

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF FITZWILLIAM
TOWN WARRANT 2020**

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 10th 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 4) and to meet at seven (7:00) in the afternoon to act on the business matters of the Town (Articles 5 through 20). 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 Town Clerk for three years; one FireWard for three years; two Budget Committee Members for three years; one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years; one Trustee of the Library for three years; one Cemetery Trustee for three years; two Planning Board members for three years; one Commissioner of Plante Memorial Park for three years; one Supervisor of the Checklist for four years; and one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years.

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fitzwilliam Zoning Ordinance to delete Section 127-19, F. in its entirety, as follows?

All reduction to dimension in the Table of Standard Dimensional Regulations for porches or building additions to be by Special Exception.

***Explanation:** The purpose of the amendment is to make the process for allowing reduced setbacks for porches and building additions the same as that for any other grandfathered structure, which requires a variance, which is in keeping with the general purpose of zoning.*

YES NO

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fitzwilliam Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 127-16.1, Wetlands Protection Overlay District, as follows?

By adding language to the Authority and Purpose section; amending the definition of Prime Wetland to be consistent with state regulations; clarifying what is a wetland buffer; clarifying the process for an application for a permit within the District; changing the requirement for a special exception for certain uses to a conditional use permit; adding a setback from wetlands for parking areas and off-site snow dumps; and making other clarifying changes throughout the ordinance to make it easier to understand and implement.

***Explanation:** The purpose of the amendment is to improve and simplify the process for obtaining a Conditional Use Permit within the Wetlands Protection Overlay District, adding clarifying language, and eliminating conflicting and/or inconsistent terms and phrases.*

YES NO

ARTICLE 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Fitzwilliam Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 127- 28-33.4, Signs

and Advertising Devices by deleting all language that intends to limit, regulate, or prohibit the content of any sign?

Explanation: *The purpose of the amendment is to make the ordinance compliant with recent case law.*

YES NO

ARTICLE 5. To hear and act upon the reports of Agents, Committees and Officers, heretofore chosen.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,019,538 for general municipal operations or take any action thereon. The Selectmen recommend \$ 2,019,538. NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations voted in any other warrant articles.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 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. \$65,000 to be raised by taxes and \$100,000 from unassigned fund balance (The selectmen propose the following projects for 2020: Repair Town Hall Tower and Steeple and any other projects as needed).
(Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle & Equipment Purchase Expendable Trust Fund created by ARTICLE # 11 of the 2016 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 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 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 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 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 11. 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 12. To see if the town will vote to establish a Library Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repairs and maintenance to the Library Building and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to put into fund 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 \$10,000 to be added to the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund created by Article #17 of the 1995

Annual 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 Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment 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. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500 to the Police Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #17 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a police cruiser for the use of the Police Department or take any action thereon. (Recommended 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 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 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to the Village Common and Plante Memorial Park Expendable Trust fund created by Article 16 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of making improvements to the Village Common and Plante Memorial Park or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to change the fire department organization per RSA 154:1 to an organization under RSA 154:1 (a) a fire chief appointed by the local governing body, with firefighters appointed by the fire chief.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell town owned property (Map 39, lot 03-01) 346 Upper Troy Road.

ARTICLE 20. (By Petition) To see if the town will vote to move the town-owned Gazebo from the former Richard Rettig property, Rt.#12 (north of the Crossroads Building) to the south end of The Town Common (directly across the street from the Town Hall/Library parking lot entrance); and will approve to raise and appropriate \$1100 to move and install said building, \$250 to prime and paint the Gazebo once situated, and \$400 to install electrical outlets and needed lights, for the use of the town.

GIVEN UNDER our hands this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and Twenty.

Daniel Baker, Chairman

Charles Kenison

Robyn Bates
BOARD OF SELECTMEN