



2023
WARRANT

Article 01 Elect Officers

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

- 1 - Selectman 3 year
- 1 - Town Clerk / Tax Collector 1 year
- 1 - Trustee of Trust Funds 3 year
- 2 - Library Trustees 3 year
- 1 - Library Trustee 2 year
- 2 - Budget Committee Members 3 year
- 2 - Planning Board Members 3 year
- 2 - Zoning Board of Adjustment 3 year
- 1 - Zoning Board of Adjustment 1 year

Article 02 Abandon Road

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 231:43 , to completely discontinue a portion of a public highway known as Stillings Lane, said portion extending approximately 1,190 feet in a southwest direction from Route 25 to Green Mountain Road. If approved, ownership of the discontinued road will revert to the abutting landowners.

Article 03 Fire Truck and Equipment CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 04 Fire Department Equipment ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 05 Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Fire Truck and Fire Truck Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance (which represents money received from the Town of Parsonsfield for Fire Department Mutual aid). No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 06 Police Cruiser and Equipment CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Cruiser and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from taxation. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 07 Police Safety Gear ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Police Safety/Protective Gear Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.



Article 08 Municipal Buildings ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Municipal Building Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 09 Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$2,124,713 for general Municipal Operations. This sum is to come from taxation. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Article 10 Transfer Station/Recycling Center CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 11 Bridge Maintenance ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Bridge Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 12 Elm Street Paving

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$419,683 to pave Elm Street from the Ossipee Town Line to the Bridge. The sum of \$250,000 is to come from taxation and \$169,683 is to come from the unassigned fund balance (unanticipated funds of \$69,683 from the State of NH Department of Transportation). This is a non-lapsing warrant article with a lapse date of December 31, 2025. This is a special warrant article. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 13 Planning and Land Use ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Planning and Land Use Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 14 Computer Network ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Computer Network Equipment Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.



Article 15 Invasive Aquatic Plant ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Invasive Aquatic Plant Non-Capital Reserve Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 16 Voting Machine ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Voting Machine Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Selectmen recommend this article

Article 17 Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Town Hall Repair and Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 18 Emergency Management Generator Replacement ETF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Emergency Management Generator Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This is a special warrant article. Majority vote required. The Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 19 Establish Police Detail Revolving Funds

Shall the Town establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details wages, benefits and administrative costs related to details. And to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1) to be deposited into the fund. All revenues received for the police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. At the end of the fiscal year, funds in excess of \$2,500 shall be transferred to the Town's General Fund. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 20 Modify Land Use Change Tax

Shall the town vote to modify the current land use change tax placed in the Conservation Fund. The fund would continue to receive fifty (50) percent while removing the present cap of \$2,500, as authorized under RSA 79-A:25, said monies to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5,III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II, to be used for conservation purposes including the acquisition of land, easements, development rights, and costs associated therewith. (Majority vote required)



Article 21 Modify Elderly Exemption

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Effingham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$55,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$65,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$28,000 not less than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$39,000 not less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000 not less than \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Article 22 Adopt Animal Control Ordinance

Shall the Town vote to adopt Animal Control Ordinance, regulation of horses, farm animals and poultry as follows: Pursuant to the authority conferred by the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31:39, I (b) in order to promote the general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Effingham, the following Ordinance is hereby enacted:

SECTION 001. REGULATION

1.1 It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any horse, farm animal or poultry to either willfully or negligently allow such animal to run at large in public places. "Run at large" shall be construed to mean off the property of the owner or keeper and not under the control of the owner or keeper by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise.

1.2 Any horse, farm animal or poultry found in a public place, and not under the control of its owner or keeper, may be taken into custody by the Effingham Animal Control Officer or a Effingham Police Officer or other designee. The Officer or designee shall make reasonable efforts to notify the owner or keeper of the animal, before seizing it.

1.3 Any horse, farm animal or poultry that is seized by the Effingham Animal Control Officer or a Effingham Police Officer or other designee in a public place, where the owner or keeper cannot be identified or located, shall be held by the Town at a Town approved facility. The owner or keeper of the animals shall be responsible for all damages and expenses incurred in the capturing, transporting and holding of the escaped animal, boarding costs, and any medical care required by the holding facility.

SECTION 002. PENALTIES

2.1. Any owner or keeper of a horse, farm animal or poultry who willfully or negligently permits such animals to run at large in public places, may be subject to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for each offense. Any fine or penalty collected under this Ordinance shall be paid to the Town of Effingham.

2.2. In addition to any penalty, in conjunction with any penalty, or as an alternative to any penalty imposed under this Ordinance, the Town of Effingham may request that the Court require the owner or keeper of the horse, farm animal or poultry which has been impounded for running at large, to pay for the boarding and impoundment fees established by the animal shelter or holding facility and any reasonably necessary medical expenses incurred during the impoundment of the animal regardless of whether the owner or keeper retrieves the animal.

Majority vote required.

Article 23 Communications District

Shall the Town of Effingham accept the provisions of RSA 53-G:1-RSA 53-G:11 providing for the establishment of a communications district, together with the municipalities of Albany, Bartlett, Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hales Location, Harts Location, Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Tamworth and Tuftonboro in accordance with the provisions of the proposed agreement filed with Town Office.



Article 24 **To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports**
To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its agents and auditors.

Article 25 **All Other Business**
To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.