

**FISCAL YEAR 2025
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Pursuant to the Peterborough Charter, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town on ***Tuesday, the 2nd day of April 2024, at 7:00 p.m.*** for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting (to deliberate on Articles 3 - 15).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm St, in said Town on ***Tuesday, the 14th day of May 2024, at 7:00 a.m.*** (Polls close at 7:00 p.m.) for the second session of the Annual Town Meeting (to act on Articles 1- 15).

You are hereby further notified that consideration of all other articles contained in the warrant will commence at the third session of the Annual Town Meeting at the Town House in said Town on ***Wednesday, the 15th day of May 2024, at 7:00 p.m.***

**OFFICIAL BALLOT ARTICLES
MAY 14TH, 2024**

ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMAN for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
William P Kennedy

TOWN CLERK for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Linda Guyette

TOWN MODERATOR for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
L Phillips Runyon III

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for Six Years;
vote for not more than one
Anthony Pascale

TOWN TREASURER for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Mandy Sliver

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS for Three Years; *vote for not more than one*
Thomas B Mullins

BUDGET COMMITTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than three
Albert Lenos
Richard Lesser
Donald Parkhurst
Charlie Hough

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT for Three Years; *vote for not more than two*
Leah Seymour
Ivy Vann
Jonah Orion Wheeler
Paul C LaRoche

CEMETERY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Richard Dunning

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than two
Karen Struthers
Laura Hanson

PLANNING BOARD for Three Years;
vote for not more than two
Andrew Dunbar
Stephanie Hurley
Sarah Steinberg Heller

RECREATION COMMITTEE for Three
Years; *vote for not more than two*
Zoe Wrotten-Heinzmann
Catherine "Sue" Forrest

OTHER BALLOT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2. ZONING AMENDMENTS

ZONING AMENDMENT 1:

- 1) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

A. To rescind §245-6 Family District and rezone all lots with Family District zoning as General Residence District. Re-zoning to General Residence District shall be in-kind to what exists currently with the Family District.

B. To rescind §245-7A1 "Any use permitted in the Family District" and replace it with a list of those permitted uses:

- "1. Single-family and two-family dwellings and uses thereto.
2. Recreational buildings and grounds for games and sports not carried on primarily for financial gain.
3. Accessory Dwelling Unit subject to the provisions of §245-24.1.
4. Workforce Housing Subject to provisions of §245-24.6."

C. To rescind §245-8A1 "Any use permitted in the Family District" and replace it with a list of those permitted uses:

- "1. Single-family and two-family dwellings and uses thereto.
2. Recreational buildings and grounds for games and sports not carried on primarily for financial gain.
3. Accessory Dwelling Unit subject to the provisions of §245-24.1.
4. Workforce Housing Subject to provisions of §245-24.6
5. Manufactured Housing subject to the provisions of §245-17 and §245-34."

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 6:0

ZONING AMENDMENT 2:

- 2) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To rescind §245-43 Elderly Housing.
This ordinance allows developers to build 10 units per acre anywhere in Peterborough. Forms of elderly housing will still be permitted in Peterborough through different sections of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board intends to refine how elderly housing may be more appropriately permitted and proposed it to be adopted into the Zoning Ordinance for Town Meeting in 2025.

The Planning Board supports this amendment, 5:1.

ZONING AMENDMENT 3:

- 3) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To rescind §245-24.1 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and replace it with an updated ordinance.

The updated ordinance includes some housekeeping items but there are two main changes: removal of the owner-occupancy requirement and removal of the parking requirements.

The Planning Board supports this amendment, 4:2.

ZONING AMENDMENT 4:

- 4) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To rescind §245-26 Open Space Residential Development and replace it with an updated ordinance.

The updated ordinance uses a divider of 5, not the current 3, to calculate the density yield in the Rural District; provides a clear purpose statement; definitions of 'Common Open Space' which distinguishes between 'Recreational Open Space' and 'Natural Resource Open Space'; gives Conservation Commission a role in reviewing applications; promotes diversity and creativity and lot sizes and housing styles; and allows for Current Use Assessment.

The Planning Board supports this amendment, 5:2.

ZONING AMENDMENT 5:

- 5) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To amend Off-Street Parking minimums by rescinding the entirety of §245-32 A *Number of Spaces* and replacing it with "The Town of Peterborough does not require parking minimums. For developments where adequate public parking is unavailable, the Planning Board reserves the right to require sufficient off-street parking necessary to meet the realistic demand of the proposed use, as determined by the Planning Board."

§245-32 B "Parking Facility Design" will remain intact.

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 4:2.

ZONING AMENDMENT 6:

6) Zoning Amendment – By Petition.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend §245 Open Space Residential Development by repealing §245-26 D8 and replacing it with the following: *“All new housing developments, specifically dense developments or multi-family developments, shall be connected to the Town water and sewer systems. Said development water systems and septic systems connected to municipal infrastructure shall be approved by the Peterborough Department of Public Works and the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.”*

The Planning Board **unanimously does not support** this amendment, 6:0.

