

To the inhabitants of Londonderry in the County of Rockingham in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Voters are hereby notified to meet at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria in Londonderry on Saturday, the eleventh (11th) day of February 2023, at nine o'clock in the morning for the Deliberative Session of the Budgetary Town Meeting.

Voters are further notified to meet at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, to choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, and to act upon the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget, as may be amended at the Deliberative Session, by official ballot, the polls to be open at six o'clock in the morning and to close not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE NO. 1: [ELECTION OF OFFICERS]

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year or until another is chosen or appointed and qualified.

ARTICLE NO. 2: [AMENDMENT TO TOWN CHARTER – TREASURER]

Shall the municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted and summarized below: (words removed are [bracketed] and new words are **in bold**)

Section 5.7. Treasurer

There shall be a Town Treasurer (hereinafter called “Treasurer”) who shall have all the powers and duties granted by this Charter and State Law. The Treasurer shall be [elected on an at-large basis to a term of three (3) years at the Town Election] **appointed by the Town Council upon recommendation of the Town Manager for a three (3)-year term.** Vacancies in the office of Treasurer shall be filled pursuant to state law.

If the amendment is adopted, the Town Treasurer shall be appointed by the Town Council for a three (3)-year term instead of being elected for a three (3)-year term. If the amendment is adopted, the elected Treasurer shall remain in office until the 2024 annual town election.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 3-1 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 3: *[FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOWN 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 \$40,594,648. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$40,595,374 which is the amount of the appropriations contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous fiscal 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.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$21,416,436 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$4.121 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 4: *[EXPENDABLE MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND]*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000)** to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town facilities and infrastructure and further to authorize the use of **NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$90,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.017 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 3-1 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 5: *[ROADWAY MAINTENANCE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND]*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000)** to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$300,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.058 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 3-1 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 6: *[DPW EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE LEASES]*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into up to a 10-year lease agreement in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$670,000)** for the purpose of leasing three 6-wheel trucks and proper equipment and one Utility Pick-up Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum **EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$85,000)** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$85,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.016 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 3-1 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 7: *[FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)** to be placed in the Fire Equipment capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of **FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$50,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.010 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 8: *[PILLSBURY CEMETERY EXPANSION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000)** to be placed in the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$50,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.010 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 3-1 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 9: [INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) to be placed in the Information Technology capital reserve fund.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$25,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.005 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 10: [RECREATION DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) to be placed in the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$10,000.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.002 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 11: [RATIFY A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONDONDERRY POLICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Police Employees Association, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase from Budget</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Increase from Budget</u>
FY 2024	\$337,506	\$0.065

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase from Previous FY</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Increase from Previous FY</u>
FY 2025	\$478,440	\$0.092
FY 2026	\$289,629	\$0.056
FY 2027	\$166,596	\$0.032
FY 2028	\$221,685	\$0.043

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And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **THREE-HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SIX DOLLARS (\$337,506)** for FY 2024 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements. (Londonderry Police Employees Association represents 67 full-time and 3 part-time Police Department employees).

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$337,506.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.065 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 12: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 11 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 11 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 13: [ADD FULL-TIME LIBRARY TECHNICIAN]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$108,859)** for the purpose of adding a full-time Library Technician to the Leach Library's staff.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$108,859.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.021 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1 recommends a NO vote. The Library Trustees by a vote of 6-0 recommend a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 14: [CABLE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$32,500)** to be placed in the Cable Equipment capital reserve fund with funding to come from the annual distribution of Public Educational and Government Access programming from the current Franchise Agreement.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 15: [TO DETERMINE SUPPORT ON WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES]

To see if the Town supports the acquisition, construction and/or creation of a Town-wide drinking water system to be paid for through a combination of potentially available federal and state grants, bonds, and local taxation. This is a non-binding warrant article presented solely to assess the Town's support for the creation of a Town-wide drinking water system and does not authorize an appropriation to begin the process to secure such a system.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 24 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 16: [TRANSACTION OF OTHER BUSINESS]

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No business enacted under this article shall have any binding effect upon the Town.


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Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and twenty-three.

***TOWN COUNCIL
LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE***


John Farrell - Chairman



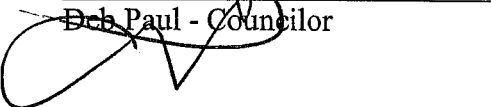
Joseph V. Green - Vice Chairman



James Butler - Councilor




Deb Paul - Councilor



Chad Franz - Councilor

I hereby certify that notice was given to the inhabitants of the Town of Londonderry to meet for the 2023 Town Meeting at the time and place indicated in this Warrant, by posting an attested copy of this document on January 19, 2023 at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium, the place of meeting, and at the Town Hall, School District Office and Leach Public Library.



Michael Malaguti
Town Manager