

Town of Kensington New Hampshire Warrant and Budget 2015

To the inhabitants of the town of Kensington in the County of Rockingham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 4, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Kensington Elementary School Multi-purpose Room, 122 Amesbury Road Kensington, NH 03833

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 10, 2015

Time: 8:00am-7:30pm

Location: Kensington Elementary School Multi-purpose Room, 122 Amesbury Road Kensington, NH 03833

Article 1: Other – Elect Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Other – Amend Zoning Ordinance Definitions

Are you in favor of the following amendments to the Kensington Zoning Ordinance?

- 1) Amend existing definitions and add new definitions to the Kensington Zoning Ordinance as follows:
 - a) Clarify current explanation of the Expansion of Use within the Septic Regulations Zoning Ordinance Article VII Health Standards, Section 7.1D(7).
 - b) Replace the current definition of Dwelling Unit within Zoning Ordinance Article II Definitions.
 - c) Add a new definition of Alteration to Zoning Ordinance Article II Definitions.
 - d) Clarify definition and include retaining walls to existing definition of a Structure within Zoning Ordinance Article II Definitions.

Proposed Amendments to Definitions in the Kensington Zoning Ordinance

DWELLING/RESIDENCE Article II Definitions	A room or group of rooms in a structure designed or used as a place for independent occupancy by person or family without need to use other areas of structure or another structure for meal preparation, sleeping, living or use of sanitary facilities.
ALTERATION Article II Definitions	Any construction or renovation to an existing structure which requires a permit other than repair or replacement. Also, a change in the mechanical system that involves an extension or change to the arrangement, type or purpose of the existing installation.
EXPANSION OF USE Article VII Health Standards	An increase flow of wastewater into a septic system created by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An increased number of bedrooms in a dwelling unit.• An increase in the number of employees in a commercial use.• An increase in floor area or increased number of seats in any building resulting in increased wastewater flows.• A change within a structure causing additional flow rates.
STRUCTURE Article II Definitions	Anything constructed or erected on or in the ground or in the water or an attachment to something having a fixed location on the ground. Structures include permanent or temporary buildings, , signs, carports, porches, swimming pools and other building features, communication towers and antennas, and field or garden walls or embankments retaining walls four (4) feet or greater. Structures do not include sidewalks, fences, driveways, septic systems, boundary markers, field or garden walls and embankments; retaining walls less than four (4) feet, land drainage, sediment and erosion control structure.

Current Definitions in the Kensington Zoning Ordinance

DWELLING UNIT Article II Definitions	Means a single unit providing complete independent living facilities, eating, cooking and sanitation.
ALTERATION Article II Definitions	No definitions; Article 8.3 C (4)
EXPANSION OF USE	Within Septic Regulations as: pg. 122 An increase flow of wastewater into a septic system created by: an increased number of bedrooms in a dwelling unit; an increase in the number of employees in a commercial use; or an increase in floor area or increased number of seats in any building resulting in increased wastewater flows.
STRUCTURE Article II Definitions	Anything constructed or erected on or in the ground or in the water or an attachment to something having a fixed location on the ground, such as buildings, permanent or temporary, signs, carports, porches, swimming pools and other building features, including communication towers and antennas, but not including sidewalks, fences, driveways, septic systems, boundary markers, field or garden walls or embankment, retaining walls, land drainage, sediment and erosion control structure. (Added 03/13/2001)

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No

Article 3: Operating Budget-Town-SB2

Shall the Town of Kensington 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 \$1,624,161 (one million, six hundred twenty four thousand, one hundred sixty one dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,639,032 (one million, six hundred thirty nine thousand, thirty two dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the voters 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. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

Selectmen recommend this appropriation unanimously.

Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget: \$5.45 per thousand dollar valuation

Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget: \$5.50 per thousand dollar valuation

Based on a property valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax impact is \$545.00 for the proposed budget and \$550.00 for the default budget.

*Note: these figures do not include any offsetting revenue.

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Article 4: Equipment Lease With Fiscal Funding Clause (Escape Clause)

Lease Payment #3 for Fire Truck

To see if the municipality will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into the third year of a seven year lease agreement for \$380,000 (three hundred eighty thousand dollars) for the purpose of leasing a new fire truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,740 (sixty thousand seven hundred forty dollars) for the third year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required). In subsequent years, if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates and the truck will be returned. If this lease is approved for each of the seven years, a warrant article will be set forth to expend \$19,000 (nineteen thousand dollars) from the fire department equipment capital reserve fund to offset the final payment only.

Selectmen recommend this appropriation unanimously

Estimated Tax Impact: \$.21 per thousand dollar valuation

Based on a property valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax impact is \$21.00

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Article 5: Purchase Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department

By petition to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,544 (twenty three thousand five hundred forty four dollars) for the purchase of four new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the fire department. An SCBA is an air pack worn by firefighters to breathe clean air while operating in a smoke filled or toxic environment. The purpose of this purchase is to replace four outdated and unreliable SCBAs with modern and reliable SCBAs. This will allow Kensington Firefighters to utilize NFPA compliant equipment that is compatible with all surrounding departments.

Selectmen recommend this appropriation unanimously
Estimated Tax Impact: \$.08 per thousand dollar valuation
Based on a property valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax impact is \$8.00

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Article 6: Richie McFarland Program- Social Services

By petition, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00, (one thousand five hundred dollars) for the Richie McFarland Children's Center's (RMCC) early intervention program that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families. This investment will support the cost of providing early childhood special education, pediatric therapies and family support services to Kensington residents. RMCC bases the request on \$300 (three hundred dollars) per child which is less than five percent (5%) of the annual cost for weekly home-based therapies. This past year RMCC served five (5) children, which is the average number of children in Kensington served over the past ten (10) years.

Selectmen recommend this appropriation unanimously
Estimated Tax Impact: \$.01 per thousand dollar valuation
Based on a property valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax impact is \$1.00

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No

Article 7: Town Hall Study

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for the purpose of developing a feasibility study and architectural plans for an addition to the back of the existing Town Hall. This addition will be two stories that will provide an additional 1,200 square feet of sufficient space to house the town offices and the police department and will meet the future needs of the town.

The source of the water problem and mold has been identified and corrected through extensive waterproofing and insulation. The Town has received a favorable air quality test that reflects the quality of the air is good and inhabitable for offices.

Selectmen recommend this appropriation unanimously
Estimated Tax Impact: \$.10 per thousand dollar valuation
Based on a property valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax impact is \$10.00

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Article 8: Road Reconstruction

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) for town road reconstruction. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2016. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 3, the operating budget article.

Selectmen recommend this appropriation unanimously

Estimated Tax Impact: \$.67 per thousand dollar valuation

Based on a property valued at \$100,000, the estimated tax impact is \$67.00

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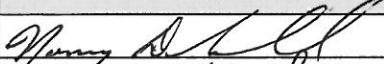

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Given under our hands, January 26, 2015

We certify and attest that on or before January 26, 2015, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Kensington Town Offices, Kensington Elementary School and Kensington Grocery, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Norman DeBoisbriand	Selectman, Chair	
Peter Merrill	Selectman	
Robert Wadleigh	Selectman	