New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2023 WARRANT

Article 01 **SB2 – OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Brentwood on the second Tuesday in March.

tabled by voting card tabulation

Article 02 **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)

Amended to $5,355,050
Ballot vote passed 178 Yes 79 No

Article 03 **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)

passed

Article 04 **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)

passed

Article 05 **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)

passed

Article 06 **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)

passed

Article 07 **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).

passed

Article 08 **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)

passed

Article 09 **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)

passed

Article 10 **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.

passed

Article 11 **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).

passed

Article 12 **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).

ballot vote

passed Yes 115 No 63

Article 13 **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).

tabled - ballot vote Yes 95 No 73

Article 14 **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

passed

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 15 **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)

passed

Article 16 **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)

passed

Article 17 **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)

passed

Article 18 **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)

passed

Article 19 **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)

passed

Article 20 **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.

Ballot Vote

failed Yes 30 NO 97

Article 21 **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)

Ballot vote

failed Yes 22 NO 100