

2024 Town Meeting Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Waterville Valley in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Recreation Department Gymnasium in said Waterville Valley on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, polls to open for voting on Articles One through Eleven at Eleven o'clock in the morning and to close no earlier than Five o'clock in the afternoon. You are further notified to meet at said Recreation Department Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Six o'clock in the evening at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

Article 1 - To elect for the ensuing year the following Town Officers which appear on the official ballot: Selectboard (Three-year Term), Library Trustee (Three-year Term), Supervisor of the Checklist (Six-year Term), Trustee of the Trust Funds (Three-year Term), Moderator (Two-year Term).

Article 2 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to repeal the standalone “Town of Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, Flood Plain Management Ordinance” in its entirety and replace with a new Article to be contained within the Town’s Zoning Ordinance with updated language as required for continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program?

Article 3 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to allow electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for residents, employees and visitors to a property as an allowed accessory use; and add EV charging as a business to be a Permitted Use in the VC, C1 and SC zoning districts and a use requiring a Special Exception in the HDR, REC and Snow’s zoning districts?

Article 4 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to make changes to the wording of Article IV. J Uses to clarify that the intent of the “a/SE” category in the use table is to allow some additional activities as accessory uses in order to augment existing businesses or residential complexes; and remove the language specifying that camping is allowed as part of a special event, leaving that to be decided along with other details through any special event regulations that may be adopted by the Selectboard in the future instead?

Article 5 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to support the use of solar energy in Waterville Valley by stating that additional building height is allowed for solar collectors, allowing the owner of more than one lot to have their solar collectors and the buildings they serve on different lots, and allowing solar collectors to be 10 feet from side and rear lot lines like fences and small accessory buildings?

Article 6 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to bring the Zoning Ordinance into compliance with state statutes regarding small wind energy systems by addressing issues such as setbacks, height, noise, and public notice; and allow the owner of more than one lot to have their small wind energy system and the building(s) it serves on different lots?

Article 7 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to vary the front setback in the Village Commercial (VC) District according to which zoning district is across the street, with the front setback remaining 35 feet across from HDR and LDR, but being reduced to 25 feet across the street from Special Civic (SC) and 20 feet across the street from Commercial 1 (C1) and Village Commercial (VC)?

Article 8 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to make it easier to add an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to a single-family dwelling (to form what is called a “Two-Family Residential Unit” in Waterville Valley’s Zoning Ordinance) by reducing the parking requirement for the accessory apartment from 2 spaces to 1 space?

Article 9 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to help ensure that parking lots and garages constructed are no larger than necessary by tailoring the parking requirements to each specific development proposal?

Article 10 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to enable the Planning Board to approve a higher number of one or two-family homes in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) than would be allowed in a conventional subdivision, provided the homes are no more than 1,200 sq. ft. and are arranged and designed to facilitate neighborhood character, with the restriction that they may not be used as Short-Term Rentals for more than 30 days per year?

Article 11 – Are you in favor of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Waterville Valley Zoning Ordinance as follows:

to remove Article VII, Administration and Enforcement, Section D) Remodeling/Repairing, as it has been superseded by Selectman’s Ordinance #17, Building Permits.

D) Remodeling/Repairing - A permit shall be required for remodeling or repairing where the value or cost of such remodeling or repairing shall exceed \$1,000.00.

Article 12 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (**\$690,000**) for the purchase of a new Fire Engine/Pumper; with Six Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$645,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes, under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and with Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to come from the existing Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund; to authorize the Selectboard 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; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Selectboard Recommends Approval 3 to 0. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required) (Amount NOT Included in Article 27)

Article 13 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) for the purchase of a new Ambulance and associated equipment; to authorize the issuance of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Selectboard 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; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Selectboard Recommends Approval 3 to 0. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required) (Amount NOT Included in Article 27)

Article 14 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for the replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Public Safety Department. \$71,250 of this funding will come from the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Microgrant Program and the balance of \$3,750 from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 15 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$62,000** for the purchase and installation of a replacement Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Compressor in the Public Safety vehicle bays. Funding for this purchase will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 16 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$62,000** for the purchase and equipping of a new Public Safety Police Cruiser. Funding for this purpose will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 17 – To see if the town will vote to establish a Snows Mountain Engineering Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for planning, maintenance and repairs to Snows Mountain Road, and the existing water main as well as the planning, engineering, and design of a new sewer collection main along the road; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to be placed into the capital reserve account with said funds to come from general taxation, and to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority Vote Required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 18 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be added to the Municipal Solid Waste Truck Capital Reserve previously established. Funds for this appropriation will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority Vote Required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 19 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the purpose of supporting the Curious George Cottage Program providing day camp care and cultural events operated by the Rey Center, a non profit organization. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the program closes or by March 9, 2026 whichever is sooner. Funding for this purchase will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority Vote Required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 20 – To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter a four (4) year lease agreement in the amount of \$176,000 for the purpose of leasing a new Public Works Dump Truck with new plow and sanding gear, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$44,000** from the December 31, 2023 Fund Balance. No amount will come from general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 21 – To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter a four (4) year lease agreement in the amount of \$72,500 for the purpose of leasing a new 15-passenger van for the Recreation Department; and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,125** from the December 31, 2023 Fund Balance. No amount will come from general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 22 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,000** for the payment of the second year of a three-year lease for the Public Works Skid-steer Tracker. Funding for this purchase will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 23 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000** for capital improvements to Town Buildings. Improvements will include replacement of the roof on the Cascade Ridge Road Pump Station, purchase of a new storage shed at Packard's Field, and repair and maintenance of the drains in the Fire Department vehicle bays. Funding for these repairs to come from the December 31, 2023 Fund Balance. No amount will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 24 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$55,000** for maintenance and repairs of the town dock and waterfront facilities and for continued engineering, design and permitting for the Corcoran Pond dredging project. Funding for these purposes will come from the December 31, 2023. No amount will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 25 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to replace Solid Waste Dumpsters at selected locations in Town. Funding for these repairs will come from the December 31, 2023 Fund Balance. No amount will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority vote required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 26 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to repair or replace selected guardrails at various locations in Town. Funding for these repairs will come from the December 31, 2023 Fund Balance. No amount will come from general taxation. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority Vote Required) (Amount NOT included in Article 27)

Article 27 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum **\$6,381,824** for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations from any of the preceding articles. The Selectboard Recommends Approval by vote of 3 to 0. (Majority Vote Required)

General Government	\$ 1,416,465
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 175,286
Public Safety	\$ 1,521,315
Highways & Streets	\$ 537,964
Solid Waste & Recycling	\$ 448,547
Water & Sewer	\$ 856,224
Health & Welfare	\$ 7,500
Culture & Recreation	\$ 574,926
Conservation	\$ 2,000
Debt Service	\$ 841,597
Total	\$ 6,381,824

Article 28 – To hear the report of agents, auditors and committees of officers chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 29 – To transact any other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 23rd Day of February 2024.


The Selectboard:

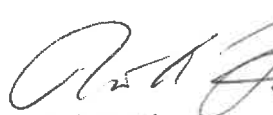

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We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we caused this warrant to be posted at the Waterville Valley Town Office, the Waterville Valley Post Office, and on the Waterville Valley website on the 23rd day of February 2024.


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