

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF WILTON WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wilton in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to appear at the **Wilton Town Hall** in said Wilton on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 8:00 A.M.** to ballot for necessary Town Officers and other action required to be inserted on said official ballots.

(POLLS ARE TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7:00 P.M.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. **(By ballot.)**
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND Section 3.0 DEFINITIONS to include a definition in Section 3.1.23.a for Off Premise Sign.

The intent is to clarify the definition of an Off Premise Sign.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND existing Section 16.1 Signs General Provisions, Section 16.1.c.1 to remove the references to the Planning Board regarding temporary signs and requiring sign review for portable temporary signs. Amending Section 16.1.d to allow the Building Inspector to approve any signs which conform to the Zoning Ordinance and any applicable site plans.

The intent of the article is to allow the Building Inspector to approve sign applications conforming to the Zoning Ordinance and any applicable site plans instead of going before the Planning Board.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND existing Section 16.0 Signs, generally to delete Section 16.1.f Real Estate Signs; and add new section 16.1.c.2 Additional Temporary Signage; to revise sections 16.0 Signs; 16.1 General Provisions; 16.2 Residential District and General Residence and Agricultural District; 16.3 Commercial and Industrial District; 16.4 Office Park District; and 16.5 Downtown Commercial District

The intent of this Article is to change the sign ordinance to remove the restrictions based on the content of the sign based on the US Supreme Court Decision Reed vs. Town of Gilbert 1355 Ct.2218 (June 18, 2015).

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND Section 17.1 (d). to state that "A non-conforming building or structure may be rebuilt on the same footprint and with the same dimensions (including height), unless it has, *for more than one (1) year*, been unusable for its current purpose by reason of deterioration, destruction, demolition, neglect, accident, condemnation, or any other reason".

The intent is to correct a typographical error on the 2015 Town Meeting Ballot.

You are further notified to appear at the Florence Rideout Elementary School Gymnasium in said Wilton, Thursday the 10th day of March 2016 at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following:

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of funding a Town Revaluation pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2018 whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of hiring a Town Administrator using Grade 13 on the Town Employee salary scale. Monies are to come from taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty two thousand dollars (\$152,000) for the purchase and installation of a wood pellet heating system in the Wilton Town Hall. This article is contingent upon receiving a N.H. Public Utilities Commission rebate for thirty two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$32,700) and the balance of one hundred nineteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$119,300) to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2108 whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) for the design plans, bid documents and construction inspections for renovation of the old police station area of the Wilton Town Hall. Monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2018 whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize fifty percent (50%) of the Land Use Change tax up to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per year to be placed in the Conservation Fund per RSA 79-A:25, II.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$107,500) for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department. Monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of five hundred fifteen thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$515,450) for the construction of King Brook Road Bridge (#074/060) as part of the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation State Aid Bridge Program. The State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program shall reimburse four hundred twelve thousand three hundred sixty dollars (\$412,360) and to authorize the withdrawal of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of thirty three thousand ninety dollars (\$33,090) is to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2020 whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty seven thousand forty three dollars (\$47,043) for the purchase of a new police SUV. Costs to include purchase, equipping and lettering of the car and to authorize the withdrawal of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of thirty thousand forty three dollars (\$30,043) is to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

16. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund established in the year 1982. Said funds shall be transferred into the general fund. Fund balance in the Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2015 was forty thousand forty seven dollars and sixty three cents (\$40,047.63). Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipalities' general fund or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of the Recycling Center. All revenues received for the Recycling Center from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund 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 balance. Funds may be used for facilitating, designing, maintaining and/or encouraging recycling as defined in RSA 149-M:4. And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand forty eight dollars (\$40,048) to be added to the Recycling Center revolving fund from the unassigned fund balance. 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. (Majority vote required).

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred eighty three thousand four hundred sixty three dollars (\$4,883,463) for the general municipal operation for the year 2016 or to take any other action relating thereto. Said sum does not include any of the special or individual articles addressed.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.) (Selectmen recommend this article.)

19. To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be funded by the sale of cemetery lots pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, for the maintenance of cemeteries. (This fund shall separate from the existing Cemetery Trust Fund used for the maintenance of perpetual trust cemetery lots.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statures. A "solar energy system" means a system which utilizes solar energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building in which includes one or more collectors and a storage container. "Solar energy system" also means a system which provides electricity for a building by the use of photovoltaic panels. The exemption will go into effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2016. (Majority vote required.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

21. To see if the Town will urge that the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda:
1. Ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United
 2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency
 3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors
 4. Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections
 5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration
 6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws

(By Petition)

22. To see if the Town of Wilton, NH will vote to strengthen its opposition to the installation of a natural gas pipeline through Southern New Hampshire, as part of the Northeast Energy Direct project by Tennessee Gas company LLC, a Kinder Morgan Company, by joining the New Hampshire Municipal Pipeline Coalition for the following reasons:
- a. The Northeast Energy Direct project threatens a healthy living atmosphere for both Wilton residents and local wildlife, and the environmental integrity of local farms, both present and future;
 - b. As proposed, the project will construct a 30 inch diameter high pressure fracked gas pipeline a few hundred feet from our town's borders and a 41,000 hp compressor station about a mile from Wilton in the town of New Ipswich;
 - c. The project violates the Wilton Master Plan goal to "preserve, protect, and utilize the natural resources and unique natural features of the Town of Wilton including its agricultural lands, water resources, wildlife, forests, rivers, wetlands, scenic vistas, clean air, open space, and historic character." (Wilton Master Plan I-3). Once compromised or destroyed, these town resources and natural features are irreplaceable;
 - d. The release of contaminants from drilling and fracking, and the destructive effects of blasting will jeopardize our aquifers, drinking water and wetlands;
 - e. As all of Wilton is within 8 miles downwind of New Ipswich compressor station, the known emissions of toxins related to normal compressor station functions as well as the scheduled and unscheduled compressor station "blow-downs" will impact the health of town residents;
 - f. This project will negatively impact town property values;
 - g. The town opposes the use of eminent domain for takings of property or easements for private commercial gain; and
 - h. The town wishes to stand in solidarity with neighboring towns, both within and beyond the Monadnock region, which will be endangered directly or indirectly by the proposed project.

(By Petition)(Selectmen recommend this article)

23. To accept the report of Agents, Auditors and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen to pass any vote relating thereto.
24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of February, 2016.

Richard E. Swanson
Kermit R. Williams
William F. Condra
Selectmen of Wilton, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant attest:

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named to meet at the time and place for the purpose within named, by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named, at the Wilton Town Office, and a like copy of the within warrant attested at the Wilton Post Office, being public places; in said town, on the 18th day on February, 2016.

Richard E. Swanson

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Selectmen of Wilton, New Hampshire