

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 12th day of March 2024, 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 Trustee (Two) 3 Year Terms
Moderator (One) 2 Year Term
Selectperson (One) 3 Year Term
Town Clerk (One) 3 Year Term
Trustee of the Trust Funds (One) 3 Year Term
Trustee of the Trust Funds (One) 2 Year Term

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: Article II, Zoning Districts, 2.02 Description of Districts, f. Mill Redevelopment District (MRD) amended as reads, A zone intended to accommodate a variety of residential, commercial and industrial uses, and to encourage redevelopment of formerly industrial properties and related land and buildings with standards for development in the Mill Redevelopment District in Article XXV?

Recommended by: Planning Board

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: Article IV, Use Regulations, 4.01 Table of Uses for Agricultural & Forestry, Commercial, Residential, Miscellaneous and the addition of footnotes 3-Mill Redevelopment District (MRD) and footnotes 4-Planned Unit Development (PUD) to reflect changes to the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, Cluster Developments Ordinance and Planned Unit Development?

Recommended by: Planning Board

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: Article V, Lot Dimensions and Area, to remove * relating to the MRD and insert the following: "The Planning Board may approve a conditional use permit that allows variable dimensional standards for property in the Mill Redevelopment District (see standards for development in Article XXV)?

Recommended by: Planning Board

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: Article XII, Definitions: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) A residential living unit that is attached or detached to a single-family dwelling unit or detached from a two-family dwelling (duplex) unit and, Planned Unit Development (PUD): A parcel or parcels of land developed by a master plan with a single use or mixed uses allowed, depending on zoning, and design flexibility from traditional Site Plan Regulations. The greater flexibility in locating buildings makes it possible to achieve certain economics in construction while preserving open space. All PUDs require Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval from the Planning Board and are subject to the provisions of Article XXV?

Recommended by: Planning Board

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: Article XIV, Cluster Developments Ordinance that include updates for mandatory Homeowners Association with private roads and incentives for density. This encourages flexibility with road standards for developers and lessens the cost to taxpayers?

Recommended by: Planning Board

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: Article XV, Floodplain Development Ordinance, as follows: Introduction, Definitions, Section 15.05, 15.07, 15.08, & 15.09, as necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

Recommended by: Planning Board

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: Article XXIII, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance, Sections 23.01, 23.02 & 23.03 to allow ADUs by right, allow attached and detached to single family homes and detached ADUs to two-family homes?

Recommended by: Planning Board

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the town of Boscawen zoning ordinance as follows: A new Article XXV, Planned Unit Development Ordinance that encourages the use of RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls, to provide flexibility and density incentives in land development for residential, commercial, and mixed uses?

Recommended by: Planning Board

10. Are you in favor of rescinding authority to accept dedicated streets for public use, from the Select Board, and giving authority back to Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of NH RSA 674:40-a?

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

11. Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business? **(By Petition)**

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 12th DAY OF MARCH 2024, AT 7:30 PM TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

12. To Approve the 2024 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,917,675 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) and Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

13. Contribute to Capital Reserves Previously Established

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$585,000 to be contributed to the Town Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

- A) Fire Truck \$80,000
- B) Fire Station \$75,000
- C) Fire Department Equipment Emergency Fund \$15,000
- D) Highway Heavy Equipment \$100,000
- E) Public Works Building \$100,000
- F) Municipal (IT) \$30,000
- G) C&D Landfill Closure \$40,000
- H) Municipal Buildings \$75,000
- I) Police Cruiser \$50,000
- J) Parks and Recreation \$10,000
- K) Town-wide Safety Equipment \$10,000

(Majority vote required)

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

14. Land Use Change Tax Percentage to Conservation

To see if the Town will vote to authorize that 0% of the Land Use Change Tax Collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II and return all funds collected to the general fund. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1st, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. **(By Petition)**

15. Charges for Professional Banking or Brokerage Assistance for Capital Reserve Funds

Shall the Town of Boscawen vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a, II to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds, to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of this article (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

16. To Adopt the Provisions of NH RSA 162-K

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA Chapter 162-K, Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts, which will authorize the establishment of one or more development districts at a future Town Meeting? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

17. To Establish Walker Pond Town Forest

To see if the Town will vote to establish as a Town Forest under RSA 31:110 the following parcels of land: map 45 lot 74, at 12 Chadwick Hill Road and map 45, lot 78 at Chadwick Hill Road?, totaling 82.48 acres, more or less; to authorize the conservation commission to manage this Town Forest under the provision of RSA 31:112, II, and to authorize the placement of any proceeds that may accrue from this forest management in the pre-existing forest maintenance fund established by vote of Town Meeting in 1982, which shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year as provided by RSA 31:113? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

18. To Adopt Boscawen Community Power

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Boscawen Community Power plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Boscawen Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

19. To Establish 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 \$30,000 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 Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

20. 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 Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

21. 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 Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

22. 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 Advisory Budget Committee (5-0)

23. Contribute to Boscawen Historical Society

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to contribute to the operating costs of the Boscawen Historical Society? (Majority vote required)

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

24. To Authorize the sale of the Torrent Station

To see if the Town will vote to 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 shall continue to be in effect indefinitely, until rescinded? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

25. To Authorize the sale of the 1913 Library

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of the 1913 Library, Map 81D, Lot 12, with a physical location of 248 King Street, Boscawen, NH, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine are in the best interest of the Town, such authority shall continue to be in effect indefinitely, until rescinded? (Majority vote required)

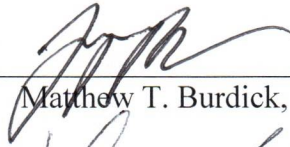
Recommended by: Select Board (3-0)

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

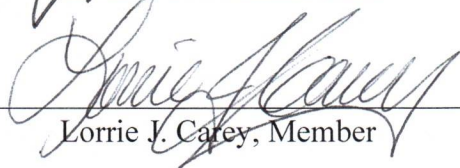
-Town Flag Presentation – Joshua Crawford

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

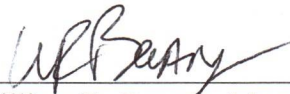
Town of Boscawen Select Board



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