# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF SEABROOK TOWN WARRANT FOR 2023

To the inhabitants of the Town of Seabrook, in the County of Rockingham, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the auditorium of the Seabrook Community Center, U.S. Route 1 (Lafayette Road) on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to participate in the first session of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

And, you are hereby notified that the polls will be open in the auditorium of the Seabrook Community Center, U.S. Route 1 (Lafayette Road) on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and you may cast your ballots on the official ballot questions below, until at least 7:00 o'clock in the evening of the same day.

Further, you are notified that the Moderator will process the absentee ballots beginning at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, pursuant to RSA 659:49.

### **ARTICLE 1**

To select by non-partisan ballot:

- one (1) Selectman and Assessor for a term of three (3) years;
- one (1) Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years,
- one (1) Treasurer for a term of three (3) years,
- one (1) Moderator for a term of two (2) years,
- two (2) members of the Planning Board for a term of three (3) years;
- two (2) member of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year;
- two (2) members of the Budget Committee for a term of three (3) years;
- one (1) member of the Budget Committee for a term of one (1) year;
- one (1) Trustee of the Library for a term of three (3) years;
- one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years;
- three (3) Constables for a term of one (1) year;

#### **ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to prohibit new vape shops by adding the following to Sections 2 & 6:

Add the following definitions to Section 2:

**Vaping Device:** A product composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits designed or used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance including, but not limited to, nicotine or cannabis. Vaping device may include, but is not limited to hookah, e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah.

**E-cigarette:** An electronic smoking device composed of a mouthpiece, a heating element, a battery, and electronic circuits that may or may not contain nicotine or e-liquid. This term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, or e-pipes, or under any other product name.

**E-liquid:** A liquid, oil, or wax product containing, but not limited to, nicotine intended for use in devices used for inhalation.

Add a row to Section 6, Table 1 that designates "shops that sell vaping devices" as *Not Permitted* in all zoning districts.

In regards to vaping devices, the Planning Board adopted the following Findings of Fact on November 7, 2022:

"The US Food & Drug Administration has repeatedly warned of the negative health impacts of vaping. See <a href="https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/public-health-education/think-e-cigs-cant-harm-teens-health">https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/public-health-education/think-e-cigs-cant-harm-teens-health</a>.

The Seabrook Planning Board is concerned about some of the health impacts that vaping has on the community's teenagers. The problem is exacerbated by the recent proliferation of vaping retail operations in Seabrook, owing in part to the community's proximity to Massachusetts where vaping products are more stringently regulated.

The science that documents these impacts on public health is well established. The American Journal of Preventative Medicine has made much of this research available online: <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/american-journal-of-preventive-medicine/vol/56/issue/2/suppl/S1">https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/american-journal-of-preventive-medicine/vol/56/issue/2/suppl/S1</a>

**NOTE:** Accordingly, the Planning Board finds that the establishment of more retail vaping establishments in Seabrook would likely exacerbate the harm to the community's young people, and for that reason, we believe that further expansion of this industry in Seabrook should be curtailed. Recommended by the Planning Board.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, by amending Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

The Zoning Ordinance permits the floor area of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) to be no more than 750 square feet. The Planning Board proposes to raise this limit to 900 square feet.

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 Thirty Million One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$30,143,574.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-Nine Million Nine Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Dollars (\$29,951,709.00) 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. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$8.405 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in **ANY** other warrant articles.

### **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000.00) for the funding of two new chapters of the Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Board. These chapters would be "Existing Land Use" and "Town Facilities and Services." Master Plan updates should be undertaken every ten years. This sum will come from the unassigned fund balance. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in four (4) years (December 31, 2027), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (No impact on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** An up-to-date Master Plan is a legal prerequisite for a zoning ordinance and associated land use regulations. Seabrook's current Master Plan was formally adopted by the Planning Board in February 2011. NH statutes recommend updates to the plan "every 5 to 10 years" (see RSA 674:3). This article is recommended by the Planning Board.

### **ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Seabrook Supervisory Employees Association for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026; and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0) for fiscal year 2023, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0 impact on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** The increases in salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2024 would be \$96,574.00. The increases in salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2025 would be \$109,682.00. The increases in salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2026 would be \$32,428.00 through March 31, 2026.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Seabrook Professional Firefighters Association for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026; and furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0) for fiscal year 2023, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (No impact on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** The increases in salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2024 would be \$104,215.00. The increases in salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2025 would be \$154,195.00. The increases in salaries and benefits for fiscal year 2026 would be \$18,430.00 through March 31, 2026. (Majority vote required) (No impact on the tax rate).

