New Hampshire
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Brentwood

The inhabitants of the Town of Brentwood 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: March 14, 2023
Time: 7:00am – 7:00 pm
Location: Swasey Central School
Details: 355 Middle Road Brentwood NH 03833

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)
Date: March 18, 2023
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Swasey Central School
Details: 355 Middle Road Brentwood NH 03833

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 22, 2023 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk

Name	Position	Signature
Andrew Artimovich	Selectboard	
Jennifer Jones	Selectboard	
Robert Mantegari	Selectboard	
Jon Morgan	Selectboard	
Russ Kelly	Selectboard	

Article 01 **GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars ($5,525,898) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Article 02 **CRF: REVALUATION**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. (Majority vote required)

Article 03 **CRF: IT HARDWARE**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the existing Information Systems Hardware Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 04 **CRF: MAINTENANCE OF TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the existing Maintenance of Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 05 **FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the town will vote to establish 1 new full time police officer position effective April 1, 2023 for an estimated annual wage, benefit, and other related costs of $101,534 and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $73,717 for wages, benefits, and other related costs for the period of April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 **CRF: POLICE FACILITY**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the existing Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required).

Article 07 **ROAD REPAIR**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($350,000) for the purpose of public road repair and maintenance. (Majority vote required)

Article 08 **CRF: HIGHWAY VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicles/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 09 **CRF: CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY BUILDINGS**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) to be added to the existing Construction of Highway Building(s) Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 10 **CRF: FIRE VEHICLES**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) to be added to the existing Fire/Rescue Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required).

Article 11 **FIRST RESPONDER RADIOS**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars ($168,000) for the purchase of a 50 portable radios, 4 mobile radios, equipment and installation (Majority Vote Required).

Article 12 **CRF: AMPHITHEATER**

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000) to be added to the existing Library Amphitheater Capital Reserve Fund (Majority Vote Required).

Article 13 **ELDERLY EXEMPTION**

Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-b for the Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Brentwood based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows?
For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $125,000
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $160,000
For a person 80 years of age or older $190,000

To qualify, the person must have been a NH 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 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 $200,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Article 14 **DISABLED EXEMPTION**

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be $100,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 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 for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $45,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than $60,000 and own net assets not in excess of $125,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Article 15 **BLIND EXEMPTION**

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37, Exemption for the Blind, to allow an inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the blind services program, to be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of $100,000 (Majority vote required)

Article 16 **OPTIONAL VETERANS**

Shall the town readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of $750 (Majority vote required)

Article 17 **ALL VETERANS**

Shall the town 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 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

Article 18 **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY CREDIT**

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of $2000 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property? (Majority vote required)

Article 19 **SUBMITTED BY PETITION: ADOPT SOLAR EXEMPTION**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes (Majority vote required)
*or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20 **SUBMITTED BY PETITION: PARTISAN BALLOT SYSTEM**

Shall the partisan ballot system for the election of town officers be adopted by this town? The partisan ballot system shall not be in effect until the town election first following the meeting at which such system is adopted. A plurality shall elect when using the partisan ballot system. (Majority vote required)