

**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 10, 2020 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 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would comprehensively address wetlands and water bodies and clarify the protection from development such areas would receive as follows:

ADOPT Section 3.1.21-a, a new definition, "mean high water level," which would be determined by the line on the shore running parallel to the water body that defines the high level of the water body, as indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the immediate bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter or debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas.

ADOPT Section 3.1.34-a, a new definition, "water body," which would include ponds, lakes, rivers, streams or similar areas up to their mean high water levels, which are not otherwise defined or protected under the State's definition of "wetlands" (see below).

AMEND Section 3.1.34, the existing definition of "wetlands," to define wetlands by reference to State law, as required.

DELETE Section 3.1.35 Hydric Soils, Section 3.1.36 Hydrophytic Vegetation and Section 3.1.37 Wetlands Hydrology. The updated definition of wetlands eliminates the need for these three sections.

AMEND Section 4.6.7, Wetlands Conservation District Setback to require water bodies to have the same building setback requirements as wetlands.

AMEND ten sections of the Ordinance so that requirements for lots, sanitary systems setbacks, area, density and other setbacks, apply to water bodies, as well as wetlands, as follows:

- Section 4.2.1 Sanitary system setbacks (General Provisions)

- Section 5.2.1 Area lot requirements (Residential District)
- Section 6.2.1 Area lot requirements (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 6.3.1 Area lot requirements for Alternative Lots (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 6.4 Density requirements for Cluster Developments (General Residence and Agricultural District)
- Section 8.2.1 Area lot requirements (Industrial District)
- Section 9.3 Area lot requirements (Office Park District)
- Section 14.3 Area lot requirements (Watershed District)
- Section 14.3.3 Setbacks (Watershed District)
- Section 17.3 Special exception setbacks (Non-Conforming Uses and Buildings)

Amend Section 11, Wetlands Conservation District, so that district boundaries and special exceptions include both wetlands and water bodies, and apply district setbacks to water bodies as contemplated by amended Section 4.6.7.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would require wetlands and water bodies to be protected from the use of fertilizer and certain chemicals as follows:

ADOPT Section 4.6.8, Wetlands Conservation District Buffer, to prohibit the use of fertilizer and other chemicals within 50 feet of wetlands and water bodies.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would update the definition of Light Manufacturing in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Section 9A.2.2 Light Manufacturing, to specifically exclude "Heavy Manufacturing" from the definition and to replace "comprised of" with the word "using."

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would clarify the light manufacturing activity permitted in the Commercial District and Downtown Commercial District sections, to conform with the Light Manufacturing permitted in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Sections 7.1.r and 7A.3.3 to permit the assembly, packaging and/or finishing of products, as long as the activities could not (1) pose a danger of fire or explosion, (2) create significant objectionable vibration, noise, smoke, fumes odor or dust, (3) produce chemicals, radioactive or other potentially dangerous waste, or (4) adversely affect other private or public properties.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would update the definition of Heavy Manufacturing in the Research and Office Park section, as follows:

AMEND Section 9A.2.1 Heavy Manufacturing, to identify activities that would qualify as Heavy Manufacturing, including, without limitation, any manufacture, processing, conversion or compounding (1) of raw materials, chemicals, or products composed primarily from unprocessed raw materials or chemicals, (2) using chemical processes or petroleum or petrochemicals or products derived therefrom, or (3) involving the production or storage of explosives or ammunition (except retail sales of ammunition incident to another permitted use). Heavy Manufacturing would also include manufacturing activity that might reasonably be expected to have any adverse impact on surrounding land uses or property values or beyond Town borders.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would allow Light Manufacturing in the Industrial District, but prohibit Heavy Manufacturing there, as those terms are defined in the Research and Office Park section, and otherwise clarify the requirements around permitted non-residential commercial uses, as follows:

AMEND Sections 8.1.a and 8.1.d of Section 8.1, Permitted Uses, to specifically permit Light Manufacturing, as defined in Section 9A.2.2, within the district, and to clarify the requirements to be met by permitted non-residential commercial uses therein.

AMEND Section 8.5 Prohibited Uses, to prohibit Heavy Manufacturing, as defined in Section 9A.2.1, within the district.

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would rename the Elderly Housing District, raise the present sixty (60) year-old threshold for the district to sixty-two (62) to align with a relevant federal threshold, and make other conforming changes in the Ordinance, as follows:

RENAME Section 13, Elderly Housing District, as "Age-Restricted Housing District" and make corresponding language changes to the following subsections:

- Section 13.1 Purpose
- Section 13.2 District Location
- Section 13.3 General Standards
- Section 13.4 Review of Site Plans
- Section 13.5 Change of Use

AMEND Section 13.3.d of the General Standards to change the qualifying age for

this district from sixty (60) years to sixty-two (62) years, aligning with a specific federal age threshold.

AMEND Section 25.9.a, of Section 25.9.a, Waiver of Impact Fees to refer to Age-Restricted Housing and to conform the waiver requirement to the new sixty-two (62) year-old threshold for Age-Restricted Housing.

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would set out comprehensive requirements for the installation of solar collection systems in the Town of Wilton, as follows:

ADOPT Section 15B, Solar Collection Systems, which, among other things, defines ground and roof-mounted systems; identifies permitted uses, area coverage and power generation limits within each zoning district; establishes general requirements for design, installation, site plan review, buffers, erosion control, stormwater performance, etc.; and sets out the obligations surrounding the abandonment or decommissioning of systems.

