

2018 TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire
Town of New Ipswich

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich on the 6th day of February, 2018 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the first session (Deliberative Session) of the Annual Town meeting and you are further notified to meet at the Mascenic Regional High School on the 13th day of March, 2018 between 7 o'clock in the forenoon and 7 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Meeting (polls will be open for voting at the second session) to vote upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the following necessary town officials for the year ensuing:

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| Board of Selectmen | (1) | 1 year term |
| Board of Selectmen | (1) | 3 year term |
| Budget Committee | (2) | 3 year term |
| Budget Committee | (1) | 2 year term |
| Budget Committee | (1) | 1 year term |
| Board of Assessors | (1) | 3 year term |
| Trustees of the Trust Funds | (1) | 3 year term |
| Planning Board | (2) | 3 year term |
| Supervisors of the Checklist | (1) | 6 year term |
| Cemetery Trustees | (2) | 3 year term |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | (1) | 3 year term |
| Moderator | (1) | 2 year term |

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to correct a reference to an out of date document referenced in Article XIII, Section J?

ARTICLE 3. 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$2,350,650? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,309,472, 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 one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) for maintenance, construction and reconstruction of New Ipswich roads, and to meet said appropriation with anticipated funds from a New Hampshire Department of

Transportation Block Grant (amount not to be raised through taxation). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of 2 years, terminating on December 31, 2020, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of 2 years, terminating on December 31, 2020, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7 VI. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Not recommended by the Budget Committee 0-3.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$84,370) for contracted licensed ambulance service, emergency services and support. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$194,000) to be contributed to the previously established capital reserve and expendable trust funds as follows:

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| Highway Equipment Expendable Trust | \$75,000 |
| Fire Truck Capital Reserve | \$50,000 |
| Pool Expendable Trust | \$ 8,000 |
| Police Cruiser Expendable Trust | \$20,000 |
| Building Maintenance Expendable Trust | \$25,000 |
| Fire Department Protection Equipment Capital Reserve | \$15,000 |
| Maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve | \$ 1,000 |

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 2-1.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of repairing the tennis courts and creating two pickle ball courts, and to authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Not recommended by the Budget Committee 0-3.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$415,000) for the purchase of an NFPA 1901 current edition compliant pumper and to authorize the withdrawal of Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$415,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of 1 year, terminating on December 31, 2019 or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 2-1.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000) to support the New Ipswich Library. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Not recommended by the Budget Committee 0-3.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$23,500) for the fourth year of the five year cyclical revaluation 2015-2019, and for utility assessment, and to authorize the withdrawal from the Revaluation Capital Reserve fund established for that purpose. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$9,340) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services that assist New Ipswich residents:

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| Home Healthcare Hospice & Community Services | \$1,500 |
| Monadnock Family Services | 500 |
| Meals on Wheels | 1,840 |
| The River Center | 500 |
| Granite State Children's Alliance | 500 |
| American Red Cross | 1,000 |
| Community Volunteer Transportation Company | 500 |
| Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) | 250 |
| Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention, Inc. | 250 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 2,500 |

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$3,917) to participate in the City of Keene's household hazardous waste program. The program includes 24 waste collection dates and will allow residents to dispose of household waste free of charge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of 1 year, terminating on December 31, 2019, or when the project is completed, whichever comes first, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the annual funding from cable franchise fees to the Video Committee Revolving Fund from \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to \$1,750 (One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) the difference to be deposited into the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. (2/3 ballot vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Not recommended by the Budget Committee 0-3.

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$685,000) for the purpose of replacement of Bridge No. 108/070 on Taylor Road, Five Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$548,000) of such sum to be reimbursed from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, and One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$137,000) of such sum to be raised by taxation? This will be non-lapsing appropriation for as long as the money remains

available under the rules or practice of the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7 IV. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to modify the income limits for elderly exemptions and disability exemptions from property tax in the Town of New Ipswich, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: the person must be at least 65 years of age, have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$27,000, or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$37,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$61,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 23 of the 2014 Town Warrant establishing a Budget Committee. The Board of Selectmen would create the final budget to be submitted for voters' approval. (Submitted by petition) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David S. Lage, Chairman

Jay Hopkins

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