#### **ARTICLE 8**

Shall the Town, if Articles 6 and/or 7 are defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address those Articles' cost items only? (Majority vote).

**NOTE:** If the cost items are amended or rejected, RSA 31:5, III (RSA 197:3 for schools) allows one authorized special meeting without petitioning superior court.

### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$410,000.00) for improvements to Town streets consisting of pavement overlays, adjustments to associated structures, crack-sealing repairs, and design of drainage improvements. Said appropriation will be offset by an anticipated One Hundred Sixty-Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$160,800.00) from the Highway Block Grant; Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Transportation Improvement Special Revenue Fund and the remainder to come from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the projects are completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.047 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This article funds the annual maintenance of town roads.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to do building maintenance at the Fire Station. This maintenance includes repair and replace Air Conditioning units, as well as plumbing, heating, and bathroom repairs. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the projects are completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.014 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. Building maintenance is needed for updates and upgrades of HVAC system, sprinkler system, and shower renovations. Building maintenance has not been requested through a warrant article since 2016.

### **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) to be added to the existing Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Turnout Gear Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.025 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This article would allow the Town to begin saving for the mandatory purchase of turnout gear for Firefighters and mandatory purchase of SCBA breathing equipment, estimated to be due in 2025. The combined cost is estimated at \$280,000.00. The current balance of this fund is \$81,482.84.00. Turnout gear was purchased from this fund in 2021.

#### **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) for the purpose of cleaning, rehabilitation and long-term well and equipment maintenance for seven (7) bedrock wells and five (5) gravel pack wells. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.015 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the capital improvement plan approved by the Planning Board. These wells provide the Town its drinking water. This work is required to prevent permanent damage to these wells and to maintain maximum pumping capacity.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) to construct new wells including well design, construction, and infrastructure to connect the water treatment plant, and to authorize the withdrawal of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) from the Water Resources Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, to fund the appropriation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in five (5) years (December 31, 2028), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (No impact on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. Five new water wells on two different parcels have been located using this recurring article. These funds will allow the Town to continue developing these sites and to increase the water supply. Funding will come from the Water Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. \$725,000.00 was appropriated for this purpose via Article 14 in 2019, with \$325,000.00 remaining, which would be re-allocated towards this article.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the existing Water Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents for the fund. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.021 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. The Water Capital Reserve Fund has been used to fund water exploration and land acquisition to ensure that Seabrook has adequate water resources for the future. With the successful identification of a new water supply, future costs will include the piping of the water to the Seabrook water facility. The contribution to the Water Capital Reserve Fund is a down payment on those costs.

# **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$126,000.00) for the purpose of upgrading the System Control and Data Acquisition (S.C.A.D.A.) system at the Town Wastewater Department. This would replace and upgrade the software that was initially installed in 1995 and is badly dated. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.035 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. The Wonder-Ware software package was part of the original construction of the wastewater treatment facility in 1995. The age of the software makes it difficult to find vendors willing to service it. The system is continually in need of repair and is beyond its useful life.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$158,000.00) for the acquisition and equipping of a Septic Hauler for the Wastewater Department, and to authorize the sale or trade of the existing 1999 Septic Hauler, which it will replace. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.044 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This is a front-line vehicle that is very important to sewer main and pump station cleaning and maintenance. It is on standby for power outages of a long duration. It also used by the water and highway departments for hauling sludge and leachate. The current vehicle is a 1999 Septic Hauler that will require extensive maintenance to keep in service.

# **ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) for the replacement of the grit conveyor at the Wastewater Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.024 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This 27-year-old equipment removes grit in the early stages of wastewater treatment and has failed. Without this equipment functioning, grit is accumulating at the bottom of the oxidation tanks.

### **ARTICLE 18**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) to replace the scale at the Transfer Station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.024 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This scale is vital to the operation of the Town Transfer Station. The current scale is over twenty years old and beyond its useful life. The scale is used to weigh materials coming into the Transfer Station.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to replace insulation in the apparatus bay at the Fire Station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.028 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This work is necessary to prevent the freezing of water pipe that would be protected by the insulation. Pipe freeze has occurred, and maintenance costs to repair are extensive.