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would establish a three-year interval for recurring review of Town Impact Fees, as follows:

AMEND Section 25.8, Review and Establishment of Fees, to establish a three-year interval for reviewing current Impact Fees, starting in 2020.

You are further notified to appear at the Florence Rideout Elementary School Gymnasium in said Wilton, Thursday the 12th day of March 2020 at 6:30 P.M. to act upon the following:

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) (gross appropriation) for the purpose of performing asset management for the Town's stormwater collection system and public works department and, to authorize the issuance of not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, further, to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and the rate of interest thereon; and, to further authorize the Select Board to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) it being understood that repayment of the loan funds will include up to 100% principal forgiveness in the amount up to \$30,000. And further to appropriate this year's interest payment of \$250 on bonds or notes to come from unassigned fund balance. Passage of this warrant article is contingent upon the Town receiving funds from the CWSRF in order to eliminate the need for payment of loan principal through tax dollars. Further, to authorize the Select

Board to take all other actions necessary to carry out and complete this project. (Requires a 2/3 ballot vote). *EXPLANATION – This warrant article is to authorize and appropriate a sum of \$30,000 to fund the development of an asset management program for the Town’s storm water collections system. The project would be funded by a loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan program administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). This plan will assist in determining the condition of the existing infrastructure and establish a prioritization for any needed capital improvements. This loan qualifies for 100% principal forgiveness from the NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Fund and has no tax rate impact. In essence, it is a 100% grant to pay for this project with minimal interest charged. \$250 will be raised and appropriated from unassigned fund balance to cover any interest costs. (Requires 2/3 majority vote.)*

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the wastewater collection system, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed \$30,000 under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA 33:1 et. Seq., as amended) and to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$30,000 in principal forgiveness, with no impact on the sewer user rate or tax rate. (Requires 2/3 majority vote.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended sum of Five Million Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$5,063,388) for general municipal operation for the year 2020. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) for the purpose of making the third year lease payment (of the 7 year lease approved by warrant article #14 at the 2018 Town Meeting) on the Highway Departments 2019 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating

thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$8,942) for the purpose of making the third year lease payment (of the 4 year lease approved by warrant article #13 at the 2018 Town Meeting) on the Police Department 2017 Cruiser. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to be added to the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any action related thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the final design, bidding, Right-of-Way, and construction for the replacement of the Stagecoach Road Bridge over Burton Pond Outlet as part of the State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program. The State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program will reimburse Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) and the balance of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to come from the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or to take any other action related thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$7,300) for the purpose of building a previously approved town branded welcome sign on the Lions Club structure on Route 101. The sum to come from undesignated fund balance. This represents funds from article #23 approved at the March 2018 Town Meeting. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 2-0-1.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 3-1-1.)

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450) for the purpose of increasing the stipend paid to the Town Treasurer to One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) per year. If approved this additional amount will be added to the current stipend in the budget for ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action related thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the purpose of paying a stipend to the Deputy Treasurer. If approved this stipend will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of creating the position of Full-time Fire Chief, using Grade 13 on the Town Employee salary scale, and hiring a person to fill this position. This appropriation represents a partial year's wages and benefits, including participation in the New Hampshire Retirement System. If approved, this position will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board does not recommend this article 1-2.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 3-2-1.)

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) for the purpose of replacing the Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs), and authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) from the Fire Department Air Packs Capital Reserve Fund previously created for that purpose. The balance of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) 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, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand

Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of replacing Fire Department pagers and converting their pager encoder to High Band. 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, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of repairing current out of service water holes. 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, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$10,275) for the purpose of preparing a space and needs study for the Highway Department Garage Building needs. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$64,725) to be placed in the Public Works Garage Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends article 5-0.)

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000) to be placed in the Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and associated equipment. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred

Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$120,900) for the purpose of purchasing a Sidewalk Tractor and associated equipment and authorize the withdrawal of up to One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$120,900) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0.)

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of purchasing stone and gravel to be placed on the unpaved roads of the Town of Wilton. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0.)

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article 1-2-2.)

30. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Select Board to lease town-owned property located at Webb Road and Route 101, and further identified as Town Tax Map E-023, for longer than one year, to Quinn Bros. Corp. ("Quinn"), and to further authorize the continued operation of Quinn's gravel operation at the property, subject to Quinn obtaining and/or maintaining all necessary excavation permits and other required approvals, and further subject to the taxation authority of the Town for non-governmental use of governmental land pursuant to RSA 72:23 and such other terms determined by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Select Board to take any action necessary to carry out this vote. (Majority vote required.)

(Select Board recommends this article 2-1)

31. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Wilton:

**New Hampshire Resolution to
Take Action on Climate Pollution**

We the people of the town of Wilton, hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Wilton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Wilton's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Wilton's Select Board within 30 days of this vote.

32. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Wilton:

To see if the town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular parties or candidates.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the select board to the town of Wilton's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

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

Given under our hands this 10th day of February, 2020.

Kermit R. Williams
Mathew S. Fish
Kellie-Sue Boissonnault
Select Board of Wilton, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant attest:

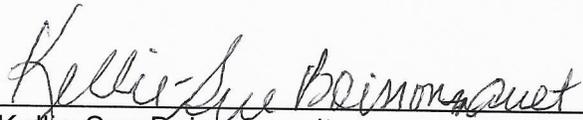
We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named to meet at the time and place for the purpose within named, by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named, at the Wilton Town Office, and a like copy of the within warrant attested at the Wilton Post Office, being public places; in said town, on the 10th day on February, 2020.



Kermit R. Williams



Matthew S. Fish



Kellie-Sue Boissonnault

Select Board of Wilton, New Hampshire