

**State of New Hampshire
Town of Stratford
2020 Town Meeting Warrants**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratford in the County of Coos qualified to vote in Town affairs: you are hereby notified to meet at Fuller Town Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10 a.m. to act on Articles 1 through 14. Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Article 1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following Officers: 1 Selectman (1 year); 1 Selectman (3 years); 1 Town Clerk & Tax Collector (3 years); 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 years); 1 Cemetery Trustee (2 years); 1 Library Trustee (3 years); 1 Town Auditor (1 year); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years); 1 Supervisor of the Checklist (3 years); 1 Town Moderator (2 years).

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$780,547** for the operating budget. This article does not include the cost of any other warrant article.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,077** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund, with the full amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** to be added to the previously established Recycling Capital Reserve Fund, with the full amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** to be added to the previously established 250th Celebration Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding the 250th Anniversary Celebration to be held in 2023. (Board Recommends)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,116** to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The Funds represent the amount of monies collected from the sale of tax deeded properties sold in 2019. (Board Recommends)

Article 9. To see if the Town will change the purpose of the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund to the Municipal Solar Capital Reserve Fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents. (2/3 vote required).

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-E which authorizes the Selectmen to provide community revitalization tax incentives for property owners who intend to substantially rehabilitate a qualifying structure, as defined in the statute.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250** for the Cohos Historical Society in showing support of the town in helping to match the current LCHIP Grant for the restoration of the Marion Blodgett Museum.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the elected Auditor position.
(Board Recommends)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,450** in donations to the following groups: \$150, North Country Home Health & Hospice; \$150, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital; \$150, Northern Human Services; \$1,600, Tri-County CAP (fuel assistance); \$2,900, Tri-County CAP Senior Meals (meals on wheels); \$150, Tri-County CAP North Country Transit (bus service); \$150, Colebrook Food Pantry; \$150, Helping Hands; \$150, Service Link; \$150, Backpack Program; \$150, CASA; \$150, Tri-County CAP Homeless; \$150, NH Veterans; \$150, The Rec Center; \$150, Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.

Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and to hear reports from any agents or committees heretofore chosen.