

Town of Bradford
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 12th, 2024

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 12th, 2024.

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 twelfth 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 13th, 2024 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 Nine Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$2,937,259.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
1. Executive	237,511.00	237,511.00
2. Elections & Vital Statistics	11,050.00	11,050.00
3. Financial Administration	95,450.00	95,450.00
4. Revaluations	39,800.00	39,800.00
5. Legal	66,000.00	66,000.00
6. Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00
7. Planning & Zoning	13,349.00	13,349.00
8. General Gov	157,750.00	157,750.00
9. Cemetery	25,700.00	25,700.00
10. Insurances	103,951.00	103,951.00
11. Other General Gov	8,750.00	8,750.00
12. Police Department	635,471.00	635,471.00
13. Fire Department	160,740.00	160,740.00
14. Rescue Services - FAST	9,150.00	9,150.00
15. Rescue Services – Contract	95,000.00	95,000.00
16. Building Code Department	24,000.00	24,000.00
17. Civil Defense	1.00	1.00
18. Highway Department	700,845.00	700,845.00
19. Bridges	1.00	1.00

20. Street Lighting	2,000.00	2,000.00
21. Solid Waste Collection	99,991.00	99,991.00
22. Solid Waste Disposal	26,200.00	26,200.00
23. Inoculations	1.00	1.00
24. Welfare Administration	7,468.00	7,468.00
25. Welfare Payments	30,270.00	30,270.00
26. Parks and Recreation	21,509.00	21,509.00
27. Library	90,000.00	90,000.00
28. Patriotic Purposes	20,000.00	20,000.00
29. Community Center	43,800.00	43,800.00
30. Other Conservation	1,000.00	1,000.00
31. Long Term Notes	209,000.00	209,000.00
32. Interest on TAN notes	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total	\$ 2,937,259.00	\$ 2,937,259.00

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to retain the following town-owned properties, Map 4 Lot 7 and Map 4 Lot 9, for conservation purposes as provided by RSA 80:42-a. Both lots, each of approximately two acres, comprise wetland and are part of the West Branch Brook headwater identified as prime wetland and wildlife habitat. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of a framed copy of a 1925 50th Anniversary Announcement of the Bradford-Newbury Fair offered by Robert W. Wright, Jr. of Sutton NH. This donation is given under the following two conditions: 1) The Town votes to accept the donation at an annual Town Meeting, and 2) It shall be displayed. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Bradford Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Bradford Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

Article Seven: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13, known as SB2 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Bradford on the second Tuesday of March. **By Petition.** (3/5 majority ballot vote required.) Select Board does not recommend.

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and enter into and provide an easement to the Bradford Historical Society over the front portion of land known as 152 East Main Street in Bradford (Tax Map 17, Lot 112), with improvements thereupon, (the "Property") to allow the Historical Society to place, construct and maintain historical buildings and displays and to hold Historical Society meetings and events on the Property in furtherance of the Historical Society's mission. Select Board Recommends

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to retain as Town-owned and Town-maintained the building at 89 West Main Street (Map 16 Lot 87) known as the Masonic Building. This will be a ballot vote. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to sell the Masonic Building pursuant to RSA 31:3, to authorize the Select Board to negotiate the terms and details of the sale of the Masonic Building and its removal from Town property, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the sale of the Masonic Building as recommended by the Masonic Building Committee. This article is null and void with the passage of Article Nine. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a Treasurer. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to purchase and outfit with equipment a new Police Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). This appropriation will come from the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), from unassigned fund balance in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), with the balance of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2024 Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding the purchase, repair and replacement of police equipment. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the 2021 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of revenues from Bradford Police detail assignments to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing new police vehicles. Effective January 1, 2024, such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Police Detail Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (Majority ballot vote). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the 2003 Fire Department Building Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to fund the 2006 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nineteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund SCBA bottle and apparatus replacement. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) to fund Communications Equipment for the Fire Department. This appropriation will come from the 2020 Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), with the balance of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to fund the installation of a Heat Pump to provide heating and cooling for the office areas and meeting room at the Fire Station. This appropriation will come from the 2003 Fire Department Building Repair, Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), with the balance of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the replacement of hoses and nozzles for the Fire Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) to fund road maintenance,

preservation and paving. This appropriation will come from the 2019 Roads and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000.00), with the balance of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$196,000.00) 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, 2029. (Majority vote required). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$32,100.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance and represents the funds received from the sale of the Highway Department's two graders in 2023. (Majority vote required). Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to fund the 2020 Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Six: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) to fund the 2019 Road and Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Seven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Eight: To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2024 Bridge and Culvert Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding repair and replacement of bridges and culverts. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty-Nine: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Emergency Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund created in 2007. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) to fund the 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Expendable Trust Fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-One: 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.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-Two: 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.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund a feasibility study for the use of the Bradford Area Community Center. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to fit up, furnish and equip the Town Hall. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2029. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-Five: To see if the Town will vote to establish a 2024 Ambulance Service Expense Overage Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding Ambulance Service expenses that exceed the budgeted amounts for such services. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in this fund and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This appropriation will come from unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.) Select Board recommends. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Thirty-Six: 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,

Beth Downs,
Chairman

Mary Ellen Pfeifle,
Selectman

Marlene Freyler,
Selectman

