



2026  
WARRANT

**Stratham**

The inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham 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: Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Stratham Memorial School (39 Gifford Farm Road) Stratham, NH

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

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2026  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Stratham Memorial School (39 Gifford Farm Road) Stratham, NH

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Municipal Center, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH, and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Michael Houghton	Chair, Select Board	
Allison Knab	Vice Chair, Select Board	
Joseph Anderson	Member, Select Board	



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**Article 01 Choose All Necessary Town Officers**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following year.

One Select Board Member	One Position	3 Year Term
One Town Clerk	One Position	3 Year Term
One Supervisors of Checklist	One Position	6 Year Term
One Trustees of Trust Funds	One Position	3 Year Term
One Cemetery Trustee	One Position	3 Year Term
Two Library Trustees	Two Positions	3 Year Term
One Library Trustee	One Position	1 Year Term

NOTE: The full text of all zoning amendments is on file at the Town Clerk's office and on the Town website and will be available at the polling place on election day.

**Article 02 Zoning Amendment #1**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Section III, Establishment of Districts and Uses to add Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage District; and substantially amend Section 3.10 Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage District, updating 4.1.5; 4.2 the Table of Uses; and 4.3 Explanatory Notes.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

**Article 03 Zoning Amendment #2**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Section 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements and 4.3 Explanatory Notes for the removal of (a); add a footnote placed in the section header; define the lot size for all districts; and renumber the Section accordingly.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

**Article 04 Zoning Amendment #3**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Section 5.13.3 Use Regulations for Solar Energy Systems and update Table 1 to add Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage District solar uses.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.



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**Article 05 Zoning Amendment #4**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

The creation of a Technical Review Committee for all Planning Board major site plan and subdivision applications.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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**Article 06 Zoning Amendment #5**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Substantially amend Section VIII, Residential Open Space Cluster Development, including the renumbering of sections; strengthening the requirements for design criteria and the yield plan; preserve rural character, protecting historical structures, protecting ecological resources, create greenway networks, increasing requirements for open space to amend lot sizes and setbacks; limiting density and remove array and multi-family housing.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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**Article 07 Zoning Amendment #6**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Section II to update and add definitions for accessory dwelling unit; attached unit; detached unit; lot, corner; lot coverage, lot depth; non-buildable area; principal use; setback line; historic structure; and renumber the Section accordingly.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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**Article 08 Zoning Amendment #7**

Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Section XXI, Amendments, to add a new subsection 21.2 authorizing the Planning Board to assign and modify section numbers and make other technical corrections to the Zoning Ordinance, provided that no substantive changes may be made.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.



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**Article 09 2026 Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine million, thirty-two thousand, six hundred sixty-two dollars (\$9,032,662) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required)

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**Article 10 Capital Improvements Program**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred sixty-six thousand dollars (\$666,000) for the purpose of implementing the Capital Improvements Program for 2026 as presented in the Town Report. This is a special warrant article, per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 VI, which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than December 31, 2031.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required)

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**Article 11 Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established with one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to come from unassigned fund balance and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to be raised through general taxation.

\$150,000 Fire Department Capital Reserve  
\$150,000 Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve  
\$100,000 Town Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve  
**\$400,000 TOTAL**

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required.)

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**Article 12 EMS Special Revenue Fund Ambulance Operating Expenses**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$108,500) in accordance with Warrant Article 13/2025 for the purposes of supplies, training, billing contracts, ambulance vehicle equipment and ambulance repairs and upgrades, gas and oil, and uniforms with said funds to come from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required)



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**Article 13 Municipal Buildings Keyless Access Systems**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing keyless access systems at the municipal center, fire department, police department and public works department. This amount to come from unassigned fund balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required)

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**Article 14 Maintenance and Improvements Fire Tower**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of maintaining and improving the fire tower located at Stratham Hill Park. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the maintenance and improvement work is completed or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required)

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**Article 15 Distribution of Funds Received from the Sale of Cemetery Lots**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, to be funded by future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots in Stratham cemeteries, with the Trust principal and any interest gained thereon to be used for the maintenance of cemeteries; and, further to name the Trustees of the Trust Funds to manage these funds and name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this Trust Fund.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required.)

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**Article 16 Discontinue Right of Way**

To see if the town will vote to completely discontinue the portion of the right-of-way formerly known as State Route 101 from its intersection with the center line of Blue Ridge Circle to the Greenland town line. The road was discontinued as a state highway in 1961 when Route 101 was relocated. Upon its discontinuance as a state highway, it reverted to the town as a Class V road under RSA 230:57. Although legally a Class V road, it has never been used as such, but is vacant land that abuts the north side of Route 33 (Portsmouth Avenue), and the town has no use for the land. This action will not affect Route 33 (Portsmouth Avenue) or the town's right-of-way associated with that road. Further, to authorize the Select Board to convey by quitclaim deed any rights in the property underlying the former Route 101 right-of-way to the abutting landowners.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.



(Majority vote required)

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**Article 17    Modify Optional Veterans Tax Credit**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the existing provisions of RSA 72:35, optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability from property tax in the Town of Stratham to four thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars (\$4,750) to offset the Legislative change set forth in HB 99, adopted in 2025, that now prohibits combining veteran credits. This modification will allow these veterans to receive the same credit amount as previously, as the new \$4,750 credit amount would equal the sum of the previous combined credits.

The Select Board unanimously supports this article.

(Majority vote required)

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**Article 18    Other Business**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.