

**The State of New Hampshire
BOSCAWEN TOWN WARRANT**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boscawen in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Boscawen Public Library in said Boscawen on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2023, at 7:00 AM, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Cemetery Trustee (One 3 year term)
Library Trustees (Two 3 year terms)
Selectperson (One 3 year term)
Supervisor of the Checklist (One 5 year term)
Trustee of the Trust Funds (One 3 year term)

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance, Article X, Administration & Enforcement, 10.01 as follows:
Remove *this Ordinance* and add "Land Use Ordinances"? YES or NO
3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance, Article XII Definitions as follows:
 - a. **Accessory Use or Accessory Structures:** Remove the sentence "The accessory structure is not to exceed 144 square feet in size";
 - b. **Boarding, Rooming or Lodging House:** Amend to meet requirements of NFPA 101 Chapter 26;
 - c. **Family:** Amend definition to read, "A group of people related by recognized birth, marriage or other legal relationships."? YES or NO
4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance, Article XXII, from Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance to Renewable Energy Systems Ordinance? YES or NO

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED AS SOON AS THE POLLS ARE CLOSED, THE BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED AT THE BOSCAWEN PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE MEETING WILL CONVENE AT THE BOSCAWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, THE 14th DAY OF MARCH 2023, AT 7:30 PM TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

5. **To Authorize Long Term Borrowing for Sewer Project**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500,000 for the purpose of replacing sanitary sewer lines in the areas of Park Street, Oak Street, Prospect Street, Lower Queen Street, Chandler Street, and North Main Street designated as "Project 3" and "Project 4"

on Underwood Engineers sewer replacement plan; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,500,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any and all federal, state or other aid and/or grants that may be available for said project which aid and/or grant funding shall be used to reduce the amount of bonds or notes to be issued or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof. Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds, it is expected and intended that the debt service on the bonds or notes will be paid in part with funds from sewer user fees, grants, and general taxation. (3/5 ballot vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

6. Approve the 2023 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,863,268 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

7. Contribute to Capital Reserves Previously Established

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$351,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

- A) Fire Truck \$65,000
- B) Fire Station \$50,000
- C) FD Safety Equipment \$10,000
- D) Highway Heavy Equipment \$50,000
- E) Public Works Building \$25,000
- F) Municipal (IT) \$30,000
- G) C&D Landfill Closure \$32,000
- H) Municipal Buildings \$49,000
- I) Police Cruiser \$40,000

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

8. To Establish the King Street Improvements Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a King Street Improvements Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repair, construction, reconstruction and other streetscape improvements to King Street, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (4-1)

9. To Establish Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of an addition to the Dorval House and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

10. Adoption of RSA 261:153, VI Additional Motor Vehicle Registration Fee

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153 VI, to collect an additional \$5.00 fee in addition to the motor vehicle registration fees, for the purpose of supporting a municipal and transportation improvement fund, which shall be a capital reserve fund established for the purpose of general road improvements. Further, to see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) to be known as the "Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of said road improvements and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (3-2)

11. To Readopt Optional Veterans Credit

Shall the town vote to readopt the Optional Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

12. To Readopt the All Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the town vote to readopt the All Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

13. To Modify Elderly Exemption

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Boscawen, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$32,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$48,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$64,000. To qualify, the person must have resided in this state for at least 3 consecutive years preceding April 1 in the year in which the exemption is claimed, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

14. To Rescind Solar Energy Systems Tax Exemption

Shall the Town rescind the Solar Energy Systems Tax Exemption adopted at the March 8, 2011 Town Meeting and readopted at the March 9, 2021 Town Meeting. If passed, the rescission shall take effect April 1, 2023. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

15. Sale of Cemetery Lots per RSA 289:2-a

To see if the Town will vote to deposit the funds from the sale of cemetery lots into the General Fund of the Town as sale of town property. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

16. To Change Purpose of Municipal Buildings CRF

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund from maintenance and upkeep of town-owned buildings to maintenance and upkeep of town-owned buildings and grounds. And furthermore, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Two-thirds vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

17. To Change Purpose of Fire Station CRF

To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the existing Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund to include engineering, maintenance, improvements and expansion. And furthermore, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Two-thirds vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

18. To Transfer Interest in the Boscawen Town Hall

To see if the Town will vote to authorize to transfer its interest in the Boscawen Town Hall, Map 81D, Lot 21, with a physical address of 14 High Street, Boscawen, NH, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine are in the best interest of the Town, such authority to transfer shall continue to be in effect indefinitely, until rescinded. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

19. To Complete Town Hall Assessment Study

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,120 to complete an Assessment Study to determine required safety upgrades to bring the Town Hall into compliance with Life Safety and Building Codes. This is a contingent warrant article if warrant article eighteen (18) is not approved. If warrant article eighteen (18) is approved this warrant article shall be void. (Majority vote required)

Not Recommended by: Select Board (2-1) and the Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

20. Acquire or Sell Land and Buildings per RSA 41:14-a

To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Select Board 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 a majority vote. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

21. To Authorize Sale of the Torrent Station

To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the Torrent Station, Map 183C, Lot 81, with a physical location of 73 North Main Street, Boscawen, NH, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine are in the best interest of the Town, such authority to transfer or sell shall continue to be in effect indefinitely, until rescinded. This is a contingent warrant article if warrant article twenty (20) is not approved. If warrant article twenty (20) is approved this warrant article shall be void. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

22. To Authorize Sale of the 1913 Library

To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the 1913 Library, Map 81D, Lot 12, with a physical location of 248 King Street in Boscawen, NH, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine are in the best interest of the Town, such authority to transfer or sell shall continue to be in effect indefinitely, until rescinded. This is a contingent warrant article if warrant article twenty (20) is not approved. If warrant article twenty (20) is approved this warrant article shall be void. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

23. Establish a Contingency Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate \$33,000 to put in the Fund? This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the Fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

24. Contribute to Court Appointed Special Advocates

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to contribute to the recruitment efforts of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

25. Contribute to the American Red Cross

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to contribute to the operating costs of the American Red Cross? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

26. Contribute to the Community Action Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,600 for the continuation of services to the residents of Boscawen through the Concord area Center of the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

27. Contribute to the Boscawen Historical Society

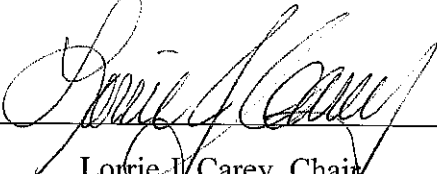
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,600 to contribute to the operating costs of the Boscawen Historical Society? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0) and the Advisory Budget Committee (4-1)

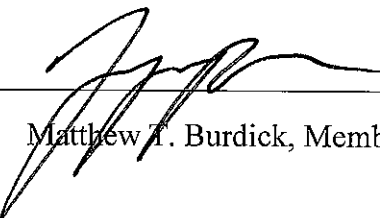
28. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16 day of 2023, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Three.

Town of Boscawen Select Board



Lorie J. Carey, Chair



Matthew T. Burdick, Member

Paul R. Dickey, Member

(Resigned 2/9/2023)