

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 Tenth (10th) 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 1, 2, 3, AND 4, WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, March 14, 2026 AT THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL.

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

To amend Article 1.4.1K Accessory Dwelling Unit by repealing the existing article and replacing it with updated language conforming to the 2025 changes to NH RSA 674:71-73 and to add three new definitions: Article 1.14.25 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), Article 1.14.26, Accessory Dwelling Unit, Attached, and Article 1.14.27, Accessory Dwelling Unit, Detached. Under the new statute, either attached or detached ADUs are allowed by right in association with single family residences, and ADUs may be constructed by converting existing non-conforming structures. Building permits and all ordinances and regulations applicable to residential construction shall apply. The proposed ordinance would allow up to 750 square foot 2-bedroom ADUs on a non-conforming single family residential lot and up to 950 square foot 2-bedroom ADUs on a single-family conforming lot. Owner occupancy of one of the units is still required. Approved septic systems must be installed prior to occupancy.

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

To add a new Article 1.4.2 F (2) regarding a new requirement for securing a Conditional Use Permit for Home Based Child Care programs established as an accessory use to any residential property and outlining the criteria for issuance of the permit, and to add a new definition Article 1.14.28 Home Based Child Care. Home Based Child Care programs shall not require completion of a Non-Residential Site Plan.

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

To amend Article 1.7.1 Non-Conforming Use to clarify when Special Exceptions or Variances are required and the procedure for applying to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and to amend and clarify definitions by adding "and Non-Conforming Lot" to Article 1.14.6 Non-Conforming Structure and by updating the language of Article 1.14.7 Non-Conforming Use. Non-Conforming structures destroyed by fire or by an act of nature may be repaired, rebuilt, or replaced with the same dimensions in the same location, provided that repairs commence within one year of the event.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$460,000. 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.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,136,233. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Police Department.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000. to be placed in the Police Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,123,053. for the operation and maintenance of the Strafford Fire Department.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,161. for the fifth 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 \$54,161. from the Fire Engine Capital Reserve Fund to be used for this purpose. The balance of \$100,000. to come from general taxation. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. 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.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000. to be placed in the Fire Station Expansion/Improvement and/or Relocation Fund to be used for the purposes of funding expansion, improvement, and/or relocation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$204,840. for the operation and maintenance of the Hill Library.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000. to be placed in the Library Expansion, Improvements and/or Relocation Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of Library Expansion, Improvements and/or Relocation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,079,091. for general Town operations.

Executive.....	\$ 103,408.
Election & Registration.....	36,530.
Financial Administration.....	118,323.
Appraisal of Property & Tax Maps.....	125,087.
Legal Expenses.....	60,000.
Employee Benefits, FICA, Medi & Unemp. Comp.....	46,661.
Planning and Zoning.....	53,150.
General Government Building.....	60,300.
Auto Permits/Town Clerk Fees.....	42,350.
Insurance.....	92,687.
Advertising and Regional Association.....	4,870.
Strafford Regional Planning Comm. Dues.....	5,949.
Contingency Fund.....	15,000.
Annual CPA Audit.....	13,000.
Emergency Management.....	5,000.
Building Inspection.....	36,621.
General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance.....	759,590.
Street Lighting.....	5,800.
Solid Waste Disposal.....	438,207.
Animal Control.....	1,800.
Cemeteries.....	11,000.
Cornerstone 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.....	1,500.
Parks and Recreation.....	6,350.
Patriotic Purposes and Fireworks.....	6,900.
Conservation Commission.....	2,825.
Interest Expense & Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000.
TOTAL.....	<u>\$2,079,091.</u>

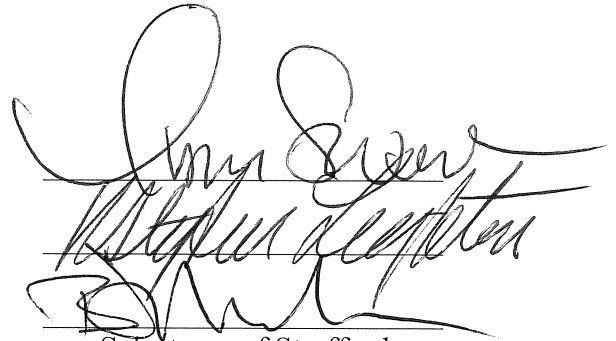
(The intent of this article is to raise the sum of \$2,079,091. exclusive of all other Articles addressed.)

19. Shall the Town vote to MODIFY the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT for SERVICE-CONNECTED TOTAL DISABILITY in accordance with RSA 72:35, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$1,500.? (Majority vote required)

20. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000. to open, improve, and maintain the dirt portion of Old Whig Hill Road; to preserve it as a dirt road; to repair and widen areas where two vehicles cannot currently pass safely; and to install proper drainage where standing water and mud often make the road impassable." By petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-six.



Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

