



TOWN of NEW DURHAM
2025 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Durham, in the County of Strafford, in said State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of New Durham will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting – Deliberative Session

The first session, the Deliberative Session, of the 2025 Town Meeting was held on **Tuesday, February 04, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.** at the New Durham School Gymnasium located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH. The snow date will be Wednesday, February 05, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the New Durham School Gymnasium located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH.

Second Session of the Annual Meeting - Voting

The Second Session, the voting on all warrant articles, shall be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.** in the New Durham School Gymnasium, located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH, where there will be voting by official ballot for the election of Town Officers and all Warrant Articles with any amendments as made at the Deliberative Session.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

Number of Positions	Office	Candidate	Term of Office
1	Selectman	Rudy Rosiello	3 Years
2	Budget Committee	Ellen Phillips Kristyn Bernier	3 Years 3 Years
1	John C. Shirley Cemetery Trustee	Kelli Kostick	3 Years
2	Library Trustee	Patrice Mitchell	3 Years 3 Years
1	Planning Board	Tim Roukey	3 Years
1	Planning Board	Scott Drummey	2 Years
1	Town Clerk	Alicia Housel	3 Years
1	Trustee of the Trust Funds	David Allyn	3 Years
2	Zoning Board of Adjustment		3 Years
1	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Ken Fanjoy	2 Year

Article 2: 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,220,038. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,118,133, 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 a special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Majority Vote Required

[Note: Operating Budget & Default Budget includes the Library Budget.]

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2025 Proposed Budget: \$ 4.669 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2025 Default Budget: \$ 4.641 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6** to **1** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$560,000 for the purposes of a Road Program with said appropriation to be offset by an anticipated \$117,428 from the Highway Block Grant and the remainder to come from general taxation. This special Warrant Article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the Road Program is completed or by December 31, 2030 whichever is sooner.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.693 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to be placed in previously established Public Works related **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Highway Trucks	March 4, 1988, Article #9	\$350,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.548 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in previously established Public Works related **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
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Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	March 10, 2010, Article #15	\$20,000
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Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.031 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be placed in previously established Public Works related **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance:

Account	Created	2025
Road Reconstruction	March 10, 2010, Article #5	\$150,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.000 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in previously established Municipal Facility Land related **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Municipal Facility Land Acquisition	March 13, 2007, Article #8	\$50,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.078 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in previously established Public Safety related **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Fire Department Ancillary Equipment Non-Vehicle	March 10, 2015, Article #5	\$2,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.003 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in previously established New Durham Water Quality & Milfoil related **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Water Quality & Milfoil	March 11, 2009, Article #6 Amended for Purpose Change March 12, 2019, Article #11	\$25,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.039 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Smith Ballfield Improvements	March 11, 2008, Article #9	\$10,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.016 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Public Works Equipment	March 14, 2023, Article #10	\$100,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.157 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Library Facilities Improvement	March 13, 2007, Article #7	\$2,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.003 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$25,000, to be added to the 1772 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for urgently needed structural repair. Further, to direct the New Durham Board of Selectmen to work with the 1772 Meetinghouse Committee to find qualified restoration contractors and complete this work as soon as possible.

Account	Created	2025
1772 Meetinghouse	March 15, 2000, Article #14	\$25,000

(Majority vote required)

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.039 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this article by a **3** to **0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7** to **0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Computer Systems & Office Equipment	March 13, 1996, Article #11 Revised March 9, 2011, Article #26	\$50,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.078 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Records Management Fund	March 23, 1999, Article #23	\$5,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.008 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Fund** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

Account	Created	2025
Town Buildings & Improvements Fund	March 15, 2000, Article #15	\$100,000

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.157 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,800 for the purposes of funding contributions to Health & Other Agencies i.e. Cornerstone VNA, CAP of Strafford County, Kingswood Youth Center, CASA, HAVEN, and Strafford Nutrition – Meals on Wheels with this sum to come from authorizing the withdrawal of \$7,800 from the JC Shirley Timber Trust (Trust Fund #28). Said trust established for the purpose to “benefit of the Town of New Durham for such lawful purposes as the Town may direct at its annual meeting.”

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6 to 1** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to add to the wording and purpose of the existing 1772 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) established on March 15, 2000 at Town Meeting Article #14 to read as follows (wording change noted in bold): “To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35 for the purpose of restoration **and / or rehabilitation** of the 1772 Meetinghouse and designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.”

Two-Thirds Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5 to 0** vote with **1** abstention.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to change the current Advisory Capital Improvement Plan Committee supervised by the Planning Board originally authorized by Town vote at the March 13, 2007, New Durham Town Meeting and as provided by RSA 674:5, the Town will vote to establish an Advisory Capital Improvements Plan Committee appointed by the Select Board which is the governing body of the Town. The Advisory Capital Improvement Plan Committee would include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, one member from the Budget Committee, and one member of the Select Board, in addition to one or more members from the residents of New Durham and report to the Select Board. The purpose of this Committee would be the same as the existing Committee which is to prepare and amend a recommended plan of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years, all as required by RSA 674:5.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5 to 0** vote with **1** abstention.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 20: Are you in favor of having the Board of Selectmen explore bond costs for the purposes of accelerating Town road repair including culverts and other uses including a new public safety and public offices building, and Meetinghouse completion. This is not a bond approval Article but only advisory to present bond costs for future action by the voters.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6 to 1** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Shirley Cemetery Site Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established on March 09, 1994 Article #11. Said funds in the amount of \$1,928.45 and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal will be transferred to the General Fund. This article is contingent upon Article 22 passing.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **7 to 0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,928.45 from that amount to be placed in previously established Shirley Cemetery Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established on March 10, 2009, Article #12 with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as of December 31, 2024. This article is contingent upon Article 21 passing.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **6 to 0** vote.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, the method of investment of the proceeds from the sale of New Durham cemetery lots as follows: Upon the sale of cemetery lots, such money received from these sales shall be deposited with the Trustees of Trust Fund for the maintenance of cemeteries under RSA 31:19-a and in accordance with any authority or directive as provided, by and through the Town Meeting, by its vote on Article 24.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.
The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a **3 to 0** vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **5 to 0** vote with **1** abstention.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 24: To see if the town will vote to establish a *J.C. Shirley Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund* pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, allowing all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots in the New Durham cemetery and any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of the cemetery; and, further to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund, under the guidelines for this trust set forth in the J.C. Shirley Cemetery Expendable Trust internal control document.

Majority Vote Required

Estimated 2025 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article by a **2** to **1** vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a **4** to **1** vote with **1** abstention.

Yes _____ No _____

Article 25: To conduct any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal, this 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Five.

We hereby certify that on this 5th day of February, 2025, we had posted an attested copy of the warrant at the place of Meeting within named and a like copy at the New Durham Town Hall, a public place in said Town.



David W. Swenson, Chair



Marc DeCoff, Vice Chair



Dorothy Veisel, Selectman

Town of New Durham, NH

Final / Posted on February 06, 2025 _____ **By:** _____

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