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Barrington

The inhabitants of the Town of Barrington in the County of Strafford in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2023

Time: 9:00am

Location: Barrington Middle School (51 Haley Drive)

Details: If this session is cancelled, the session will be held on February 6, 2022 at 6:30pm; same location.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 8:00am to 7:00pm

Location: Barrington Middle School (51 Haley Drive)

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 20, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Town Offices and that an original was delivered to Kimberly Kerekes, Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Dannen Mannschreck	Select Board Chair	DocuSigned by: Dannen Mannschreck 1864FFCD61D944D...
George Bailey	Select Board Vice-Chair	DocuSigned by: George Bailey E1ACA5424ADD49C...
James Saccoccia	Select Board Member	DocuSigned by: [Signature] 7CC28395A3194D3...
Robert Gibson	Select Board Member	DocuSigned by: Robert Gibson 5390EE7620CC440...
Joyce Cappiello	Select Board Member	DocuSigned by: Joyce Cappiello E5D716E5480A49C...



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Article 01 Election of Officers

Select Board: Two for 3-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds: One for 3-year term
Cemetery Trustees: One for 3-year term
Library Trustees: Two for 3-year term

Article 02 Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map by changing Tax Map 251, Lots 64 & 65 from General Residential (GR) to Regional Commercial (RC)?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

Article 03 Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Section 7.3 regarding home occupations to clarify that home occupations must be conducted entirely within the structure of the single-family dwelling, to limit the 30% square footage maximum to 500 square feet, and to limit the number of non-resident employees to one?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

Article 04 Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Section 7.4(7) regarding home businesses to clarify that the entire home business, including storage, is limited to an accessory or primary dwelling structure or an outside area which is adequately screened, and to reduce the amount of area the home business may occupy from 4,500 square feet to 2,000 square feet or 10% of the lot, whichever is less?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

Article 05 Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #4 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map by changing Tax Map 234, Lots 57, 57.1, 57.2, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 77, and 79 from the Town Center (TC) to Village (V)?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

Article 06 Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #5 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Article 18 Definitions for Attached Building: A building having any portion ~~of one (1) or more walls in common with adjoining buildings.~~ **connected by a common roof?**

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

Article 07 Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #6 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Section 20.8.4 regarding temporary signs to increase the allowance for additional temporary signs from 30 to 60 days prior to an election in all zoning districts, provided they comply with the requirements of the ordinance?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 6-1.



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Article 08 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to 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 \$8,279,529? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,005,978, 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]. This article is projected to add 24 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$78 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 09 Town Center Tax Increment Financing District

To see if the Town will vote to:

- a. Establish the Town Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in accordance with RSA 162-K (adopted by Barrington Town Meeting in 1988). The proposed district includes 205 properties along Routes 125 and 9 in the greater Town Center and Village zoning districts as represented in the map found in Section 5 of the Development Program and Financing Plan adopted by the Select Board on December 12, 2022.
- b. Adopt the provisions of the Town Center TIF District Development Program and Financing Plan adopted by the Select Board on December 12, 2022 in accordance with RSA 162-K:6 and RSA 162-K:9. Copies of the Town Center TIF District Map, Development Program, and Financing Plan are available at the Town Hall and online at www.barrington.nh.gov/tif.
- c. Authorize the Select Board to appoint the District Administrator in accordance with RSA 162-K:13 and to create a five-member Advisory Board in accordance with RSA 162-K:14, with the Advisory Board membership to be determined by the Select Board.

[Majority Vote Required].

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 10 Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 21 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$68 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.



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Article 11 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 14 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$45 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 12 Fire Truck Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$23 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 13 Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$2 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 14 Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 10 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$34 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 15 Police Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.8 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$2 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.



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Article 16 Paving and Related Road Work Non-Lapsing Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for road paving and reconstruction. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, V and will not lapse until December 31, 2024. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$23 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 17 Emergency Communications Upgrades Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Communications Upgrades for Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 3 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$11 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 18 Transfer Station and Recycling Center Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 1.8 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$6 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 19 Library and Community Center Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library and Community Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 1.8 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$6 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is not recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 3-2.

Article 20 Energy Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Energy Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding renewable energy projects and outreach initiatives related to increasing energy efficiency and/or reducing energy costs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$2 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is not recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.



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Article 21 Library Technology Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Library Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.2 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$1 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is not recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 22 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Select Board and the Barrington Police Union NEPBA Local #240 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
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2023	\$69,542
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2024	\$48,462
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2025	\$31,906
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and further to raise and appropriate \$69,542 for the current fiscal year, 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]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 5 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$16 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 23 Collective Bargaining Agreement Renegotiation and Vote

To see if the Town will authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 22, Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items only, if Warrant Article 22 for Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items is defeated. [Majority Vote Required].

