

# Nottingham Town Warrant for 2023



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## Town Deliberative Session 2023

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On Saturday, February 4, 2023, Nottingham will convene the [Town Deliberative Session](#) (TDS) for 2023 at the Nottingham School, 235 Stage Road ( snow date Monday, February 6 at 6 PM) at 9 AM. A quick Civic 101 lesson: the TDS is actually the first part of a two-step Town Meeting process. The second part will occur at the Nottingham School, on March 14, 2023, to vote on all Warrant Articles as well as Article #1 the election of School and Town officers. The polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM. Moreover, the School Deliberative Session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the School. If it snows, the snow date will be Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

According to Town Moderator, Dawn Fernald, the TDS commences at 9 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance, with the doors open much earlier for folks to register. Registration to vote at the TDS, one must show photographic identification or suitable documentation. Lacking those, there is a form that one can fill out then. At this point, it is not known, if there will be food available for sale. Fernald wants to remind those attending that is a *deliberative session*. Meaning the Warrant Articles can only be amended there but not voted on until March 14. And, the amendments cannot change “the spirit” of the WA. For example, a WA for a firetruck cannot be changed for work at the Town Hall.



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That said, here are the Warrant Articles for Town Deliberative Session.

**Article# 2** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Adopt a new definition for impervious surface. **Approved By The Nottingham Planning Board By A Vote Of (6-0-1)**

**Article #3:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Adopt a new vegetative buffer for wetlands. Re-format Article III; Section B.3 as "Vegetative Buffers."

**Approved By The Nottingham Planning Board By a Vote Of (6-0-1)**

**Article #4** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Adopt setbacks for new roadways. **Residential/Agricultural**-The right of way of all new roads or streets within a subdivision shall maintain a twenty-five foot (25') no-disturb, natural vegetative buffer from any property line shared with a lot abutting the subdivision. **Commercial/Industrial**- The right of way of all new roads or streets within a subdivision shall maintain a fifty foot (50') no-disturb, natural vegetative buffer from any property line shared with a lot abutting the subdivision.

**Approved By The Nottingham Planning Board By A Vote Of (5-1-0)**

**Article #5:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Adopt amendments to the Aquifer Protection District that includes adding Design I Performance section and Maintenance I Inspection section; changing exemptions to Conditional Use Permit; adding the Town Administrator and Fire Chief as the Designated Agents; and in order to align with state regulations.

**Approved By The Nottingham Planning Board By A Vote Of (6-0-0)**

**Article #6:** Shall the Town 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 \$ 4,842,866 (Four million, eight hundred forty-two thousand eight hundred sixty-six dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,541,263 (Four million five hundred forty-one thousand, two hundred and sixty-three dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. The estimated tax impact is \$3.08 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Board of Selectmen recommended this article (5-0)**

**The Budget Committee recommended this article. (7-0-2)**

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**Article #7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 (Ninety thousand dollars) to be added to the previously established Town Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust fund. The sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. This expendable trust is used for maintenance and repair of heating, plumbing or other major systems in town buildings or facilities. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation. Majority vote required.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).**

**Article #8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) to be used for engineering projects including culverts on Kelsey Road and Cooper Hill Road and the library parking lot. The sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (5-3-1).**

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of performing a statutory revaluation of property every five years. The sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (6-3).**

**Article #10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing the necessary fuel, supplies, equipment and maintenance to run the ambulance and billing services for 2023; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) from the Ambulance and Equipment Replacement Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).**

**Article #11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) for highway reconstruction and maintenance work for top coat to protect the base on Flutter Street and Oak Ridge Road, reconstruction and paving of Deerfield Road, or other roads in Nottingham if a priority arises. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or not later than one year after the end of fiscal year 2023, whichever occurs earlier. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.48 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).**

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**Article #12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.12 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (8-1).**

**Article #13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Vehicle / SCBA Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.12 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).**

**Article #14:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Technology Equipment Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for purchase and repair of technology equipment for the Police Department including but not limited to mobile data terminals, cameras, servers, radios, tasers, radar units, etc., and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put into the fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.01 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (9-0).**

**Article #15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Invasive Species Prevention and Eradication Removal Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Majority Vote Required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.01 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (5-4).**

**Article #16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand Dollars) to be used for improvements to the library entrance including accessibility for ADA compliant door opening device. Majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.007 (less than 1 cent) per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (8-0-1).**

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will approve the readoption of the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28, II). The readoption of the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit, if approved, would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans that qualify under the current requirements and as of April 1, 2023, would expand the eligibility requirements to include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service. (Majority vote required)

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**Article 18** "Shall the Town of Nottingham raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the calendar year of 2023 in order to contract with a property management firm to make repairs to facilities as needed according to priority as determined by the Select Board and to provide maintenance of facility grounds?" By Petition, majority vote required. The estimated tax impact is \$0.05 per \$1,000 of property valuation.

**The Select Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).**

**The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation (0-7-2).**

**Article 19** "Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the town of Nottingham, NH on March 14, 2023, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes?" By Petition, 3/5ths (60%) vote required.

**Article # 20** Other business

Democracy means engagement and participation. See you, there and then.

