



Windham

The inhabitants of the Town of Windham in the County of Rockingham 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 (Deliberative Session)

Date: February 12, 2022
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Windham High School
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 8, 2022
Time: 7:00 am to 8 pm
Location: Windham High School
Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 28, 2022, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Nesmith Library and Windham Town Hall and that an original was delivered to Windham Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Ross McLeod	Chairman, Board of Selectmen	
Heath Partington	Vice Chairman, Board of Selectmen	
Bruce Breton	Member, Board of Selectmen	
Roger Hohenberger	Member, Board of Selectmen	
Jennifer Simmons	Member, Board of Selectmen	



Article 04 Purchase Conservation Land

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Two Hundred Thousand and no 100th Dollar (\$6,200,000.00) to purchase land and easements for conservation purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended); provided, however, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Town shall not issue more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of bonds or notes in any one calendar year, to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and / or issuance of said bonds or notes, however, no such bonds or notes shall be issued with a term maturity of not less than ten (10) years or more than fifteen (15) years. Land or property interest to be purchased with bond proceeds shall be acquired in the name of the Town by the Conservation Commission, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, pursuant to RSA 36-A:4. (60% Majority Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

Article 05 Property Maintenance Trust

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Article 06 Searles Revenue Fund

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500, said amount to be withdrawn from the balance in the previously established Searles Special Revenue Fund for payment of both marketing related and maintenance related costs associated with the Searles Building. Approval of this article will have no additional impact on the tax rate.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Article 07 Use of Unexpended Bond Proceeds

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2020 – Article 6, for repairing the roof and stone exterior of the tower of the Searles Building, and to raise and appropriate \$98,579 in unused bond proceeds for repairing the flooring structure of the tower and upper tower interior walls per RSA 33:3-a, II. No amount of money needs to be raised by taxation. (60% vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0



Article 08 Hiring Police Officer

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,070 for the purpose of hiring a full time Police Officer beginning on or about July 1, 2022. Said sum representing the costs associated with wages, benefits, and equipment needed for a portion of 2022.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Article 09 Town Hall Repairs

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of making repairs and renovations to the Town Hall, to include but not limited to, siding repairs and or painting, drainage improvements, moisture control, insulation, and window improvements. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of five (5) years, whichever is less. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Program.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Article 10 Purchase Small Excavator

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing a small excavator for the Highway Department and purchasing ancillary equipment for said vehicle. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

Article 11 Purchase 5 Ton Highway Truck

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000 for the purpose of purchasing a five-ton, six-wheel plow truck for the Highway Department and purchasing ancillary equipment for said vehicle. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Article 12 Master Plan Update

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of developing an updated Master Plan and to authorize the Planning Board to engage the services of a consultant to assist in the development of the plan. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of three (3) years, whichever is less.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1



Article 13 Use of Forest Funds

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be used towards forest improvements and maintenance within the McIlvaine Town Forest and further to raise the same by withdrawal of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) from the Special Forest Maintenance Fund created in accordance with RSA 31:113. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse for a period of three (3) years. Approval of this article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Article 14 Convey Easement Across Recreational Trail

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey an easement in favor of Brian Harvey, of MCL, LLC, over a portion of the Town's Recreational Trail, lot 9-A-770, in the area between Shamrock Road and Anderson Road, for the purpose of allowing a driveway easement to Lot 9-A-825 for a single-family residence. In addition, to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the terms of such easements as they shall deem appropriate as well as to take any other action related thereto. The ability to grant one driveway easement is in accordance with the deed allowances when the Town acquired the property from the State of NH in 2001.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Article 15 Adopt RSA 79-H Taxation on Public Charter School

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 79-H which allows the Town to "find it to be in the public interest to authorize municipalities to allow a chartered public school to be able to rent or lease its building or facilities from a property owner which is not exempt from property taxes, and not have the property taxes attributable to the chartered public school facilities be taxed to the owner at the full market value of the facilities?" If adopted qualifying chartered public school facility property would be assessed at no more than 10 percent of its market value.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Article 16 Placement of Tax Impacts on Warrant Articles

ARTICLE 16. – To see if the Town will vote in accordance with RSA 32:5(V-b) to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1



Article 17 Repairs to Gov Dinsmore Wall (Petition)

ARTICLE 17. By petition of Peter Griffin and others, a request to the voters to raise and appropriate \$9,500.00 dollars to restore the stonework on the historic Gov. Dinsmore Wall. This represents the third phase of work on the wall located at the corner of Gov. Dinsmore Road and Mockingbird Hill Road. The other phases included extensive tree removal, creation of a historic district, and the restoration of the bronze plaque. The goal is to create a pocket park.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

Article 18 Hand Counting of Ballots (Petition)

ARTICLE 18. By petition of Wanda Koch and others "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 an application for RSA 656:40, stating ballot counting machines were adopted on a trial basis, so we wish to return to manual hand counting by citizens.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

Article 19 Operating Budget

ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$17,583,167.58. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$17,071,004.58 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Town Officers' Salaries	3,330
Administration	866,110
Town Clerk Expenses	357,095
Tax Collector Expenses	192,230
Election and Registration	32,180
Cemeteries	41,450
General Gov't Buildings	411,520
Appraisal of Properties	203,840
Information Technologies	264,495
Town Museum	6,750
Searles Building	9,260
Legal Expenses	133,500
Retirement Service Charges	4,000
Insurance	381,555
Contracted Services	5
Police Department	3,856,965
Dispatching	542,180
Fire Department	4,218,620
Emergency Management	4,590
Community Development	607,690
Town Highway Maint	1,208,010



Street Lighting	15,320
Solid Waste Disposal	1,391,010
Health and Human Ser	52,925
General Assistance	45,540
Library	1,386,825
Recreation	286,840
Historic District Commission	7,500
Conservation Commission	7,160
Senior Center	5,370
Cable TV Expenses	129,790
Interest Expenses (TANs)	500
Long Term Debt	529,012.58
(Principal \$390,367.85 and Interest \$138,644.73)	
Capital Outlay – Roads (Part of CIP)	380,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

*Note: Warrant Article 19 (operating budget does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles).