

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 Twelfth (12th) 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.

** 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To amend the definition of ‘Frontage’ in *Section 1.14.5, Definitions*, of the Zoning Ordinance to clarify that frontage is the contiguous length of the lot bordering on a road, to eliminate the use of private way frontage unless in an approved subdivision, and to clarify the determination of and requirements for frontage for lots that straddle the town boundary.”

** 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment(s) to the existing Town of Strafford Zoning and Land Use Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

“To amend the definitions in *Section 1.14.12* (for Accessory Building), *1.14.13* (for Structure, and *1.14.14* (for Building), *Definitions*, of the Zoning Ordinance to add accessory structure and accessory use definitions to the accessory building definition, to clarify the definition of Structure including that all buildings are structures, and to clarify and simplify the definition of Building.”

**** NOTE: ALL ARTICLES, EXCEPT ARTICLES 1, 2 and 3 WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, March 16, 2024 AT THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL.**

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$430,000. 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.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900,873. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,889. for the purpose of funding a full-time Police Officer position and associated costs.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000. for the purpose of repairs and improvements to the central air unit at the Police Department building.

8. 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.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$851,953. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,915. for the purpose of funding a full-time Firefighter/Advanced EMT or Paramedic position and associated costs.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,217. for the fifth 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.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the ambulances, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose. No funding 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 \$154,161. for the third 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 \$77,081. from the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund to be used for this purpose. The balance of \$77,080. to come from general taxation. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,984. for the purpose purchasing ZOLL Ventilator service contract, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$13,984. from the special revenue fund known as the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established by Article 8 at the March 14, 2000 Town Meeting 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.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,824. for the purpose of purchasing a LUCAS Compression Device and associated equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$23,824. from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000. for the purpose of purchasing an E-Hurst Tool.

17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 to be called the Fire Department Class A Uniform Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Fire Department Class A Uniforms and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000. to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. 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. Article was tabled at the 2023 Town Meeting until the 2024 Town Meeting.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$166,905. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000. for the purpose of repair of rotting trim on the library building (\$3,500) and to remedy poor drainage in the back of the building (\$2,500), and to authorize the withdrawal of \$6,000. from the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. for the purpose of completion of projects associated with investigation for a new library site and building, which may include , but is not limited to land surveying, test pit etc., and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000. from the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to be used for this purpose. No funding to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000. to be placed in the Library Expansion/Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000. to be placed in the Bridge Construction & Repair Non-Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,879,288. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 100,814.
Election & Registration.....	33,350.
Financial Administration.....	105,026.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	47,992.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	44,712.
Planning and Zoning.....	52,550.
General Government Building.....	53,575.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	42,350.
Insurance.....	69,148.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,637.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,511.
Contingency Fund.....	15,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	5,000.
Building Inspection.....	39,501.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	733,690.
Street Lighting.....	6,200.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	393,749.
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.....	6,200.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks	6,800.
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$1,879,288.</u>

(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$1,879,288. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

30. Shall the Town of STRAFFORD ADOPT 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 standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of STRAFFORD under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

31. "To see if the Town will vote to reclassify from a Class VI town road to a Class A Trail a section of First Crown Point Rd from a point at the northeast corner of Tax Map 17, Lot 20 and the southwest corner of Tax Map 17, Lot 19 to the Barnstead town line (approximately 5,900 feet)." By petition.

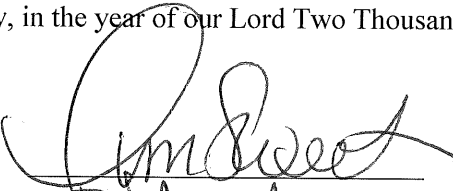
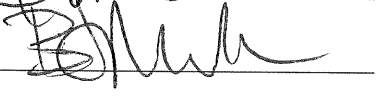
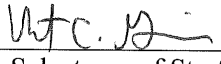
32. "Third of July Celebrations

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for purposes of supporting the annual July 3rd fireworks display (This is would still be in consideration of the \$6,000.00 already allotted). This appropriation, together with individual and business donations, will pay all direct display costs as well as the inspection, repair, and insurance for both pyrotechnics launch platforms." By petition. The Selectmen recommend this article.

33. "Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices." This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40." By petition.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-four.




Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

