



**New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration**

**2026
WARRANT**

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 3, 2026

Time: 7PM

Location: Mascenic High School Auditorium

Details: 175 Turnpike Road

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 10, 2026

Date: March 15,
Time: 7AM-7PM

Location: Mascenic Gymnasium

Details: 175 Turnpike Road

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 26, 2026, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Town Office, Town Website, Post Office and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk.

Name _____

Position

Signature

Louis Alvarez

745003 Sempre

Selectman

Selectman

Highway
for



Article 01 Election of Officers

To choose the following necessary town officials for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen	1 3 year term
Board of Assessors	1 3 year term
Cemetery Trustees	1 3 year term
Moderator	1 2 year term
Planning Board	2 3 year term
Supervisors of the Checklist	1 2 year term, 1 4 year term, 1 6 year term
Treasurer	1 3 year term
Trustees of the Trust Funds	1 3 year term, 1 2 year term, 1 1 year term

Article 02 Zoning Ordinance Amendment-Accessory Dwelling Unit

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Zoning Regulations Article XIII Section N of New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to align with 2025 legislative updates to RSA 674:71-73 including updated definitions for attached and detached ADUs, updated parking provisions, distinguishing ADUs that may be developed "by right" and those requiring a special exception from the ZBA, and owner occupancy requirements?

(Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

Article 03 Zoning Ordinance- Cluster Subdivision

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Regulations Article XIII General Provisions, Section E Cluster Development to allow the Planning Board to permit more flexibility for the types of land in the conserved open space, allowing for agricultural cluster subdivisions, changing the methods for determining the number of buildable lots (simpler equation method), providing for a mix of different home types, clarifying the deeding of the conserved open space, and amending Article XVIII with updated definitions?

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-1)

Article 04 Zoning Ordinance- Cluster Subdivision

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Regulations Article XIII General Provisions, Section E Cluster Development to add a new section allowing for workforce/affordable housing density bonuses if the Cluster Development plan/design includes community desirable elements (promoting things such as agriculture use, senior/affordable/handicap accessible housing, walkable spaces, recreation spaces that may include public access, etc.)?

(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-1)

Article 05 Zoning Ordinance-Mobile Food Vending



Article 05 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Regulations, by adding land use language for Mobile Food Vendors to Article V Section C, by adding Mobile Food Vendor Court language to Article VI Section C, adding Mobile Vendor language to Article XIII Section G. Parking, and adding related definitions to Article XVIII Definitions?

(Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

Article 06 **Operating Budget**

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 \$4026145? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,864,498, 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.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 07 **Roads**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to maintain, reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed on or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 08 **Roads**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to maintain, reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed on or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 09 **Fund Capital Reserves and Expendable Trusts**

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 capital reserve and expendable trust funds previously established as follows: (Majority vote required).

Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund \$95,000
Building Maintenance Expendable Trust \$50,000
Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund \$95,000
Fire Protection Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
Fire Department Communications Capital Reserve Fund \$ 5,000
Pool Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund \$ 6,000
Parks & Recreation Capital Reserve Fund \$15,000
Police Department Capital Reserve Fund \$65,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund \$30,000
Total = \$391,000

Recommended by the Selectmen 1-1



Article 10 Ambulance Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$165,288) for the purpose of contracted licensed ambulance service, emergency services and support. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 11 Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of supporting the New Ipswich Library. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen 1-1

Article 12 Modify Veterans Optional Tax Credit

Shall the Town modify the existing provisions of RSA 72:35, Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability, to increase the credit amount from the current amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$4,750) on residential property, in order to offset the legislative change enacted by House Bill 99 (HB 99), which now prohibits combining veteran tax credits.

This modification will allow qualifying veterans with a service-connected total and permanent disability to receive the same total tax credit amount as they previously received prior to this legislative change.

(Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 13 Heritage Commission Building Assessment

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) towards performing a Historic Building Assessment of the New Ipswich Town Hall with a preservation contractor. The remainder of the cost will be obtained through a matching grant. This assessment will document the preservation and restoration recommendations, allowing the Town to move forward in obtaining grants for the work to be done. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 14 Communication for all Emergency Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$180,006.45) to authorize the upgrade and relocation of the Town's Emergency Services communication systems that support all services, to the cell tower located on Old Rindge Road, or to take any action relative thereto. Said funds to be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 15 Sale of Town Owned Vehicle



Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to add Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) received from the sale of the Town-owned 2001 International fire vehicle, into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of replacing Fire Department vehicles. This sum is to come from offsetting revenue to the Town's fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required).
Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Article 16 **Addition of a 7th Full-Time Police Officer**
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$74,814.47) for the purpose of creating a seventh full-time Police Officer position no sooner than July 1, 2026. This amount includes the costs of all salary and benefits for 6 months in 2026. If approved, the appropriation for this new position shall become part of the Town's annual operating budget in subsequent years (approx. \$149,628.94 annually based on current benefits and pay structure). (Majority vote required).
Not recommended by the Selectmen 0-2

Article 17 **PETITION: Felony Plea or Conviction**
To see if the Town will vote to make it unlawful for any person with a felony plea or conviction so serve in the following positions for the Town of New Ipswich: 1) as a member of the Board of Selectmen; 2) as a Town Administrator; 3) as Town Clerk; or 4) other Town of New Ipswich positions with accounting responsibilities. Any person with a felony plea or conviction currently serving in one of these roles must immediately resign or refuse an election or appointment into one of these positions, as applicable.

Article 18 **PETITION: Zoning Board Appointments**
To see if the Town will vote to require the New Ipswich Board of Selectmen to comply with NH RSA 673:5 which requires that the Board of Selectmen appoint individuals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a term not to exceed three (3) years. The Board of Selectmen may reappoint a member of the ZBA to a second term but must do so prior to the expiration of the first term. If any member of the ZBA is not reappointed prior to the expiration of the term and that individual participates in a ZBA meeting and vote, that vote shall be deemed null and void as to the entirety of the ZBA board vote.

Article 19 **Zoning Board Term Limits**
To see if the Town will vote to require that any duly appointed member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is limited to two consecutive three-year terms or a total of six (6) years if any term is less than three (3) years. Further, that any current ZBA member who has served for six consecutive years or more on the ZBA must resign within ninety (90) days of the passage of this warrant article and may not be reappointed for a new term within a period of three (3) years from the date of their resignation. Further, that a former ZBA member who served for six consecutive years cannot be reappointed until three (3) years has elapsed since the date of their last attendance at a ZSBA meeting as a member of the ZBA board. If any ZBA member should fail to resign within ninety (90) days, any ZBA vote taken after the ninety (90) days expires, shall be deemed null and void as to the entirety of that board vote.

Article 20 **PETITION: Increase Selectboard to 5 Members**
Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members? (Majority ballot vote required)



Article 21 PETITION: Strict Operating Budget Increase Limitation Policy

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following policy: The annual increase in the town's operating budget shall be limited to no more than the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, for the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the budget is proposed, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This limitation applies solely to capping increases over the prior year's adopted operating budget and shall not permit any additional percentage, population/enrollment adjustment, different inflation index, override provision, exclusion of categories (such as capital, debt, or emergencies), or other modification that would allow increases exceeding the specified CPI-U percentage change. This policy shall remain in effect for all future budgets unless fully rescinded by a subsequent warrant article approved by the voters.

Article 22 PETITION: Donations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$9,970) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services that assist New Ipswich residents:

Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention	\$ 120
Meals on Wheels	\$1,300
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)	\$ 500
Hundred Nights Shelter	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,000
The River Center	\$ 500
Granite State Children's Alliance	\$ 300
Community Volunteer Transportation Company	\$ 250
Monadnock Family Services	\$ 500
Home Health Care Hospice and Community Services	\$1,500
Shelter from the Storm	\$1,000
Harbor Care	\$ 500

Not recommended by the Selectmen 0-2