#### **ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) for the purchase and equipping of a one-ton dump truck for the Public Works Department Highway Division, and to authorize the sale or trade of the existing one-ton Ford F350 dump truck, which it will replace. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.031 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This truck would replace a Ford F350 (Truck 56) vehicle that is beyond its useful life and has increased maintenance costs. The truck is used for plowing, sanding, and other vital tasks performed by the Seabrook DPW.

#### **ARTICLE 21**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to repair the two DPW stormwater pump stations. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.010 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. These stormwater drainage stations are more than 20-years old. These stations are vital for removing stormwater from the streets of the beach during rain events. This article will fund ongoing maintenance at these vital stations.

#### **ARTICLE 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to resurface the recycle center at the transfer station. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.008 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. Paving at the transfer station around the recycling center is needed with the facility being open six days a week and existing pavement beyond its useful life.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be added to the existing Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.010 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This article would allow the Town to begin saving for the purchase of police equipment, due in 2025. The equipment will include replacement of firearms, tasers, protective vests, and digital equipment for cruisers. The combined cost is estimated at \$205,000.00. The current balance in this fund is \$35,649.00.

### **ARTICLE 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to do building maintenance at the Police Department. This maintenance would be to restore the women's locker room. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.011 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This work would be to renovate the women's locker room at the Police Department by replacing flooring, fixtures, and other items in need of repair or replacement. This space is frequently used by civilian and sworn female members of the Department and has not been updated since the current police facility was constructed in the mid-1980's. This project is Phase 2 of our locker room improvements following the completion of the men's locker room rehabilitation in 2021.

## **ARTICLE 25**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500.00) to do building maintenance at the Police Department. This maintenance would be to repair/replace three (3) HVAC systems that provide the building with air conditioning/cooling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.011 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This work is to replace three HVAC systems that require constant maintenance to prevent failure. During the summer of 2020, almost all of the HVAC units at the Police Department failed. Approximately half the system has been replaced but large areas of the building still require replacement of these units in order to provide employees with acceptable air temperatures in the building.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) to do building maintenance at the Police Department. This maintenance would be to restore the weight room, which is original to 1986 and has multiple maintenance needs. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.003 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This work would be to renovate the weight room at the Police Department by replacing flooring, fixtures, and other items in need of repair or replacement. This room has not been updated since 1986 and has multiple maintenance needs.

### **ARTICLE 27**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to do building maintenance at the Recreation/Community Center. This maintenance includes repair and replacement of the two bathrooms, men's and women's, located outside the gym in the main lobby that are utilized by the children, employees, and guests at the Recreation Center. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.003 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This work would be to renovate the restrooms at the Recreation Center by replacing flooring, fixtures, and other necessary repairs. These restrooms are over 20 years old, with fixtures in poor condition.

#### **ARTICLE 28**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the acquisition and equipping of a multi-passenger bus for the Recreation Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.003 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. This bus would enable the Recreation Department to serve additional children, facilitating additional participation for field trips, recreational outings, and other recreational activities requiring transportation.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to do building maintenance at Town Hall. This maintenance includes replacement/repair of the existing boiler, which is failing and will require large costs to maintain. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years (December 31, 2025), whichever occurs first. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.014 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** This article is included in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Planning Board. The existing system consists of two gas fired boilers. Both boilers are beyond their useful life and would be replaced with 91% efficient gas boilers, saving on natural gas costs and replacing an outdated heating system.

### **ARTICLE 30**

To see if the Town will vote to create eight (8) new full-time firefighter positions within the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$1,064,432.00) in salary and benefits to fund these positions. If approved, the appropriations for these positions will become part of the annual operating budget in subsequent years. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.296 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** The hiring of these eight (8) firefighters in 2023 would be for nine (9) months. In subsequent years, it will be for 12 months at a cost of \$1,419,243. The additional firefighters would reduce overtime costs by an estimated \$400,000 annually. The last addition of firefighters occurred in 2003. This article amended by Deliberative Session.

