

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Strafford Town Hall** in said Strafford on Tuesday, the Fourteenth (14th) day of March, next at 8:00 A.M. to act upon the following subjects:

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

**** NOTE: ALL ARTICLES, EXCEPT ARTICLE 1, WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, March 18, 2023 AT THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL.**

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$390,000. for Capital Improvements (Drainage work, culverts, gravel and paving) of roads within the Town boundaries at the discretion of the Road Agent, as funding permits.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$864,405. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. for the purpose of improvements/maintenance/construction on the Police Department building.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. to be placed in the Police Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$582,971. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,194. for the purpose of funding a full-time Paramedic position and associated costs.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,268. for the purpose of funding a full-time Firefighter/Advanced EMT position and associated costs.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,217. for the fourth year's payment of the lease agreement for the new ambulance approved at the 2020 Town Meeting, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,217. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the ambulances, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,161. for the second year's payment of the lease agreement for the new Fire Engine Tanker approved at the 2022 Town Meeting and to authorize the withdrawal of \$154,161. from the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,058. for the purpose of purchasing a LUCAS Compression Device and associated equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,058. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,548. for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Portable Ventilators and associated equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$34,548. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose, with no amount to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the New Fire Station Committee established by a vote at the 2022 Town Meeting to be comprised of the Fire Chief, one Fire Department member, one Selectman, and two Town residents. The committee to report back at the 2023 Town Meeting.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,507. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Town Hall Building Maintenance, Improvements and/or Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Future Reval/Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Highway Department Vehicle and/or Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. to be placed in the Reflective Road Signage Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Repair/Replace Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,811,366. for general Town operations.

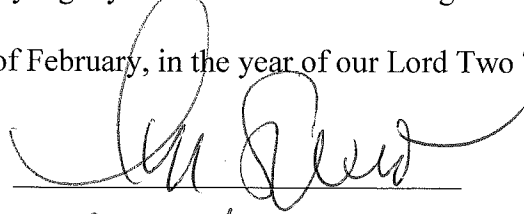
Executive.....	\$ 97,681.
Election & Registration.....	35,309.
Financial Administration.....	106,783.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	49,399.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	44,735.
Planning and Zoning.....	51,809.
General Government Building.....	54,050.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	39,550.
Insurance.....	60,847.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,339.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,800.
Contingency Fund.....	16,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	5,000.
Building Inspection.....	27,300.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	709,396.
Street Lighting.....	6,200.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	371,885.
Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	9,000.
Cornerstone VNA (formerly Roch Dstr VNA).....	3,991.
General Assistance and Welfare.....	10,000.
Community Action.....	2,000.
Haven Sexual Assault Support Services.....	992.
My Friend's Place.....	1,000.
The Homemakers Health Services.....	3,200.
Catamount Womenaid.....	1,000.
Ready Rides.....	1,500.
CASA.....	500.
Strafford Nutrition & Meals on Wheels.....	1,000.
Parks and Recreation.....	5,000.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,811,366.</u>

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,811,366. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

23. Shall the Town of STRAFFORD READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$200.? (Majority vote required)

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 13th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

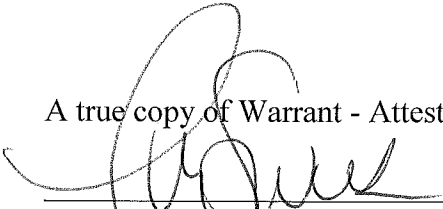




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Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:





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