

Town of Kensington

New Hampshire

Warrant

2018

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 7, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Kensington Elementary School Gym

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 13, 2018

Time: 8:00am-7:30pm

Location: Kensington Town Hall 95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833

Details: To vote on all town affairs

Article 01: Elect Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing

Article 02: Citizen's Petitioned Amendment Zoning of ADU-Detached

The undersigned legal voters of the Town request that the zoning ordinance of the Town be amended by adding the following provision(s) and deleting any provisions inconsistent therewith: Section 3.2.3 Accessory Dwelling Units: To allow detached Accessory Dwelling Units in existing structures that are detached from the primary residence with the same regulations as attached units as possible such as a garage, barn, or other separate structure. Also to allow new detached units in the future. To also follow RSA 485-A:38 Approval to Increase Load on a Sewage Disposal System.

The Planning Board does not recommend this article.

This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Article 03: Operating Budget

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 \$1,644,797 (one million six hundred forty four thousand seven hundred and ninety seven dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,644,953 (one million six hundred forty four thousand nine hundred and fifty-three dollars) 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 Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$35,909 from the budget adopted last year of \$1,608,888. The net estimated impact is \$.12 per thousand dollars of valuation. (twelve cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 04: Fire Pond Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for fire pond and cisterns maintenance or replacement, where needed. The sum will be used to upgrade or replace fire ponds and cisterns that have fallen in disrepair. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2019. This has become a safety issue and is need to maintain adequate fire protection. This article is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.08 per \$1,000 valuation. (eight cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 05: Lease Payment #6 for Fire Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$60,740) for the payment of the sixth yearly payment on a seven year lease/purchase agreement for a fire truck, approved by the voters in 2012. If this article is not approved, the fire truck will have to be returned.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be \$.19 per \$1,000 valuation (nineteen cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Article 06: Road Reconstruction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) for road reconstruction and other projects. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2019. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.66 per \$1,000 valuation. (sixty-six cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 07: Establish EMS Revolving Fund and appropriate from Fund Balance

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of funding and enhancing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Kensington, New Hampshire. All revenues received from ambulance billing shall 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. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all the monies 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 funds. Any single expenditure out of this Fund over \$50,000 shall require a separate warrant article and a majority vote of the legislative body (vote). An annual budget shall be submitted by the Fire Chief and reviewed by the governing body and posted in the Annual Town Report. Expenditures for the KENSINGTON EMS REVOLVING FUND shall be limited to the purchase, repair and/or maintenance of: EMS vehicle(s), EMS equipment, EMS supplies; payment of EMS certification training for members, payment of Advanced Life Support agreements and funds awarded from state and federal EMS grants. If this article is approved, it will be effective April 1, 2018.

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,000 (one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars) for deposit into this fund, which amount shall come from the undesignated fund balance (surplus) as of December 31, 2017. This amount is approximately the same as will be transferred into the general fund by the approval of Article 8 below. This appropriation shall only be valid if the voters approve Article 8. The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Article 08: To Discontinue Ambulance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Revolving Fund created in 2004; if approved the amount in that fund, including interest to the date of closing, will be transferred into the General Fund. This article shall only take effect if the voters approve Article 7.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.
This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Article 09: Citizen's Petition to Establish Heritage Commission

To see if the town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint three or five or seven citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint up to five additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto.

This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Article 10: Citizen's Petition to Establish Heritage Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of N.H. RSA 674:44-d and to raise and appropriate \$100.00 to be placed in the fund.

The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.0003 per \$1,000 valuation. (three hundredths of a cent per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 11: Citizen's Petition to Rescind SB2

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the town of Kensington on 11 march 1997, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballots is required by state law and return to the Town Meeting form of government?

A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question shall be required to rescind the provisions of the subdivision, except in the case of repeal by charter enactment under RSA 49-D. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculations of the 3/5 majority.

This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Article 12: Citizen's Petition to appropriate money to Rockingham Community Action

To request the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00 to Rockingham Community Action for the purpose of providing financial assistance, budgeting education & support to Kensington residents in crisis to move them toward self sufficiency.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.004 per \$1,000 valuation. (four tenths of a cent per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 13: Citizen's Petition to appropriate money to Richie McFarland Program

We, the residents of the Town of Kensington, petition to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the Richie McFarland Children's Center's (RMCC) early intervention program that serves children from birth to three years of age with developmental delays or disabilities, 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 the three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per child served which is less than five percent (5%) of the actual annual cost for the weekly home-based therapies. This past year RMCC served seven (7) children.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.007 per \$1,000 valuation. (seven tenths of a cent per thousand dollars of valuation)