### **ARTICLE 31**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$10,885.00) for Rockingham County Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels), a human services organization for the purpose of providing a ready hot meal and safety services for those in need, on an ongoing basis to elderly residents. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.003 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

### **ARTICLE 32**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$3,622.00) for Seacoast Mental Health Center, a human services organization for the purpose of providing community mental health services to individuals and families in the eastern half of Rockingham County who meet the appropriate clinical criteria. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.001 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for Greater Seacoast Community Health (d/b/a Families First Health & Support Center), a human services organization for the purpose of targeting and assisting people who face risk factors such as poverty, homelessness, single parenthood, mental illness, uninsured, lack of medical/dental care, substance abuse, etc. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.002 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

#### **ARTICLE 34**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Child Advocacy Center, a human services organization for the purpose of assisting children ages 3–18 and developmentally delayed adults who have disclosed sexual or physical abuse, been neglected, are drug endangered, and/or witnessed domestic violence or crime. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.001 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

### **ARTICLE 35**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Fourteen Dollars (\$6,014.00) for Haven (formerly A Safe Place), a human services organization for the purpose of serving women, men, and children affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking and their non-offending parents, partners, and friends; including individuals who have just been sexually or physically assaulted, as well as those dealing with the trauma months or years later. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.002 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

### **ARTICLE 36**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) for Waypoint (formerly Child & Family Services), a human services organization for the purpose of providing a range of home and community-based family support and counseling programs designed to tackle problems before they reach a crisis and provides treatment during a crisis to stabilize the family. Waypoint has merged with Richie McFarland. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.002 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

### **ARTICLE 37**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for Seabrook Community Table, a human services organization for the purpose of providing a free home-cooked meal to those having financial problems, families, and the elderly. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommend by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.002 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for Chucky's Fight, a human services organization for the purpose of providing guidance for loved ones/family members with substance abuse or mental health issues by providing guidance into treatments centers, mentorship, and community service hours that are supervised. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.002 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

#### **ARTICLE 39**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$14,669.00) for Southern NH Services operating as the Community Action Council, a human services organization for the purpose of supporting low-income individuals and families with direct services, preventing more families from falling into poverty and/or homelessness, and assisting at-risk families in finding long-term solutions to their economic needs. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.004 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

#### **ARTICLE 40**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) for American Red Cross, a human services organization for the purpose of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and generosity of donors. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.0003 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

### **ARTICLE 41**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for Seabrook Lions Club, a human services organization for the purpose of serving the elderly and children, the blind and deaf and/or the impoverished to help make their lives easier. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.001 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

### **ARTICLE 42**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600.00) for Seacoast Visiting Nurses Center, a human services organization for the purpose of providing skilled nursing, rehabilitation, and support services to patients who have been discharged from a hospital or rehabilitation facility after an illness or injury. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.002 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) for Seacoast Youth Services, a human services organization for the purpose of providing programs to school aged children. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.005 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

### **ARTICLE 44**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200.00) for Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens, a human services organization that serves the senior population through a volunteer program utilized to meet many community needs. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.001 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

# **ARTICLE 45**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800.00) for Cross-Roads, a human services organization for the purpose of housing homeless individuals. This is a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee) (Estimated \$0.001 impact per \$1,000 on the tax rate).

#### **ARTICLE 46**

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in the amount of \$750.00 per year, in accordance with RSA 72:27? If re-adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran's Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran's tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (No impact on the tax rate).

**NOTE:** The State Legislature has expanded eligibility for these tax credits for veterans. This legislation requires Towns to reauthorize these veteran's credits in order to maintain the current level of benefit.

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit, at \$750.00 per year? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident of the State of New Hampshire, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and (3) is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$750, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. This tax credit shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, III. This article shall be contingent on the passage of Article 45. If the Town Meeting votes "no" on Article 45, this Article shall be null and void. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (No impact on the tax rate).

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Given under our hands and seals the day of	of January, 2023.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN:	
	Aboul B. Khan, Chairman
	Theresa A. Kyle, Vice Chairman
	Srinivasan Ravikumar, Clerk

A true copy of warrant, ATTEST:	
	Aboul B. Khan Chairman
	Theresa A. Kyle, Vice Chairman
	Srinivasan Ravikumar, Clerk
We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants, within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Post Office and the Town Hall, being public places in said Town of Seabrook this day of January, 2023.	
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE Rockingham, ss	January, 2023
Personally appeared the above named Selectmen of the Town of Seabrook and swore that the above was true to the best of their knowledge and belief.	
	Before me,

Justice of the Peace/Notary Public My commission expires: 6/6/23