

2020 WARRANT
Alstead

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 1, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Vilas Middle School, 82 Mechanic St., Alstead, NH 03602

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting):

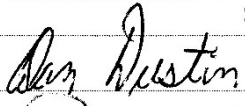


Date: March 10, 2020

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main St., Alstead, NH 03602

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 27th, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Municipal Office and the original was delivered to the Town Clerk

Name	Position	Signature
Alan Dustin, Chair	Selectman	
Rock Wilson	Selectman	
Mary Ann Wolf	Selectwoman	

Article 01: Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,634,203. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,597,719, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0).

Article 03 Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$207,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving the existing tar on Pine Cliff Road. The sum of \$103,500 to come from unassigned fund balance, the additional \$103,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 04 Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$40,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 05 Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988. The sum of \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 06 Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 07 Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015. The sum of \$5,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 08 Add to Shedd-Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. The sum of \$5,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 09 Fence for Pine Grove Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,375 for the purpose of installing a new fence for Pine Grove Cemetery. The sum of \$6,375 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 10 Town Hall Renovations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,600 for the purpose of Town Hall renovations, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article passed in 2018 but the work was not done and is now planned for 2020. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 11 OHRV Firefighting Rescue Vehicle Package

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5-year lease with option to purchase not to exceed the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of leasing and eventually purchasing an OHRV Firefighting Rescue Vehicle Package. This package includes a Polaris 900 side-by-side, firefighting/rescue skid unit and trailer, and to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1991. No amount to be raised by taxation. Please note, if the Town Meeting votes to approve this article and appropriation then, the Town shall be bound to the requirements of this lease for its entire 5-year term and, in particular, all financial obligations of said lease. This article is not recommended by the Select Board (0-3). (2/3 ballot vote required)

Article 12 Establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Vilas Pool

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 which shall be known as the Vilas Pool Park Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of conducting repairs and maintenance to the land associated with the park as well as to any improvements, equipment or structures located within. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 13 Purchase Defibrillator & Cardiac Monitor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing a defibrillator and cardiac monitor and to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Ambulance Department Capital Reserve fund previously established in 1992 for this purchase. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Article 14: NH Resolution to Take Action on the Climate Crisis (Petitioned Warrant Article)

We the town of Alstead hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Alstead's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to New Hampshire's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Alstead's Select Board, within 30 days of the vote.