ($68,494.00) for the purpose of leasing tasers, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars ($13,699.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Article 16 Lease/Purchase Power Cot & Automatic CPR machine

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a Two (2) year lease agreement in the amount of Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars ($91,307.00) for the purpose of leasing a power cot and automatic CPR machine, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars ($45,654.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Article 17 Paving at the Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars ($62,000.00) for the purpose of paving at the Lancaster Transfer Station with said funds to come from the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3-0 and Budget Committee, 8-2)

Article 18 Emergent repair to sewer line

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.00) for the emergent repair of the sewer line on Middle Street from Mechanic Street to 173 Middle Street with said funds to come from the Sewer Enterprise Fund unrestricted fund balance.

Article 19 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 20 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 21 North Country Home Health & Hospice

To see if the Town of Lancaster, NH, will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars ($17,991.00) for the purpose of supporting Hospice, Home Health, Palliative and Long-Term Care Services provided by North Country Home Health & Hospice.

Article 22 Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars ($14,000.00) for the purpose of supporting Lancaster's elderly and disabled residents needing Long Term Care homemaking, bath care and nursing as provided by Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services.

Article 23 Backpack Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One Dollars ($1,471.00) to assist with the cost of the North Country Weekend Backpack program.

Article 24 Food Pantry

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster Food Pantry.

Article 25 Mt Washington Regional Airport

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars ($767.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

Article 26 Include Airport Contribution to Operating budget

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to include the Mount Washington Regional Airport contribution in the operating budget beginning in 2027.

Article 27 Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health

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 28 Modify Disable Veteran Credit

Shall the town modify the Service-Connected Total Disability Credit in accordance with RSA 72:35 I-a, from its current tax credit of $2,800 per year to $3,000 per year?

Article 29 Discontinue "Old Groveton Road"

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, subject to the rights of any public utilities, the following town road: Portion of Route 3 aka "Old Groveton Road" between Station 99 & 50 and Station 110 & 50 indicated in the layout plan "F-FG 035-1(3) (NH P2406) dated 11/20/1957, pursuant to RSA 231:43. Also described on the NHDOT map as "The Pines" which consists of nodes 147, 227, 149, and 148 off Main Street/Daniel Webster Highway. Total miles .24 miles. Discontinuance will result in the termination of the public's right of passage, and the land will revert to the abutting landowners, subject to any existing easements.

Article 30 Adopt Psychoactive Substances Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance, entitled Psychoactive Substances Ordinance of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire which establishes regulations for public safety, enforcement authority, and penalties for violations, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Article 31 Adopt Noise & Open Container Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed Police Ordinance, entitled Noise and Open Container Ordinance, which establishes regulations for public safety, enforcement authority, and penalties for violations, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Article 32 Adopt Disorderly Actions Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed Police Ordinance, entitled Disorderly Actions Ordinance, which establishes regulations for public safety, enforcement authority, and penalties for violations, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Article 33 Adopt Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed Police Ordinance, entitled Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance, which establishes regulations for public safety, enforcement authority, and penalties for violations, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The full text of the proposed ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Article 34 Social Districts

Shall we allow the operation of social districts within the Town of Lancaster? (Submitted by Petition)

Article 35 Transact Other Business

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