



### Fitzwilliam

The inhabitants of the Town of Fitzwilliam in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 9, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Fitzwilliam Town Hall and Emerson School

Details: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> between eleven(11:00) o'clock in the forenoon and seven (7:00) in the afternoon to act on issues required to be voted on by ballot (Articles 1 through 2) and to meet at seven-thirty (7:30) in the afternoon at Emerson School, 27 Rhododendron Road to act on the business of the Town (Articles 3-21). The polls will be open on ballot issues not later than 11:00 am and close not earlier than 7:00 pm, or such later times as shall be authorized by a vote of the Town

#### GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 11, 2021, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at The Fitzwilliam Town Hall and the Fitzwilliam Post office, website fitzwilliam-nh.gov and that an original was delivered to Heidi Wood, Town Clerk

Name	Position	Signature
Daniel Baker	Selectman	
BRIAN K. JOERPHOLZ	Selectman	Brian K. Joerpholz
Robyn Bates	Select person	



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**Article 01 To Hear and Act Upon Agents**

To bring in your votes for the election of one Selectman for three years; one Fireward for three years; two Budget Committee member for three years; one Trustee of the Trust Fund for three years; one Trustee of Trust Fund for two 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;

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**Article 02 Land Use**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wetland Protection Overlay District (WPOD) ordinance 127-16.1 Section C to add the following wetlands to the list of prime wetlands. These wetlands will be added to the existing list of six prime wetlands previously designated by the town.

Scott Brook Marsh North  
Sip Pond Outflow Complex  
Royalston Road South  
Holman Meadow (Royalston Rd Marsh)  
Rockwood Pond  
Jaffrey Road North

(Recommended by the Planning Board, Recommended by the Conservation Commission)

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**Article 03 Broadband Network**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars \$(2,907,450) for the purpose of furnishing, constructing, and installing facilities and equipment to provide a 1 gigabit, Fiber to the premises, Fiber Optic Broadband Network throughout the Town of Fitzwilliam; with One Million Six Hundred Twenty Two thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,622,500) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended) and One Million Two Hundred Eighty Four thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,284,950) of such sum as a donation from the broadband provider, Consolidated Communications, Inc.; to authorize the Selectman to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, gifts and donations, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectman to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectman to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. ( Recommended by the Board of Selectman, Recommended by the Budget Committee (3/5 ballot vote required).

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**Article 04 To hear and act upon the reports of Agents, Commit**

To hear and act upon the reports of Agents, committees and Officers, heretofore chosen

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**Article 05 operating budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$2,195,938 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$2,195,938 This article does not include appropriations voted in any other warrant articles. (Majority vote required).



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**Article 06 Fire Vehicle and Equipment**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Purchases Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #11 of the 2016 Annual Meeting for the purchase of fire department vehicles and equipment, or take any action thereon. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

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**Article 07 Fire vehicles and equipment repairs**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Repairs Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of fire vehicle and equipment repairs created by Article #20 of the 2015 Annual Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

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**Article 08 Protective Clothing Fire Department**

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

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**Article 09 Roads Repair and Maintenance**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$330,000 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)

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**Article 10 Reassessment**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Reassessment Capital Reserve Trust Fund created by Article # 17 of the 1995 Town Meeting or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

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**Article 11 Highway Vehicle and Equipment**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500 to be added to the Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust created by Article #22 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing of highway department vehicles and equipment or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen)

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**Article 12 Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment Repairs**

To see if the the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Highway Department Vehicle and Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #25 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of repairing highway department vehicles and equipment or take any action thereon. ( Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by the Board of Selectman)



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**Article 13 Purchasing and Equipping Police Cruiser**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,500 to the Police Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #17 of the 2018 Annual 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 the Board of Selectmen).

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**Article 14 Conservation Land Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 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 the Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectmen).

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**Article 15 Village Common and Plante Memorial Park**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be added to the Village Common and Plante Memorial Park Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #16 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of making improvements to the Village Common and Plante Memorial Park or take any action thereon. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

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**Article 16 Town Groundskeeping Equipment Purchase and Repair**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Groundskeeping Equipment and Repair Expendable Trust for purpose of purchasing and repairing equipment used to maintain town properties and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectman as agents to expend from said fund (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommend by the Board of Selectman)

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**Article 17 Cemetery Facility Construction and Reconstruction**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Cemetery Facility Construction and Reconstruction Expendable Trust Fund created by Article #18 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of repairs to facilities and equipment of the cemetery facilities or take any action thereon. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by the Board of Selectman)

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**Article 18 Police Fire Arm Purchase**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700 for the purpose of purchasing firearms and related equipment for the Police Department or take any action thereon. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, Recommended by Board of Selectman)

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**Article 19 Road Reclassification**

To see if the town will vote to discontinue subject to gates and bars, pursuant to RSA 231:45, any and all portions of Gap Mountain Road (a.k.a. Upper Gap Mountain Road) which may have been affected by the reclassification vote taken under Article 22 of the 2016 Fitzwilliam Annual Town Meeting, and which lies south of a point 750 feet southerly of the Fitzwilliam-Troy town line, as measured along said road; with the result that the portion of said road running from said town line southerly to the driveway leading from said road to the residence of Dana C. and Cheryl A, Pinney shall remain a Class V highway in accord with said 2019 vote; whereas the portion of said road lying south of said Pinney driveway, and extending beyond the intersection with Cobleigh Hill Road, shall again be a Class VI highway



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**Article 20    Petition**

(By Petition) To see if the town will vote to ban the sale and use of Binary Explosives such as, but not limited to, Tannerite, or take any action thereon. Furthermore, we would ask for a ballot vote to ensure those voting are registered Fitzwilliam voters.

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**Article 21    Petition**

(By Petition) We, the undersigned, as registered voters in the Town of Fitzwilliam, NH, in Cheshire County, want to enter a warrant petition to the Town of Fitzwilliam voters for an issue in our wonderful quiet community; excessive speeds and noise from motor vehicles. Some motorists are flagrantly disregarding NH motor vehicle laws, for both speed and noise. Speeders are driving up to 50 mph on Route 119 East and West and on Route 12 North and South near the Town Center, as well as on other roads entering the Town Common (Upper & Lower Troy Rd, and Templeton Tnpk, for examples). This is in violation of RSA 265:60 which regulates safe motor vehicle speeds. Some also have illegal exhausts with no mufflers or malfunctioning mufflers, violating RSA 266:59 which regulates motor vehicle noise. Residents of Fitzwilliam are entitled to quiet enjoyment of their dwellings, and to be safe on public roads. We respectfully ask the Town of Fitzwilliam to enforce the existing speed limit and noise laws, as per the attached Addendum: Pertinent Motor Vehicle Laws. (Available in the Board of Selectman Office).