

New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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 14, 2023 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 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Stratham Memorial School (39 Gifford Farm Road) Stratham, NH

Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before <February 27, 2023>, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at <Stratham Memorial School, (39 Gifford Farm Road)> and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
MICHAEL HOUGHTON	SELECT BOARD	Speharf Houghter
Joseph Anderson	Select Board	John Mush
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Article 11 2023 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight million two hundred eleven thousand one hundred eighty eight dollars (\$8,211,188) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 12 Capital Improvements Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred sixty three thousand dollars (\$663,000) to implement the Capital Improvements Program for 2023 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 December 31, 2028 per NH RSA 32:7 (VI).

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 13 Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred and eighty five thousand dollars (\$285,000) 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 One hundred and thirty five thousand dollars (\$135,000) to be raised through general taxation.

Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	\$110,000
Heritage Preservation Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$125,000
Total	\$285,000

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.



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Article 14 First Responder Training & ALS Service Contract

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

2023 EMS/EMT/First Responder Training \$10,000 2023 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 15 Fire Engine #1 Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) for the replacement of Fire Engine #1 and to further authorize the withdrawal of Two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) from the Stratham Fire Department EMS Special Revenue Fund, created March 17, 2000 and amended March 11, 2005 to include the purpose of purchasing Fire Department vehicles and equipment. The balance will be raised from the SVFD Fair Trust Fund (\$80,000) and the remaining balance not to exceed (\$620,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. This special warrant article will be non-lapsing per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase has been completed, or December 31 2028, whichever is sooner. No additional funds from general taxation are to be used.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 16 Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (72:28,II)

To see if the Town will readopt the optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$600.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 17 All Veterans' Tax Credit (72:28-b)

To see if the Town will readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.



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Article 18 Motor Vehicle Registration Fee and Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 per vehicle for the purpose of supporting a Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund as set forth in RSA 261:153 VI, and further, to vote to establish said fund as a capital reserve fund governed by RSA 35 and to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from this capital reserve fund for the purposes for which it was established. Proceeds from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund are to be used to support eligible local transportation projects as permitted under RSA 261:153 such as public transportation, roadway improvements, signal upgrades, and development of new bicycle and pedestrian paths. The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all-terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles as defined in RSA 259:4.

(Ballot Vote Required)

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 19 Establishment of Fees

To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:9-a, to allow the Select Board to establish or amend fees following a public hearing process. Fees authorized under the section include fees related to regulatory programs adopted by the Town and fees used for the use of revenue producing facilities.

The Select Board recommends this Article by unanimous vote.

Article 20 Other business

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