

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF FITZWILLIAM
TOWN WARRANT 2018**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Fitzwilliam, in the County of Cheshire, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitzwilliam on Tuesday, the 13th of March next between eleven (11:00) o'clock in the forenoon and seven (7:00) o'clock in the afternoon to act on issues required to be voted on by ballot (Articles 1 through 5) and to meet at seven (7:00) in the afternoon to act on the business matters of the Town (Articles 6 through 19). The polls will be open on ballot issues not later than 11:00 a.m. and close not earlier than 7:00 p.m., or such later time as shall be authorized by a vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your votes for the election of one Selectman for three years; one Moderator for two years; one Fireward for three years; one Budget Committee Member for three years; one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years; one Trustees of the Library for three years; one Cemetery Trustee for three years; two Planning Board members for three years; one Commissioners of Plante Memorial Park for three years.

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the Solar Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, to be included as Chapter 148 in the Code of the Town of Fitzwilliam, generally described as follows:

- Solar energy systems shall be categorized in three size classifications:
 - Small-Scale – refers to residential- and business-scale solar energy systems that generate up to 15 kilowatts of power
 - Community-Scale – refers to Town-owner or a community-member owner solar energy system where power is produced to offset community power needs and generates between 15 kilowatts and 1 megawatt of power. The intent is not for an industrial/utility system where the purpose is to sell power for profit but to benefit the Town and its residents.
 - Utility-Scale – refers to large arrays or farms whose purpose is to generate power to sell to the open market and generate over 1 megawatt of power. These facilities would be subject to the requirements of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.
- All proposed solar energy systems are required to submit an application for a Construction Permit
- All proposed ground-mounted systems shall submit an application for a Conditional Use Permit
- Regardless of the size or type of solar energy system, all applicants are required to properly label safety hazards and provide directions for operation on their solar equipment
- Community-Scale and Utility-Scale solar energy systems shall adhere to stricter standards for permitting, which includes, but is not limited to: site design and landscaping plans; lighting in accordance with the Dark Skies regulations under Article II of §137 of the Code of the Town of Fitzwilliam; noise abatement; burial of utility controls and

on-site light connections; utility notification; all such appurtenant structures shall be architecturally compatible with each other and aesthetically unobtrusive; provision of an operation and maintenance plan; and financial surety.

Yes No
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of amending §127-12, the Table of Industrial Uses, as proposed by the Planning Board, to include the following information about Principal Uses of solar. The amendment will read following “H. Woodworking ” by inserting new rows “I,” “J,” and “K” to include the below information.

Note: This article corresponds with Article 2, above, and is subject to adoption only if the Town is in favor of adopting Article 2, above.

Principal Use	Residential Districts		Business Districts		Industrial Districts	
	R-1	Rural	VCB	GB	LI	GI
I. Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR
J. Community- Scale Ground-Mounted Solar	SPR	SPR	N	SPR	SPR	SPR
K. Utility-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar	SPR	SPR	N	SPR	SPR	SPR

Yes No
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of amending §127-14, the Table of Accessory Uses, as proposed by the Planning Board, to include the following information about Accessory Uses of solar. The amendment will read in the Table of Accessory Uses, after E, inserting new row “F” to read “Siting for Solar Energy Systems” and will be accompanied by the following chart of information:

Note: This article corresponds with Article 2, above, and is subject to adoption only if the Town is in favor of adopting Article 2, above.

F. Siting for Solar Energy Systems

Accessory Use	Residential Districts		Business Districts		Industrial Districts	
	R-1	Rural	VCB	GB	LI	GI
Small-Scale Roof-Mounted Solar	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Community-Scale Roof-Mounted Solar	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR
Community-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar	SPR	SPR	N	SPR	SPR	SPR
Utility-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar	SPR	SPR	N	SPR	SPR	SPR

Yes No
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51.

Yes

No

ARTICLE 6. To hear and act upon the reports of Agents, Committees and Officers, heretofore chosen.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,880,404 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$1,866,265. This article does not include appropriations voted in any other warrant articles. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #24 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action thereon. (The Selectmen propose the following projects for 2017: Repair Town Hall Tower and any other projects as needed). (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550 for the purpose of painting and repair to the exterior of the Fitzwilliam Town Library, or take any action thereon. Note: this is phase three of a three phase project. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle & Equipment Expendable Trust Fund created by Article # 11 of the 1969 Annual Meeting for the purchase of a fire department vehicle & equipment, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Repairs Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of Fire vehicle and equipment repairs created by Article #20 of the 2015 Annual Meeting or any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Fire Department Bunker Gear/Pagers Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing protective clothing (bunker gear) and pagers, for the use of the Fire Department created by Article #20 of the 2004 Annual Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Roads Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #8 of the 2011 Town Meeting, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Culvert and Bridge Replacement and Repairs Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #14 of the 2016 Annual Town

Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommend by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #22 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of purchasing of highway department vehicles and equipment or take any action thereon. (Recommend by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #24 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of purchasing and repairs of Transfer Station equipment or take any action thereon. (Recommend by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to create a Police Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19a for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a police cruiser for the use of the Police Department, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to be placed in said fund; and further name the Board of Selectmen agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Conservation Land Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #19 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to accept a 2.5 acre land donation from Diane Campbell, Map 16, Lot 14, Scott Pond Road or take any action thereon.

GIVEN UNDER our hands this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen.

Susan Silverman, Chairman

Nancy Carney, Vice-Chairman

Daniel Baker
BOARD OF SELECTMEN