



**TOWN of NEW DURHAM**

**2018 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 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of New Durham will be held on two days as follows:

**First Session of Annual Meeting – Deliberative**

The first session, the Deliberative Session, of the 2018 Town Meeting shall be held on **Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at the New Durham School Gymnasium located at 7 Old Bay Road in New Durham, NH. Snow date of February 7, 2018.

**Second Session of the Annual Meeting - Voting**

The Second Session, the voting on all warrant articles shall be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 8:00 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:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term of</u>
(1) Selectman	3 Years
(1) Moderator	2 Years
(2) Budget Committee	3 Years
(1) Budget Committee	1 Year
(1) Cemetery Trustee	3 Years
(2) Library Trustee	3 Years
(1) Planning Board	3 Years
(1) Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Years
(1) Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 Years

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Modify Article III by adding definitions of Obsolescence, Remodel, Repair, and Woodlot/Agricultural Lot.

Obsolescence: A reduction in usefulness, desirability or a failure to meet current building codes because of an outdated design feature that cannot be easily changed without incurring an unreasonable expense. (Note: Grandfather status of obsolescence is lost if rebuilding of structure is not completed 2 years after demolition.)

Remodel: Modification of architectural design, color, features, or materials of a building. Remodel does not allow the total demolition of a structure.

Repair: Replacement or mending of parts, existing but in a state of deterioration, with equivalent materials and for the purpose of maintaining their quality. Repair does not allow the total demolition of a structure.

Woodlot or Agricultural Lot: A type of non-residential lot that can be used for sustainable forestry and agricultural practices. Woodlots/Agricultural lots may not meet the minimal standards for designation as a residential lot. No dwellings are permitted on such lots, but campers and camp trailers may be present for a period no longer than 60 days when the land is in active use. Best management practices apply.

**(Majority vote required)**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.**

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 2 to the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Modify Articles VI and XIV by adding regulations regarding the storage of recreational vehicles to limit the number of recreational vehicles which may be stored on a property depending on lot size and location; require that RVs meet all setback requirements; prohibit the use of RVs for residential or business occupation except during the reconstruction of a home; limit sleeping in RVs to 14 nights per calendar month without a permit; and permit sleeping in RVs from May to October with a permit, provided appropriate septic is provided.

**(Majority vote required)**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.**

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 to the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Modify Article XVIII to add a reference map for the Merrymeeting Lake Watershed Overlay District and clarify that indirect and shielded outdoor lighting is required in that district in order to maintain a dark sky.

**(Majority vote required)**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.**

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4 to the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Modify Articles V and XXI, to regulate woodlots/agricultural lots which may

continue to be used for harvesting of timber or agriculture without meeting frontage requirements provided that a 50 foot wide deeded right of way is provided for access to those lots. No houses or camps may be constructed on woodlots, however campers and camp trailers may be present for no longer than 60 days when the land is in active use. A woodlot designation may be removed provided the lot complies with the zoning ordinance.

**(Majority vote required)**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.**

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 5 to the New Durham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Modify Article XX by increasing the number of permitted off site directional signs per harvesting season for agricultural products from one to four. Permission of the Landowner is needed to place signs on private property.

**(Majority vote required)**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**The Planning Board recommends this article by a 5 to 0 vote.**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease / purchase agreement in the amount of \$157,000 payable over a term of 3 years for replacement of the Fire Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and to raise and appropriate with the down payment amount of \$51,000 to come from the Fire Department Ancillary Capital Reserve Fund.

**(3/5 ballot vote required)**

Estimated 2018 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.

**Article 8:** 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 \$2,899,086. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,769,786, 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 – 2018 Proposed Budget: \$ 4.84 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact – 2018 Default Budget: \$ 4.52 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.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$381,700 for the purposes of a **Road Program** with \$114,700 to come from Highway Block Grant Aid, \$209,000 to come from taxation, and the remainder of \$58,000 to come from the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund.

**Majority Vote Required**

Estimated 2018 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.51 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.

**Article 10:** To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Selectmen by majority vote to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote.

[Note: After the Selectmen receive the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission or both exist, they shall hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale; provided, however, upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the Selectmen, prior to the Selectmen's vote, the proposed acquisition or sale will be inserted in an article in the warrant for the next Town Meeting.]

**(Majority vote required)**

The Board of Selectmen Recommends the article by a **3** to **0** vote.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of real property being a 42' x 42' barn for use by the Boodey Farmstead Project, said barn being a gift to the Town of New Durham.

**(Majority vote required)**

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

Estimated 2018 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

**Article 12:** To see if the town will vote to establish a Boodey Farmstead Project Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the design and construction of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead project and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be deposited into that fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

**(Majority Vote Required)**

Estimated 2018 Tax Rate Impact: \$0.002 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. (1- abstention)

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to establish a Town of New Durham Dam Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance of the Town's dams and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be deposited in that fund with this amount to come from taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

**(Majority vote required)**

Estimated 2018 Tax Rate Impact: \$0.08 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.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$233,000 to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Established</b>	<b>2018</b>
Highway Equipment	March 15, 2006, Article #12	\$20,000
Highway Trucks	March 4, 1988, Article #9	\$35,000
Library Facilities	March 13, 2007, Article #7	\$2,500
Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	March 10, 2010, Article #15	\$10,000
Milfoil	March 9, 2009, Article #7	\$5,000
Solid Waste Facilities Improvement	March 10, 2010, Article #14	\$2,000
Solid Waste Equipment	March 10, 2010, Article #14	\$10,000
Police Cruiser	March 15, 2000, Article #7	\$12,000
Smith Ball Field & Equipment	March 13, 2007, Article #9	\$1,500
1772 Meetinghouse Restoration	March 15, 2000, Article #14	\$5,000
Fire Truck	March 12, 2003, Article #11	\$40,000
Public Safety Facilities Improvements	March 10, 2010, Article #17	\$5,000

Road Reconstruction	March 10, 2010, Article #5	\$75,000
Fire Department Ancillary Equipment	March 10, 2015, Article #5	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$233,000</b>

**Majority Vote Required**

Estimated 2018 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.57 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.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,500 to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows with said funds to come from taxation:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Established</b>	<b>2018</b>
Computer Systems & Office Equipment	March 13, 1996, Article #11, Revised March 9, 2011, Article #26	\$7,500
Accrued Benefits Liability	March 13, 1996, Article #16	\$10,000
Records Management	March 23, 1999, Article #23	\$6,000
Town Buildings & Improvements	March 15, 2000, Article #15	\$12,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$35,500</b>

**Majority Vote Required**

Estimated 2018 Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.09 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.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$5,000) for the purposes of funding contributions to Health & Other Agencies i.e. Cornerstone VNA, Strafford County CAP and Homemaker of Strafford County etc., with this sum to come from authorizing the withdrawal of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) 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 2018 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.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of New Durham under RSA 72:28.

**(Majority vote required)**

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

**Article 18:** To conduct any other business which may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal, this \_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

We hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018, 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.

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David W. Swenson, Chairman

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Cecile Chase, Vice Chair.

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Rodney Doherty, Selectman  
Town of New Durham, NH.

**Final / Posted on** \_\_\_\_\_ **By:** \_\_\_\_\_

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