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 24 Service-Connected Total Disability Credit

To see if the Town will vote to increase the optional tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property from \$3,550 to \$4,000 pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:35. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is projected to add 1.4 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$5 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.



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Article 25 All Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to readopt and increase the optional All Veterans' Tax Credit from \$650 to \$750 pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:28 and RSA 72:28-b. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is projected to add 3 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$11 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0 (one abstention).

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 26 Fiber to the Home Non-Binding Agreement

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter a non-binding agreement with Consolidated Communications dba Fidium Fiber to explore funding opportunities to bring fiber to the home for residents of Barrington. Consolidated Communications was competitively recommended by the Barrington Technology Committee through the advertisement of a request for proposals in 2022. [Majority Vote Required].

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 27 Noise Ordinance

To see if the Town will repeal the existing noise ordinance and adopt in its place a new noise ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39, which prohibits certain loud noises likely to endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM. Several types of noises, including but not limited to, fireworks from July 1 through July 6 each year, are exempted from the ordinance, and the Police Chief shall have the authority to issue a temporary special permit for other types of noises. Violations of the ordinance will result in penalties ranging from \$50 to \$250, depending on the number of convictions in any six-month period. [Majority Vote Required].

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 28 By Petition: Code of Ethics: Establish a Code of Ethics for Non-Employees of the Town

To see that, in the spirit of holding all Town of Barrington non-employees to the high standards that the People of the Town of Barrington expect, that the Board of Selectmen will create and adopt a Code of Ethics that all Town of Barrington non-employee Board, Committee and others will swear to and / or sign to. This Code of Ethics will ensure that these people will not disparage or dishonor the Town of Barrington through unethical and / or criminal acts that they commit. This will also serve as a vehicle to assist the Town of Barrington in holding accountable non-employees that violate the Code of Ethics.

*Town of Barrington Non-Employees are Volunteers that are not paid, such as Board of Selectmen, members of the Zoning and Planning Boards, other boards and Town Committees and other similar titles. These persons are not held to the Town of Barrington Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as are nearly all paid Town employees.

(BY PETITION)



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Article 29 By Petition: Town Employees: Duty to Inform Law Enforcement of Gun Violence Against Children

To see if the Board of Selectmen will add the following to the Town of Barrington Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual:

Any Town of Barrington Employee*, Volunteer or Member of a Board, Committee or similar, who receives information regarding current, future, and / or possible Gun Violence against children, during their official duties, will have a Duty to Inform proper Law Enforcement Authorities or their supervisor in a timely manner of said information in its entirety.

Any Town of Barrington, Volunteer or Member of a Board, Committee or similar, who receives said information and does not inform proper Law Enforcement Authorities or their supervisor in a timely manner of said information in its entirety will be deemed to have committed a serious disciplinary offence, punishable by Suspension and / or Termination. For non-employees, this will be considered grounds for removal from Committees and / or Boards or other similar groups serving the Town.

*Town of Barrington Police Department Personnel will follow their own Policies and Procedures

(BY PETITION)

Article 30 By Petition: Open and Transparent Government: Lawsuit Transparency on Town Website

To see that, in the name of Open and Transparent Government, the Town of Barrington will add an easily accessible and obvious section to the Town of Barrington Website to include the following:

- A list of all current Lawsuits that the Town is either the party suing another or the party being sued
- Each entry will include as much information about said Lawsuit as can be put on public record as to not breach Attorney / Client Privilege
- Each entry will be updated no later than monthly as to the cost to the Town of Barrington. This is to include costs, even if they are within an allocated budget. These costs will also estimate meetings, driving and all other tertiary costs associated with said Lawsuit.
- Each entry will contain a Gist. For Lawsuits where the Town is suing another, the Gist will explain the justification for said Lawsuit and include supporting documentation as to why this lawsuit was necessary and benefits the Town. For cases where the Town is being sued, the Gist will explain the history of the lawsuit, the status of the case and where it stands. These Gists will be updated no later than every month and will be detailed and not purposely vague.
- Once Lawsuits are settled, a final disposition Gist with supporting documentation will be provided explaining how it was disposed of. This information and all previous information and links will remain on this section of the Town of Barrington website in perpetuity.

(BY PETITION)

Article 31 By Petition: Political Signs: Public has a Right to Display

To see that,

The Town of Barrington would recognize that Citizens have a Right to post Political Signs on Private and Public Property year-round. It is imperative that this Right not be infringed and that based on the Reed v. Town of Gilbert, U.S. Supreme Court, 125 S. Ct. 2218 (2015), Political Signs cannot be treated any differently than other signs, and therefore, any attempt to limit their use / display in Barrington would also infringe on Freedom of Speech and is therefore Unconstitutional.

(BY PETITION)

Article 32 Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting of the honorable Town Government.