



2021  
WARRANT

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:

Date: March 27, 2021

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Exeter High School

Details: 1 Blue Hawk Drive, Exeter NH 03833

## GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 21, 2021, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Stratham Municipal Center and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON **SATURDAY MARCH 27, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.** AT  
THE EXETER HIGH SCHOOL AT 1 BLUE HAWK DRIVE, EXETER, NH 03833 \*\*\*\*\*

### **ARTICLE 8: 2021 Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven million eight hundred forty four thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$7,844,325) to defray general town charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

***The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

### **ARTICLE 9: Capital Improvements Program**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$499,000) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2021 as presented in the Town Report and recommended by the Planning Board. This is a special warrant article which will be non-lapsing until the specific items are completed or obtained but shall in no case be later than five (5) years from this appropriation per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

***The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

### **ARTICLE 10: Appropriate Funds to Several Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four hundred thousand dollars and (\$400,000) to be added to the following capital reserve funds previously established with One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance and Two hundred thousand fifty dollars (\$250,000) to be raised through general taxation.

Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	\$110,000
Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund	\$15,000
Historic Preservation Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$125,000
Town Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Trust	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total	\$400,000

***The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 11: Appropriate Funds for an Additional Police Officer**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-four thousand seven hundred ninety-five dollars (\$44,795) for the purpose of hiring an additional full-time police officer for the Town of Stratham. Said sum includes pay and benefits for six (6) months of 2021 (the 12-month total annualized cost is \$89,590). If approved, the amount raised will be incorporated into the police department pay and personnel administration budgets for accounting purposes.

***The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 12: Appropriation for the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust**

To see if the Town shall vote to appropriate Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be deposited into the Accrued Benefits Liability Expendable Trust.

***The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 13: Raise and Appropriate from the EMS Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the following purposes:

2021 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training	\$10,000
2021 ALS Services Contract	\$10,000

and to further authorize the withdrawal of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

***The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 14: Raise and Appropriate from the EMS Special Revenue Fund: Equip.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred twelve thousand five-hundred dollars (\$112,500) for the following purposes:

Thermal Imaging Cameras	\$12,500
2021 Radio Replacements	\$100,000

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and to further authorize the withdrawal of One hundred twelve thousand five-hundred dollars (\$112,500) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund created for these purposes during the March 17, 2000 Annual Town Meeting and as amended during the March 11, 2005 Town Meeting. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

***The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.***

**ARTICLE 15: Lapse of Automated Curbside Collection Funding**

To see if the Town shall vote to lapse the 2019 appropriation of \$365,000 (Warrant Article #14) intended to fund a transition to a curbside collection program. Lapsed funds become part of the Town's unassigned fund balance.

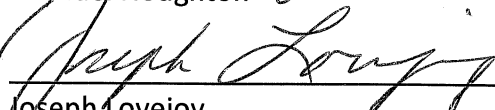
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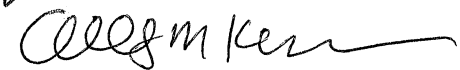
**ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

Given under our hands and seal, this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty one.

Select Board of Stratham, NH

  
Michael Houghton

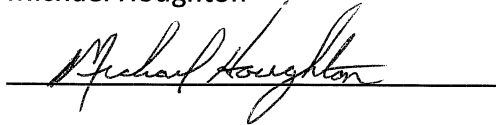
  
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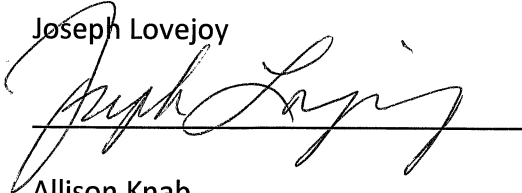
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We certify and attest that on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2021, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Town Offices and the Wiggin Memorial Library, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

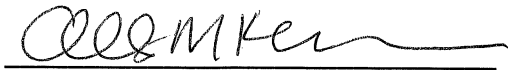
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