

State of New Hampshire,
Town of Wentworth
Warrant for year 2017 Town Meeting

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth, in Grafton County, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the election of the Town Officers for the Town of Wentworth will be held at the Wentworth Elementary School, 1247 Mt Moosilauke Hwy, Route 25, Wentworth NH, March 14, 2017. The polls will open at 11 am and close at 7 pm to bring in your votes on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon on Saturday, March 18, 2017 beginning at 1 pm, to be held at the Wentworth Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Moderator Stephen Welch

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

Position	Term		
Selectman	3 yrs	Peter Santom	79
Town Auditor	1 yr	Martha Morrill	85
Library Trustee	3 yrs	Kay T. Bailey	83
Town Trustee	3 yrs	George Morrill	86
Cemetery Trustee	1 yr		
Planning Board	3 yrs	Eleanor Murray	68
Planning Board	3 yrs	Marina Reilly-Collette	1
Planning Board	1 yr		
Fire Commissioner	1 yr	George Morrill	65
Fire Commissioner	1 yr	R. Pete Chierichetti	76
Fire Commissioner	1 yr	Paul E. Davis Sr.	72

Passed by voice vote

2. To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditors, and other Town Officers; and to vote on any motion relating to these reports.

Motion to Accept: Pete Santom
2nd: Kay Bailey

Passed by voice vote

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$423,640** for **General Municipal Operations (\$311,040), Ambulance (\$28,500), Transfer Station (\$71,000), Welfare (\$5,300), Parks & Recreation (\$6,700), Patriotic (\$100) and Conservation Commission (\$1,000)** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, to come from 2017 general taxation. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article. (Majority vote required).

Motion to Accept as read – Chris Bassingthwaite
2nd: Ray Youngs

Motion to amend – Pete Santom
Motion to accept: Steve Davis
2nd: Paul Davis Jr.

Amended article by Pete Santom to read:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,640 for General Municipal Operations “(\$309,540.00)”, Ambulance (\$28,500), Transfer Station (\$71,000), Welfare (\$5,300), Parks & Recreation (\$6,700), Patriotic (\$100) Conservation Commission (\$1,000) “and Planning Board (\$1,500)” for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, to come from 2017 general taxation. This article does not include any amounts contained in any other article.

Amended article pass by voice vote

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,373** for the following **Health Agencies and Organizations:**

A Day Away – Alzheimer	\$500.00
American Red Cross (provides emergency & disaster relief)	\$200.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health Center (healthcare/counseling)	\$2500.00
Bridge House	\$1000.00
CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug free Youth)	\$1000.00
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children)	\$500.00
Genesis (mental health care)	\$1500.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens (meals, transportation, etc)	\$1200.00
Mid-State Health Center	\$200.00
Pemi-Baker Community Health (homecare, hospice, family health)	\$2000.00
Tri-CAP (fuel assistance, food, electrical & referral assistance)	\$2000.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of NH/VT (homecare, hospice, family health)	\$1773.00
Voices Against Violence (domestic& sexual violence)	\$1000.00

Motion to accept as read – Paul Davis Sr.
2nd: Tim Minear

Motion to amend – Lauren Youngs
Motion to accept: Pete Santom
2nd: John Meade

Amended article by Lauren Youngs to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of “\$17,632.40” for the following Health Agencies and Organizations: “Increasing the amount to Pemi-Baker Community Health (homecare, Hospice, family health to \$4,259.20”

Amended article pass by show of hands YES 42 NO 12

Motion to amend – Marina Rielly-Collette
Motion to accept: Marina Rielly-Collette
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.

Amended article by Marina Rielly Collette to read: Bridge House “\$1,500.00”.

Amendment defeated by show of hands YES 24 NO 32

Article as amended for Pemi Baker passed

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$36,000** for the maintenance of the **Fire Department** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, to come from 2017 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Jeff Ames
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.

Passed by voice vote

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$447,500** for the **Highway Department** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, of which approximately \$62,718 to come from the State Highway Block Grant Aid and the remainder to come from 2017 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read – Chris Bassingthwaite
2nd: Pete Santom

Motion to amend- Tim Minear
Motion to accept: Tim Minear
2nd: Ray Youngs

Amended article by Tim Minear to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$447,500 for the Highway Department for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with in the warrant, “\$20,000.00 to come from unassigned Fund Balance, with the remainder of \$427,500.00 to be spent by the Highway Dept. with Selectmen’s approval.”

Amended article pass by voice vote

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to continue the third year of the 7 year lease agreement, for the purpose of leasing a **2014 Freightliner** Dump/Plow Truck for the **Highway Department**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,679** for the third

year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read – Steve Davis
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.

Moved to a vote by: Steve Davis
2nd: Penny Davis

Article passed by voice vote

8. To see if the Town will vote to **Establish a Town Office Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for renovations and expansion of the Town Office and to raise and appropriate the sum **of \$15,000** to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion to accept as read – Pete Santom
2nd: Chris Bassingthwaite

Motion to amend – Francis Muzzey
Motion to accept: Francis Muzzey
2nd: Pete Santom

Amended article by Francis Muzzey to read: 8.To see if the Town will vote to Establish a Town Office Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for renovations and expansion of the Town Office and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in this fund. To (the word “further” to be deleted) name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Moved to a vote by: Steve Davis
2nd: Francis Muzzey

Amended article passed by voice vote

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$149,000** to be placed into the following **Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds**, to come from 2017 general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

a. Fire Truck (est. 1984)	\$15,000
b. Hwy Equipment & Vehicle (est. 1973)	\$25,000
c. Police Cruiser (est. 1993)	\$9,000
d. Property Revaluation	\$10,000
e. Town Bridges Fund	\$10,000
f. Road Paving (est. 2002)	\$50,000
g. Fire Dept Site (est. 2004)	\$15,000
h. Webster Library Trust	\$15,000

Motion to accept as read – Donna King
2nd: Chris Bassingthwaite

Article passed by voice vote

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,847** for the maintenance of the **Police Department (\$79,747) and Animal & Pest Control (\$1,100)** for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, of which \$11,500 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and the remainder to come from 2017 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Pete Chierichetti
2nd: Kay Bailey

Article passed by voice vote

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$45,605** for the **Webster Memorial Library** expenses; \$2,450 to come from **Library Income**, \$3,647 to come from **Library Fund Balance**, \$5,000 to come from the Library Expendable Trust Fund and the remaining sum of \$34,508 to come from 2017 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Sharon Sanborn
2nd: Michelle Clark

Article passed by voice vote

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000** for repairs & maintenance of the **Old Town Hall** of which \$55,000 to come from the Town Hall Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, \$9,000 to come from the Town Hall Repair Capital Reserve Fund, and \$21,000 to come from 2017 general taxation.

Motion to accept as read – Pete Santom
2nd: Kay Bailey

Motion to table by –
2nd:

Article tabled by show of hands: YES 51 NO 0

13. This is a petition to be presented to the Selectmen to have Recycling brought back to our Town. This will be placed on a 2017 Warrant Article. This will be voted on at the 2017 Town Meeting.

Motion to accept as read – Francis Muzzey
2nd: Paul Davis Sr.

Motion to table by – Francis Muzzey
2nd Paul Davis Sr.

Article tabled by show of hands YES 55 NO 0

14. To transact any **other business** that may legally come before the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by – Jeff Ames

Meetin adjourned at 4:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna J. King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Donna J. King, Town Clerk