ZONING AMENDMENT 7:

7) Are you in favor of modifying the requirements of Peterborough’s Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive as follows:

To modify the eligible project locations by expanding eligibility to encompass the entire Town.

Modification of this proposal does not automatically provide tax relief incentives to those who apply. Those who are interested must still meet certain criteria and must make an application to the Select Board for their review and approval.

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, 7:0.

ARTICLE 3. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 – \$17,589,895

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventeen Million, Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$17,589,895)** for the support of General Municipal, Water, and Wastewater Operations. This represents the fiscal year 2025 budget period, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-1

ARTICLE 4. PAY-AS-YOU-THROW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND – \$120,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000)** for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Town’s Pay-As-You-Throw program, with said funds to come from Pay-As-You-Throw Special Revenue Fund and no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 5. POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET MANAGEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$125,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000)** to be placed in the previously established Police Department Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 6. FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$210,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Ten Thousand (\$210,000)** to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-1

ARTICLE 7. PUBLIC WORKS FLEET MANAGEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$500,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000)** to be placed in the previously established Public Works Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 8. ROADWAY SYSTEMS UPGRADES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$400,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)**, Fifty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$53,434) to come from the proceeds of a special one-time highway payment in accordance with House Bill 2, and Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$346,566) to be raised through taxation, to be placed in the previously established Roadway Systems Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 9. RECREATION DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$15,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000)** to be placed in the previously established Recreation Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 10. ADAMS POOL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$20,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed in the previously established Adams Pool Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 11. GIS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$18,500

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500)** to be placed in the previously established GIS Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-1

ARTICLE 12. BRIDGES, CULVERTS AND DAMS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$500,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)**, Sixty-five Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$65,790) to come from the proceeds of a special one-time bridge payment in accordance with House Bill 2, and Four Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$434,210) to be raised through taxation, to be placed in the previously established Bridges, Culverts and Dams Expendable Trust Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 13. ESTABLISH WEST PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$1,417,389

To see if the Town will vote to establish the West Peterborough District Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of improving and maintaining physical infrastructure in accordance with the West Peterborough Tax Increment Finance Plan adopted by Town Meeting in 2004 and revised by Town Meeting in 2008, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million, Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars (\$1,417,389)** from the West Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District escrow account, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-1

ARTICLE 14. ESTABLISH GREATER DOWNTOWN DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$695,200

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Greater Downtown District Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of improving and maintaining physical infrastructure in accordance with the Greater Downtown Tax Increment Finance Plan adopted by Town Meeting in 2012 and revised by Town Meeting in 2015, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend; and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Hundred Ninety-five Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars**

(\$695,200) from the Greater Downtown Tax Increment Finance District escrow account, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-1

ARTICLE 15. ESTABLISH SOUTH PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$2,644,428

To see if the Town will vote to establish the South Peterborough District Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of improving and maintaining physical infrastructure in accordance with the South Peterborough Tax Increment Finance Plan adopted by Town Meeting in 2015, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend, to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Million, Six Hundred Forty-four Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars (\$2,644,428)** from the South Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District escrow account, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-1

ARTICLE 16. REVISE CODE BOOK OF THE TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER 59 ANIMAL CONTROL – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to revise Chapter 59 of the Town Code Book concerning animal control by adding:

§59-8 Trespassing livestock or domestic fowl shall be dealt with as described in NH RSA 635:3.

And to revise Violations and Penalties by adding the following:

§59-9 The penalty for violations may be a warning for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and court appearance for the third offense.

**OPEN SESSION ARTICLES
MAY 15TH, 2024**

ARTICLE 17. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 – \$17,589,895

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventeen Million, Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$17,589,895)** for the support of General Municipal, Water, and Wastewater Operations. This represents the fiscal year 2025 budget period, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of

Pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Peterborough, if the Official Ballot Session adopts an annual budget by approving **Article 3**, this article will be passed over.

ARTICLE 18. MUNICIPAL CAMPUS AND FIRE & AMBULANCE FACILITY BOND - \$12,100,000

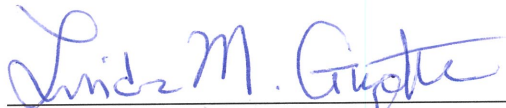
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,100,000)** for the purpose of designing, engineering, permitting, constructing, and interior fit-out of a Municipal Campus and Fire & Ambulance Facility located off of Elm Street; and further to authorize the issuance of not more than **Eleven Million, Six Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$11,640,000)** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms there of as shall be in the best interest of the Town; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State or any other such aid, grants, gifts, or revenue source that may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or any other action relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000)** for the first bond payment.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of

SUBMITTED THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2024.

This is a true and certified copy:



Linda M. Guyette, Town Clerk

