



Kensington

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 that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: Wednesday February 5, 2020
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Kensington Elementary School Gym
Details: 122 Amesbury Road; first session in SB2

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday March 10, 2020
Time: 8:00am-7:30pm
Location: Kensington Elementary School Gym
Details: to vote on town affairs

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 21, 2020 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Kensington Town Hall and that an original was delivered to Kensington Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Joseph Pace	Selectman	
Vanessa Rozier	Selectman	
Peter Graves	Selectman	



Article 01 Elect Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing

Article 02 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 \$1,958,164 (one million nine hundred fifty eight thousand one hundred and sixty four dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,835,186 (one million eight hundred thirty five thousand one hundred and eighty six 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$169,749 from the budget adopted last year of \$1,788,415. The net estimated impact is \$.433 per thousand dollars of valuation. (forty-three point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 03 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 maintenance of town roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2021. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.517 per \$1,000 valuation. (fifty-one point seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 04 Establish Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purchase, upgrade, repair, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment and related services. To include installation, repair and maintenance of fire fighting water supplies. This will be funded by requests for monies by warrant article including but not limited to reallocation of funds collected by the fire department during the previous year.

Additionally, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund.

Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund upon recommendation of the Fire Chief.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.127 per \$1,000 valuation. (twelve point seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation).



Article 05 Fire Department- Appropriate funds from Fund Balance

To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate \$45,091 (forty five thousand and ninety one dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance and represent funds that were previously approved by the governing body for water supply repair and have not been expended. Should article 04 fail, this article will be null and void.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

There will be no tax impact from this warrant article.

Article 06 Police Department Radios

To see if the Town of Kensington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,957.00 (thirty four thousand, nine hundred and fifty seven dollars) to purchase 10 (ten) Motorola portable radios, replacement/back-up batteries, charging stations, antennas, portable microphones and 1 (one) Motorola all band HP mobile in car radio. This sum will also include the upgrading of the police department's mobile car radios and the replacement of 10 (ten) Motorola portable radios, that are over the serviceable life expectancy of 15 years.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.09 per \$1,000 valuation (nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Article 07 Municipal Financial Software

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,337.00 (thirty-one thousand three hundred and thirty seven dollars) for the purpose of purchasing Municipal Finance Software. This software will help with the day to day operational and compliance needs and to offer Kensington the ability to have a fully integrated financial management system created specifically for NH Municipal governments.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.079 per \$1000 valuation. (seven point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)



Article 08 Appropriate funds to put town owned land into Conservation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to put the following parcel of town owned land into a permanent conservation easement, 45.610 acres more or less, and is further identified as Map 13 Lot 1; 274 North Haverhill Road, and to be subject to maintenance by the Conservation Commission and protection by the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.064 per \$1,000 valuation. (six point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 09 Accept donated land for conservation

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept two gifts of land, 5 acres map 17 and lot 29 (wetland within the Great Meadows wetland) and 4 acres map 8 and lot 18 (backland abutting Charles Hodges Conservation Area), both owned by Mary and Paul White. The purpose of the gifts is to ensure the permanent protection of these parcels through a conservation easement which will provide protection of wildlife habitat and scenic enjoyment by the general public.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

There is no tax impact for this warrant article.

Article 10 Fire Department-Appropriate funds from Fund Balance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (eight thousand dollars) to be added to the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Said monies represent the sale of the old ambulance and SUV. If Article 04 fails, this article is null and void.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

There is no tax impact from this warrant article.



Article 11 Add to Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,300 (six thousand three hundred dollars) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This is the second of five years additions, which will be used to pay the assessor's cost for the State of NH required revaluation due next in 2023. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.016 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 12 Build Out Analysis

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$6,000.00) six thousand dollars for the purpose of the governing body conducting a build out analysis for the town. This analysis would be used to estimate and describe the amount and location of potential future development in Kensington.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.015 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 13 Social Services Request for Richie McFarland Children's Center

To see if the town will vote 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 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 three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per child served which is less than five percent (5%) of the annual cost for weekly home-based therapies. This past year RMCC served seven (7) Kensington children. This is a special warrant article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.005 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)



Article 14 Social Services Request for Rockingham Community Action

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 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. This is a special warrant article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.003 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 15 Social Service Request for Meals on Wheels

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$717.00 (seven hundred and seventeen dollars) to Meals on Wheels for the purpose of providing meals and safety services to qualified Kensington residents. This is a special warrant article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.004 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 16 To Create Heritage Fund

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 674:44-d to create a Heritage Fund? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Heritage Fund, separate from the general fund. The whole or any part of money so appropriated in any year and any gifts of money received pursuant to RSA 674:44-b shall be placed in a Heritage Fund and allowed to accumulate from year to year. Money may be expended from such fund by the Heritage Commission for its purposes without further approval of the local legislative body. The town treasurer, pursuant to RSA 41:29, shall have custody of all moneys in the Heritage Fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Heritage Commission. The disbursement of heritage funds shall be authorized by a majority of the Heritage Commission. Prior to the use of such funds for the purchase of any interest in real property, the Heritage Commission shall hold a public hearing with notice in accordance with RSA 675:7.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

This article has no tax impact.



Article 17 Petition Warrant Article- Purchase Decimeter

We, the undersigned legal voters of the Town of Kensington, New Hampshire, hereby petition to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$4,300.00) to purchase a Sound Track LxT n/Force (decimeter) and to train the Kensington Police Department officers in its use to enable them to enforce compliance with RSA 266:59 relating to excessive motor vehicle noise levels caused by illegally modified exhaust systems (especially on motor cycles).

This article is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.010 per \$1000 valuation. (one point zero cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 18 Petition Warrant Article- Library Celebration-125th

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) to the Kensington Public Library for expenses related to the library's 125th anniversary. The 125th Anniversary Committee has organized a series of events and an end-of-year gala in 2020 to celebrate this anniversary and the library's role in the community. This is a petitioned warrant article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.005 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 19 Petitioned Warrant Article-Town Clerk from 1 year term to 3 years

Are you in favor of changing the term of the town clerk from one year to three years, beginning with the term of the town clerk to be elected at next year's regular town meeting in 2021.

There is no tax impact for this article.