

2018 TOWN WARRANT

TOWN OF WEBSTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Webster in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Webster on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. **(BY BALLOT)**
2. To see if the Town will vote to combine the offices of Town Clerk/Tax Collector under the provisions of RSA 41:45-a, with a term of office to be 3 years. If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting to choose a town clerk/tax collector. (Majority ballot vote required). **(BY BALLOT)**

This Article SUBMITTED BY PETITION

You are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Business Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Webster Town (Grange) Hall, 945 Battle St. Webster, NH

TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,458,784** for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$196,500** to be added to the following established Capital Reserve Funds under RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required)

Office Equipment	8,000
Fire Department – Air Packs	20,000
Bridge and Culvert Improvements	75,000
Fire Department – Dry Hydrant/Repairs	2,000
Reappraisal	5,000
Town Hall Improvements	5,000
Police Cruiser	12,000
Emergency Apparatus	45,000
Fire Department – Bunker Gear	2,500
Public Safety Building	2,000
Webster/Hopkinton Transfer Station	5,000
Police Equipment	1,500
Highway Equipment	7,500
Medical Equipment	6,000

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$19,500** to add to the following established Expendable Trust Funds per RSA 31:19-a. (Majority vote required)

Forest Fire	2,000
Legal (Webster)	4,000
Welfare	1,000
Highway	5,000
Fire Department Equipment	5,000
Compensated Absences	2,500

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$295,000** for the Knights Brook Culvert Replacement on White Plains Rd. and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$73,750** from the Bridge and Culvert Improvements Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of **\$221,250** is to come from a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. This appropriation is contingent upon receipt of the grant. No money is to come from taxation. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Preservation Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of covering expenses related to annual road preservation and to raise and appropriate **\$200,000** to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation; and further to name the Select Board as Agents to Expend from said fund until rescinded. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Highway and Roads Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of covering expenses related to major upgrades of specific roads (as defined in the Capital Improvement Program) and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as Agents to Expend from said fund until rescinded. This is a Special Warrant Article. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,000** for the purchase of 15 radios and a bank of chargers to replace those at the Fire Department. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,500** for the purchasing a 2018 Police Cruiser and related equipment, with **\$34,000** to come from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and **\$2,500** to come from the trade-in/sale of the Police Department 2010 Ford Crown Vic. No funds will be raised through taxation. This is an Individual Warrant Article. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to help offset the cost of the bond for “Funds to Repair Dam” passed at the Pillsbury Lake Water District Special Meeting held August 5, 2006. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends – 3 to 0

12. To see if the Town will vote to hire a Town Administrator to assist the BOS in the management of the town under the provisions of RSA 41:2. The position would be filled by appointment by the Select Board.

This Article SUBMITTED BY PETITION

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands, February 20, 2018		
We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Public Safety Building and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Bruce G. Johnson	Select Board Chair	
Michael P. Borek	Select Board Member	
Nanci A. Schofield	Select Board Member	