

2022 TOWN WARRANT
For the TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIRST SESSION: To the inhabitants of the Town of Lee, County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Mast Way School located on Mast Road, Lee at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered 1 through 14. Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

SECOND SESSION: To the inhabitants of the Town of Lee, County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road, Lee on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Select Board	(1) 3-year position	Cary Brown Rebecca Hawthorne
Moderator	(1) 2-year position	Donald Quigley
Treasurer	(1) 3-year position	Benjamin Genes
Supervisor of the Checklist	(1) 6-year position	Gloria Quigley
Trustee of the Trust Funds	(1) 3-year position	Jeffrey Liporto
Library Trustee	(2) 3-year positions	Katrinka Pellecchia Emily Woodall
Cemetery Trustee	(1) 3-year position	Peter Hoyt
Advisory Budget Committee	(2) 3-year positions	Scott Bugbee Thomas Murdoch

ARTICLE 2

Relative to Article XVII, section II-B;5ii of the 2019 Zoning Regulations (temporary signs), are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1-2021 as Proposed by the Select Board to remove the following language:

~~ii. One temporary sign per lot may be located on the owner's property for a period of (30) days prior to an election involving candidates for federal, state or local office or an issue on the ballot. Majority vote required.~~

NOTE: Deleted language is stricken

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town of Lee 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 **\$4,882,913**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be

\$4,574,348 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Select Board 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. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One-hundred Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$175,000) to be deposited into the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited into the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from general taxation. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand dollars (\$78,000) to be deposited into the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand dollars (\$90,000) to be deposited into the Highway Dept. Road and Bridge Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Five Thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be deposited into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be deposited into the Lee Library Building Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited into the Fire Ponds and Cisterns Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for Fiscal Year 2023 for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to go into the fund. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from general taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to

the general fund. The governing body shall annually publish a detailed report of all expenditures from the fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Fire Pond and Cistern Capital Reserve Fund to allow for the installation of new fire ponds and cisterns and to allow for repair and replacement of existing fire ponds and cisterns and to name the select board as agents to expend. The Select Board recommends this article. 2/3 vote required.

Article 13

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Lee, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$217,500; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$262,500; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$337,500. 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 \$46,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$59,400 and own net assets not in excess of \$222,500 excluding the value of the person's residence. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.

Article 14

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board, as provided by RSA 674:5, 1) to remove the Planning Board's responsibility for the town capital improvement program and 2) to establish, appoint and implement a Capital Improvement Program Committee whose purpose shall be to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years to assist the Select Board and the Advisory Budget Committee in completion of the annual budget. Membership of such committee shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board, the Advisory Budget Committee, the Select Board, Town employees, and residents of the Town of Lee. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required.