

Town of Bradford  
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in the said State qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Area Community Center on East Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

**Article One:** To choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year.

**Article Two:** To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

**Article Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,600,000.00) (gross budget) for the purpose of completing the renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. This project will complete the renovation of the Town Hall. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33). Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof. Further, the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) will come from the 2013 Town Hall Restoration Fund, the amount of Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$243,000.00) will come from the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Fund and the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) will be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and three-fifths vote.

**Article Four:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$2,470,103.78) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend \$2,473,579.78. Budget Committee recommends \$2,470,103.78.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	219,013.44	219,013.44
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	11,239.00	11,239.00
3. Financial Administration	106,391.00	106,391.00
4. Revaluations	28,700.00	28,700.00
5. Legal	30,000.00	30,000.00

6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00
7. Planning & Zoning	21,476.00	18,000.00
8. General Gov	84,300.00	84,300.00
9. Cemetery	25,000.00	25,000.00
10. Insurances	91,700.00	91,700.00
11. Other General Gov	6,050.00	6,050.00
12. Police Department	595,007.86	595,007.86
13. Fire Department	148,450.00	148,450.00
14. Rescue Services - FAST	8,780.00	8,780.00
15. Rescue Services – Contract	57,200.00	57,200.00
16. Building Code Department	26,550.00	26,550.00
17. Civil Defense	500.00	500.00
18. Highway Department	658,347.82	658,347.82
19. Bridges	1.00	1.00
20. Street Lighting	2,200.00	2,200.00
21. Solid Waste Collection	96,565.76	96,565.76
22. Solid Waste Disposal	23,600.00	23,600.00
23. Inoculations	1.00	1.00
24. Welfare Administration	7,467.85	7,467.85
25. Welfare Payments	29,520.00	29,520.00
26. Parks and Recreation	19,508.05	19,508.05
27. Library	82,560.00	82,560.00
28. Patriotic Purposes	18,000.00	18,000.00
29. Community Center	22,450.00	22,450.00
30. Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00
31. Long Term Notes	48,000.00	48,000.00
32. Interest on TAN notes	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total	\$ 2,473,579.78	\$ 2,470,103.78

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to fund the 2019 Town Hall Repair and Renovation Expendable Trust Fund. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Three. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Five Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$505,000.00) to purchase a new Class A pumper with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to fund SCBA Bottle Replacement. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00) to purchase a new 10-wheel dump truck with equipment. This appropriation will come from the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) with the balance of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) to be raised by taxation. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund road maintenance, preservation and paving. This appropriation will come from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to purchase a used brush chipper. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to fund miscellaneous Highway projects. Further, this will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) to purchase and outfit with equipment a new Police Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Fourteen:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing 2015 Town Equipment Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 2015, such that in addition to funding major repairs to the Town's vehicles and heavy equipment, this fund may also be used to purchase equipment. Further, to rename this fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required). Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Seventeen:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding emergency road, culvert and bridge repairs. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Eighteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to fund the 2008 Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the 2010 Communication Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (for emergency services). (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Conservation Fund overseen by the Conservation Commission. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Two:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to fund the 2002 Gravestone Repair and Preservation Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Four:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Long-Term Planning Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding long-term planning efforts. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars

(\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Five:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Matching Funds for Grants Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of providing matching funds for grants. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Six:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve created in 1960. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the 1994 Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Trust Fund, created at the Town Meeting in 1994, so that the fund which was originally established as a non-expendable general trust fund for the purpose of cemetery maintenance, shall now be used as an expendable trust fund for the purpose of cemetery maintenance. Further, to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend. (Two-thirds vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Twenty-Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

**Article Thirty:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) for the purpose of implementing energy saving measures to reduce the annual energy consumption of the Highway Garage as outlined in the Energy Audit Report Sponsored by Eversource Energy dated February 9, 2021. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2027. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

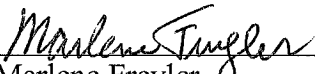
**Article Thirty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to commit to a community-wide goal of transitioning to 100 percent reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050. The Bradford Energy Committee recommends residents approve this Article and commits to using fiscal prudence and affordability as criteria for evaluating and recommending potential energy projects to help Bradford achieve these goals in the coming years. Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

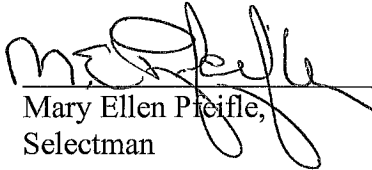
**Article Thirty-Two:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

**Article Thirty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Offices. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bradford Board of Selectmen,

  
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Andrew Pinard, Chairman

  
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Marlene Freyler,  
Selectman

  
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Mary Ellen Pfeifle,  
Selectman