



Warner

The inhabitants of the Town of Warner in the County of Merrimack 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:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 11, 2025
Time: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, 5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: March 12, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, 5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03278
Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before March 1, 2025, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the Town Hall Town Website, at the Post Office and that an original was delivered to the Select Board's office.

Name	Position	Signature
Michael J. Smith	Select Board Chair	
HARRY SEIDEL	SELECT BOARD	
FAITH MINTON	Select Board	



Article 05 Town Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,603,185 (Four million, six hundred three thousand, one hundred eighty-five dollars) as the 2025 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required

Article 06 Citizen Petition

Citizen Petition Article shall the Town of Warner modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$750? (Majority Vote Needed)

Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1) Majority Vote Required.

Article 07 Citizen Petition

Citizen Petition shall the Town of Warner vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, all Veterans' tax credits amount from \$500 to \$750? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$750, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit previously voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority Vote Needed.) Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-2) Majority Vote Required.

Article 08 Discontinue CRF

Submitted by citizen petition Shall the town vote for the dissolution for Matching Funds Transportation Improvement Grant Capital Reserve Fund estimated to be \$20,243.87 and transfer fund balance with accumulated interest to date to Warner's General Fund. Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-2) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 09 Citizen Petition

Shall we adopt this article by petition the provisions of RSA 32:5-c, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 3.8%? Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-2) (3/5 Majority Vote Required)

Article 10 Citizen Petition

Shall this article by petition, the Town of Warner vote to revise the previously approved warrant article which diverts 100% of the land use tax to the Conservation Fund by reducing the amount diverted to 20%. The remaining 80% to be put in the Warner General Fund Balance. Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-2 1 abstained) (Majority Vote Required)



Article 11 Citizen Petition

This article is by petition to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,148 (Sixteen thousand, one hundred forty-eight dollars) consisting of additional wages of \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars) and payroll taxes of \$1,148 (One thousand, one hundred forty-eight dollars) for the purpose of additional compensation for the Tax Collector. The estimated tax impact would be an increase of 5 cents. Not recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 12 Record Preservation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the Preservation of Town records?
Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 13 Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 14 Bridge Repair/Replacement

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Requires

Article 15 Lease/Purchase

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into 'lease to purchase' agreement, in the amount of \$315,500.00 (Three-hundred Fifteen Thousand Five-hundred dollars) payable over a term of seven (7) years for a new highway grader?
And to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,500.00 (Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the first annual (2025) payment for this lease agreement from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? The annual lease payment for this seven (7) year lease will be \$53,500.00 (Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars) The balance of the six (6) lease payments will be from the operating budget annually.

Upon conclusion of this lease agreement the Town takes full ownership of the Grader for \$1.00 (One dollar) Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required



Article 16 Lease/Purchase

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into 'lease to purchase' agreement, in the amount of \$129,900.00 (One-hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine-hundred dollars) payable over a term of five (5) years for a new highway loader/backhoe? And raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,500.00 (Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars) for the first annual (2025) payment for this lease agreement from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? The annual lease payment for this five (5) year lease will be \$29,500.00 (Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars). The balance of the four (4) lease payments will be from the operating budget annually.

Upon conclusion of this lease agreement the Town takes full ownership of the Loader/Backhoe for \$1.00 (One dollar) Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-1) Majority Vote Required

Article 17 Highway Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$265,000 (Two Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 18 Transfer Station Facility

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Facility Project Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-3) Majority Vote Required.

Article 19 Transfer Station Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 20 Fire Fighters Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Fighter Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 21 Fire & Rescue Vehicles

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund?

Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required



Article 22 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?
Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (6-1) Majority Vote Required

Article 23 Establish a Contingency Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund.
Recommended by Selectboard, (3-0), Recommended by Budget Committee (7-0) Majority Vote Required.

Article 24 Employee Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Employees Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund? This fund is used to partially reimburse participating town employees for deductible health expenses. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance, not to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-3) Majority Vote Required.

Article 25 Warner Community Center Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to establish a Warner Community Center Capital Reserve Fund to use for matching funds for grants to address safety issues, energy efficiency, ADA compliant bathrooms, the handicap ramp, and other improvements to the Warner Community Center? Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund? This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance, not to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Select Board, (3-0), Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-3) Majority Vote Required.



Article 26 Elderly Exemption

Shall the town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the TOWN of WARNER , based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$128,400; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$179,760; for a person 80 years of age or older \$239,680. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive 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 to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$65,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$170,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Recommended by the Select Board (2-1) (Majority vote required)