

## 2025 WARRANT ARTICLES

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

You are hereby notified and warned that the election of Town Officers of the said Town of Wentworth will be held at the Wentworth Elementary School, 1247 Mt. Moosilauke Highway, Route 25, Wentworth, N.H. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. The polls will be open at 11 A.M. and close at 7 P.M. to bring in your votes on Article 1 (Election of Town Officers). All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon on Saturday, March 15, 2025, beginning at 1 P.M., the meeting for said purpose to be held at said Wentworth Elementary School.

### Article 01 **Election of Officers**

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

### Article 02 **Receive Reports**

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

### Article 03 **General Municipal Operations**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$406,775** for General Municipal Operations for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant. This article does not include any amount contained in any other article.

### Article 04 **Planning Board**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the Planning Board in connection with its activities for such purposes and such uses as deemed necessary by said Planning Board.

### Article 05 **Commercial Site Plan Review**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 674:43 and specifically under 674:16 to allow the Wentworth Planning Board the sole purpose of amendment of the Wentworth Planning board Regulations for Commercial Site Plan Review. Under its guidelines the Wentworth Planning Board will hold additional public hearings for public comment concerning the changes to the Planning Board Regulations.

### Article 06 **Historical Society**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** for the maintenance and expenses associated with the Wentworth Historical Society Museum and the ground on which it stands.

### Article 07 **Historical Society-Electricity to Friendship Bridge**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,700** to supply power from the Wentworth Historical Building to the Friendship Bridge.

### Article 08 **Police Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$109,653** for the maintenance of the Police Department for the ensuing year for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, with \$6,645 coming from the unassigned fund balance and \$103,008 coming from general taxation.

### Article 09 **Animal and Pest Control**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,133** for the expenses associated with Animal and Pest Control.

### Article 10 **Ambulance Service**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$325,000** for the operating expenses associated with Ambulance Services.

**Article 11 Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,100** for the maintenance of the Fire Department for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, with \$5,000 coming from unassigned fund balance and \$55,100 from general taxation.

**Article 12 Fire Department-Pump Refurbishing**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,200 for the purpose of refurbishing the fire pump on Engine Two.

**Article 13 Highway Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$428,330** for the maintenance of the Highway Department for the purposes detailed in the operating budget posted with the warrant, with \$49,196 coming from the unassigned fund balance and \$379,134 from general taxation.

**Article 14 Highway Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F600 4x4 truck, equipped with 4 yard dump body, 4 yard stainless sander, 10 ft plow and hydraulics to run broom and rake, to maintain town roads, \$110,000 to come from Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and \$40,000 from highway block grant, and nothing from general taxation. The Select Board recommends this action. (Majority vote required)

**Article 15 Western Star**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to continue with the fifth year of the seven (7) year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a 2022 Western Star 4700SF Dump/Plow Truck for the Highway Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,500** for the said fifth year payment for that purpose. The lease agreement does not contain an escape clause. The Selectboard unanimously recommends this action.

**Article 16 North Dorchester Road Bridge Bond**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$131,818** for the second installment of a ten-year bridge bond commitment, \$85,000 being the principal portion and \$46,818 being the interest portion.

**Article 17 Transfer Station**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$92,300** for the purpose of disposal and hauling of solid waste and cost of maintenance for the Town Transfer Station, said amount to come from general taxation.

**Article 18 Parks and Recreation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,200** for the Parks and Recreation for the general maintenance of parks including The Common, Library, Riverside Park and Hamilton Memorial Field.

**Article 19 Conservation Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** to be expended for the purpose of matters relating to conservation and Baker River water quality testing, with \$1576 coming from unassigned fund balance and \$424 from general taxation.

**Article 20 ETF & CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$219,100** to be place in the following Expendable Trust Funds and Capital Reserve Funds, to come from 2024 general taxation. The Select Board unanimously recommends this action.

Fire Truck CRF (est 1984)	\$25,000
Highway Equipment & Vehicles CRF (est 1973)	\$50,000

Police Cruiser CRF (est 1993)	\$ 9,000
Property Revaluation CRF (est 1995)	\$ 5,000
Town Bridges ETF (est 2006)	\$50,000
Town Hall Maintenance & Repairs CRF (est 2000)	\$ 5,000
Road Paving (est 2002)	\$25,000
Fire Department Site EFT (est 2015)	\$25,000
Webster Memorial Library EFT (est 2015)	\$10,000
Town Office Expansion EFT (est 2017)	\$15,000
Celebration ETF (est 2018)	\$ 100

**Article 20 Webster Memorial Library**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$57,377** for the Webster Memorial Library, with \$3000 coming from the Webster Memorial Library Expendable Trust created for that purpose. The balance of \$54,377 is to come from general taxation. The Select Board recommends this action. (Majority vote required)

**Article 21 Other Business**

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