

Town of Alton
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alton in the County of Belknap in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 3, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Prospect Mountain High School

Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 8, 2016

Time: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Location: Prospect Mountain High School

Details:

Article 01: List of elected positions to be on ballot

To choose all necessary Town Officers for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law; and to elect: two selectmen for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, two library trustees for three years, one library trustee for one year, one moderator for two years, one cemetery trustee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, two budget committee members for three years, one budget committee member for two years, two planning board members for three years, one supervisor of the checklist for six years and two zoning board members for three years.

Yes

No

Article 02: Zoning Amendment

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 proposes to amend Article 200 Definitions to add definitions for terms pertaining to Child Care and amend Section 401 Permitted Uses – Table of Uses for Child Care Uses.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of this amendment is to include additional terms pertaining to Child Care as defined by the NH Department of Health and Human Services into the Zoning Ordinance and to identify the zones where those uses will be permitted.

Currently those uses are not defined in the Zoning Ordinance and require a use variance approved by the Zoning

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Currently those uses are not defined in the Zoning Ordinance and require a use variance approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment to be allowed.

Yes No

Article 03: zoning amendment

: PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 proposes to amend Article 300, Section 320 B. 2. b for nonconforming structures all located within the setbacks.

YES ____ NO ____

RATIONALE:

The intent of this amendment is to clarify what is allowed for expansion of nonconforming structures that are located entirely within the required setbacks. The expansion could be permitted if a Special Exception is approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment showing the expansion is built towards the building envelope. Building envelope is defined as the three-dimensional space within which a structure is permitted to be built on a lot and that is defined by maximum height regulations and minimum setbacks.

Yes No

Article 04: zoning amendment

: PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 proposes to add a new Article 300, Section 336 Structures Destroyed by Fire or Other Natural Disaster.

YES ____ NO ____

RATIONALE:

The purpose of this amendment is to establish conditions including a time frame for removing, rebuilding or replacing a structure destroyed by a fire or other natural disaster in order to protect public safety, minimize impacts on abutters and minimize adverse visual impacts.

Planning Board Amendments # 4 and #5 are minor "housekeeping" amendments submitted for the voters' consideration.

Yes No

Article 05: zoning amendment

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Yes No

Article 06: zoning amendment

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5:

The Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 proposes to amend ARTICLE 500, Section 550 Enforcement regarding the responsibilities of the Building Inspector.

YES ____ NO ____

RATIONALE:

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the responsibilities and the relationship between the Building Inspector and the Code Official.

Yes No

Article 07: police detail payment

ARTICLE #7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing for the payment of payroll and overhead for police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The Town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose (payroll and overhead) for which the fund was created. [Recommended by the Selectmen (5-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 08: Old Home Week

Article #8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purpose of funding Old Home Week events such as the Barbershoppers, band concerts, magic shows and other forms of activities. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2017. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 09: Alton Bay sidewalks

Article #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purpose of funding the repair and upgrade of the sidewalks in Alton Bay only. This would include the sidewalks along the water and paved sidewalks along Route 11. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2017. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 10: Sidewalk Capital Reserve

ARTICLE #10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund as previously established for the upgrade and maintenance of existing sidewalks. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 11: town hall improvements

ARTICLE #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed into the Town Hall Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. This would be used for upgrading the HVAC, the handicap lift and other needed repairs to the town hall. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 12: Landfill Closure

ARTICLE #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 13: Benefit pay expendable trust fund

ARTICLE #13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 14: building and site improvement for transfer station

ARTICLE #14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the Transfer Station, as previously established, which also includes the EPA storm water management implementation requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 15: milfoil

ARTICLE #15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00 to be added to the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established as recommended by the Milfoil Committee. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 16: handicap upgrade restrooms abcc & restrooms

ARTICLE #16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of upgrading the Alton Bay restrooms (east and west) and the Alton Bay Community Center restrooms to provide for handicap accessibility. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2017. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 17: jones field improvements engineering consultant

ARTICLE #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00 for an engineering consultant to develop a plan to upgrade and expand the Jones Field recreation facility. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2017. [Appropriation not recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and recommended by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 18: repair west side lake wall

ARTICLE #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of repairing the lake wall on the west side of Alton Bay covering the area from the boat docks to the swim area. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2017. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 19: cemetery building improvements

ARTICLE #19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Cemetery Building Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established as recommended by the Cemetery Trustees. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 20: operating and default budgets

ARTICLE #20: 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 Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$6,900,267.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million Eight Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$6,865,318.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alton 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. [Appropriation recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and Budget Committee (5-2).]

This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 21: ambulance fund

ARTICLE #21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$160,000.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31:95c for the purpose of funding the ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies and equipment, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 22: fire equipment fund

ARTICLE #22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Alton Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 23: fire equipment capital reserve fund

ARTICLE #23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the Alton Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. This capital reserve was established to repair/replace the fire vehicles and equipment. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 24: highway equipment capital reserve fund

ARTICLE #24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 25: Highway loader/grader lease

ARTICLE #25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for Four Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$440,000.00) for the purpose of leasing a front end loader and grader for the highway department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation escape clause. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 26: highway reconstruction capital reserve

ARTICLE #26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$162,966.00. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 27: library building improvement capital reserve

ARTICLE #27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Library Building Improvement/Repair Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established as recommended by the Library Trustees. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 28: community action program non profit

ARTICLE #28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,900.00) for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance and Women, Infants & Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 29: Central vna & hospice non profit

ARTICLE #29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 30: american red cross non profit

ARTICLE #30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty One Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$2,121.44) for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provides disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (4-1) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-3)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 31: Alton community services non profit

ARTICLE #31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities and housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 32: medication bridge prescription program non profit

ARTICLE #32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$227.00) for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not-for-profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 33: new beginnings non profit

ARTICLE #33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$1,530.00) for the purpose of supporting New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operates a shelter and provides counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 34: genesis

ARTICLE #34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,750.00) for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-3)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 35: caregivers of southern carroll county and vicinity

ARTICLE #35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of supporting Caregivers of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc. (includes Alton) which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 36: CASA court appointed special advocates non profit

ARTICLE #36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 37: appalachian mountain teen project non profit

ARTICLE #37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-3)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 38: child & family services non profit

ARTICLE #38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purpose of supporting Child & Family Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2016. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-2)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 39: life ministries non profit (petition article)

ARTICLE #39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of supporting L.I.F.E. Ministries which is a not-for-profit charity that provides food and staples to Alton residents. This is a petition article. [Appropriation not recommended by the Selectmen (4-1) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 40: discontinue Trustees of Cemetery

ARTICLE #40: To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees to the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Cemetery Trustees (3-0) and Board of Selectmen (4-1) (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 41: consolidate non profit articles into one article

ARTICLE #41: To see if the Town will vote to have all of the non-profit warrant articles listed together in one warrant article instead of individually as separate warrant articles which is how it is currently done. This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Article 42: discontinue water commissioners Petition Article

ARTICLE #42: We, the following duly registered voters in the Town of Alton, do hereby respectfully submit the following article to be placed on the warrant for the 2016 annual meeting.

"Shall we discontinue the Water Commissioners as established under RSA 38:18 and delegate the construction, management, control and direction of the water department to the Board of Selectmen? If approved, to be effective 90 days following the date of the 2016 annual meeting." (A majority vote is required)

Yes No

Given under our hands, <<DATE>>

We certify and attest that on or before <<DATE>>, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at <<LOCATION>>, and delivered the original to the <<TOWN OFFICIAL>>

Printed Name	Position	Signature