

New Ipswich

The inhabitants of the Town of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date:

February 4, 2025

Time:

7:00pm

Location: Mascenic Auditorium

Details:

175 Turnpike Road, New Ipswich, NH

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

March 11, 2025

Time:

7:00am-7:00pm

Location: Mascenic Gymnasium

175 Turnpike Road, New Ipswich, NH

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 27, 2025 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Office, 661 Turnpike Road and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk

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Article 01	Election of Officers						
	To choose the following necessary town officials for the year ensuing:						
	Board of Selectmen Board of Assessors Cemetery Trustees Planning Board Town Clerk/Tax Collector Trustees of the Trust Funds	(1) 3-year term (1) 3-year term (1) 2-year term (1) 3-year term (1) 2-year term (2) 3-year term (1) 2-year term (1) 3-year term (1) 3-year term (1) 2-year term					
			Yes	No			
Article 02	Zoning Ordinance Amendme	ent-Cluster Subdivision					
	Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as proposed by the Planning Bo Town of New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Article XIII Section E Clus Development to update the regulation so the determination of the number of buildable consistent with traditional subdivision methods, and to use soil and septic suitability is determine minimum lot size. The changes also allow for reduced open space in a clusubdivision, adds a requirement for a conceptual review, adds options for agriculture subdivisions, and allows options for bonuses density when plans include features such playgrounds or public access to the property. Recommended by the Planning Board 4-2						
			Yes	No			
Article 03	Appropriate operating budg	et					
	Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount 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 Three Million Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$3,619,781)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$3,370,078). Which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Ipswich 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. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0						
			Yes	No			
Article 04	Roads						
	To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of maintaining, reconstructing and paving New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of five years, terminating on December 31, 2030, or when the project is complete whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0						

Yes

No



Article 05	Roads							
	To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of maintaining, reconstructing and paving New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of five years, terminating on December 31, 2030, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0							
				Yes	No			
Article 06	Fund Capital Reserve and Expendable	Trusts			1			
	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$391,000) to be contributed to the previously established capital reserve and expendable trust funds as follows:							
	Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fur Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund Fire Protection Equipment Capital Reserve Fire Department Communication Capital Repool Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund Parks & Recreation Capital Reserve Fund Police Department Cruiser Capital Reserve Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund Majority Vote Required.	e Fund Reserve Fund	\$95,000 50,000 95,000 30,000 5,000 6,000 15,000 65,000 30,000					
	Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0							
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Article 07	Ambulance Service							
	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$151,200) for the contracted licensed ambulance service, emergency services and support. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0							
				Yes	No			
Article 08	Library							
	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$45,000) to support the New Ipswich Library. Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1							
				Yes	No			



Article 09	Discontinue Expendable Trust Fund					
	To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Green Center Recy 2024. (Majority vote required)	cling Expendabl	e Trust created in			
		Yes	No			
Article 10	Establish Green Center Recycling Revolving Fund					
	see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose the Green Center Recycling Center. All revenues (or designate a portion thereof) received for a Green Center Recycling from donations will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the end shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the wn's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and wall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the end was created. (Majority vote required)					
		Yes	No			
Article 11	Establish Full-Time Combined Position					
	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,500 for the purpose of creating a full-time Fire Officer/Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer position no sooner than July 1, 2025. This amount includes all salary and benefit costs. If approved, the appropriation for this new position will become part of the annual operating budget in subsequent years. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1					
		Yes	No			
Article 12	Purchase New Vehicle for Highway Department					
	To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for a pickup truck and plow for use at the Highway Department. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0					
		Yes	No			
Article 13	Scenic Road Designation					
	Petition Warrant Article- To see if the Town will vote to designate Willard Road as a Scenic Road under the provisions of RSA 231:157, thereby recognizing its natural beauty and ensuring the preservation of its scenic qualities. This designation would mean any future work involving the cutting or removal of trees or the tearing down, removing or destruction of stone walls along Willard Road would require a public hearing and approval from the Planning Board in accordance with New Hampshire Scenic Road Regulations.					
		Yes	No			



Article 15

2025 WARRANT

Article 14 Adopt Conflict of Interest Ordinance

Petition Warrant Article-

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Conflict of Interest Ordinance in accordance with RSA 31:39-a:

It shall be considered a conflict of interest for a person who is currently a party to a lawsuit against the Town of New Ipswich, its officers, boards, committees, or commissions to hold a position on any Town board, committee or commission.

Accordingly, no person who is currently a party to a lawsuit against the Town of New Ipswich, its officers, or its boards, committees, or commissions shall be eligible to hold a position on any Town board, committee, or commission until such lawsuit is fully resolved.

This provision is intended to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure the integrity and impartiality of Town governance. An exemption applies for 1 year from the date of adoption for anyone currently in a position.

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	Yes No
Petitioned Warrant Article-New Playset for Memor	rial Field
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to \$1 playground set for Memorial Field. Price includes equentitioned warrant article. Not Recommended by the Selectmen 1-2	
	Yes No

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