



**2023  
WARRANT**

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 Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Location: KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

Details: 122 AMESBURY ROAD

Date: MARCH 14, 2023

Location: KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

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We certify and attest that on or before January 30, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at 122 Amesbury Road and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk, Sarah Wiggin.



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**Article 01     Elect Officials**

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing

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**Article 02     Amend Article IX**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IX. Amendments, Conflicts and Penalties, Administration, Severability and Effective Date, section 9.1.4 Enforcement, to read:

"The Board of Selectmen, or their agent, shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions and conditions of the Town of Kensington Zoning Ordinance and any permits that are granted from the above town land use boards."

There is no tax impact for this article.

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**Article 03     Amend Section 6.1.6C**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows:

Delete existing language in Article VI Wetlands and Hydric Soils Conservation District, Section 6.1.6.C to be replaced with: "No structure shall be constructed within 100 feet of Hydric A soils."

There is no tax impact for this warrant article.

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**Article 04     Amend Section 6.1.6D**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows:

Delete existing language in in Article VI Wetlands and Hydric Soils Conservation District, Section 6.1.6.D to be replaced with "No structure shall be constructed within 50 feet of Hydric B soils."

There is no tax impact with this warrant article.



**Article 05 Amend Section 3.2.3 Accessory Dwelling Units**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows:

Delete existing language in Article III Establishment of District and Uses, Section 3.2.3 Accessory Dwelling Units. Paragraph 3.2.3.4.g and replaced with the following:

The applicant for a permit to construct an accessory dwelling unit shall make adequate provisions for water supply and sewage disposal for the accessory dwelling unit in accordance with RSA 485-A:38, but separate systems shall not be required for the principal and accessory dwelling units. In order to comply with this paragraph and prior to constructing an accessory dwelling unit, an application for approval for a sewage disposal system shall be submitted in accordance with RSA 485-A as applicable. The approved sewage disposal system shall be installed if the existing system has not received construction approval and approval to operate under current rules or predecessor rules, or the system fails or otherwise needs to be repaired or replaced.

In order to determine if an existing State-approved septic system is properly functioning, the property owner shall have the system inspected by a NH licensed septic inspector and provide a report of the inspection results at the time of application for an accessory dwelling unit.

There is no tax impact with this article.



**Article 06 Replacing existing Article III, Section 3.3C Home Occupations**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows:

Replace existing Article III Establishment of District and Uses, Section 3.3.C Special Exceptions for Home Occupations with the following:

Delete existing section 3.3. C. Special Exceptions for Home Occupations

Add new section 3.2.4 Home Occupations

1. Home Occupations as defined in this ordinance are permitted in this district subject to the following rules.

a) Persons proposing a home occupation under the below conditions shall apply to the Planning Board for a Site Plan Review. The Planning Board has the sole responsibility for determining the degree with which a home occupation will adhere to the requirements of the site plan review regulations.

b) Where permitted within a single dwelling unit and only by the person or persons maintaining a dwelling therein who are permanent residents of the Town of Kensington.

c) Evidence of use: The home occupation shall not display or create outside the dwelling any evidence of home occupation except a permitted sign not to exceed four (4) square feet in area. (Requires a sign permit)

d) Extent of use: The home occupation shall not utilize more than twenty-five (25) percent of the gross floor area (including basement) of the dwelling unit.

e) Permitted use: such home occupation use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling unit for residential purposes and that adequate provisions are made for off street parking.

f) Any change in the nature of the grounds upon which the original approval was granted, including change of ownership, requires a re-application and a new public hearing for site review before the planning board as provided. (Adopted 03/1994)

g) No more than one (1) commercial vehicle may be kept overnight at the premises.

h) If the home occupation meets all the standards of this section and creates no external changes, no sign is required and no business-related traffic results from the activity, then no Planning Board review is required.

There is no tax impact with this warrant article.

**Article 07 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 \$2,464,571 (two million four hundred sixty-four thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,327,010 (two million three hundred twenty-seven thousand and ten 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 unanimously recommend this article.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$137,561 from the budget adopted last year of \$2,327,010. The net estimated impact is \$.34 per thousand dollars of valuation. (thirty four cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)



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**Article 08    Re-Adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit under RSA 72:28, II**

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in the amount of \$500.00? If re-adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran's Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined by RSA 21:50, and who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran's tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is not known.

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**Article 09    Re-Adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-b**

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident of the state who is a veteran as defined in RSA 21:50, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from services and (3) is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. This tax credit shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, III. This article shall be contingent on the passage of Article 4. If the Town Meeting votes "no" on Article 4, this Article shall be null and void.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is not known.

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**Article 10    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, 2024. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.495 per \$1,000 valuation. (forty-nine point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)



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**Article 11     Appropriate Funds to Fire and Emergency Services**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. These funds to be used for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.185 per \$1,000 valuation. (eighteen point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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**Article 12     Evaluation of parcels for town acquisition**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) for the purpose of evaluating parcels for potential town acquisition related to needed new facilities for Public Safety and Emergency Services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2024.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.185 per \$1,000 valuation. (eighteen point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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**Article 13     Tuition Reimbursement and Training for Police Department**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to be placed into the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund. These funds to be used for specialty training, training instructor incentives, tuition reimbursement and educational incentives for Kensington Police Department employees.

The board of selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$ .074 per \$1,000 valuation. (seven point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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**Article 14     Appropriate Funds to the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be placed into the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund for the purchase of police department items and related services.

The board of selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.062 per \$1000 valuation. (six point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)



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**Article 15      Grange Hall Maintenance and Repairs**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars) for maintenance on the Grange Hall. The funds will be used for, but not limited to, structural repairs to the roof, painting the remaining exterior elevations, annual maintenance such as pest control, heating system maintenance, and water testing, and any unforeseen repairs as the roof structure is rehabilitated.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.032 per \$1,000 valuation. (three point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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**Article 16      Add to Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (eight thousand dollars) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This is the first of four annual installments, which will be used to pay the assessor's cost for the State of NH required revaluation due next in 2028. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.019 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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**Article 17      Acceptance of Land**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept two gifts of land, identified as map 17 lot 16 owned by Deborah and Lee Hearn (wetlands within the Great Meadows) consisting of 5 acres, and map 17 lot 23 owned by Peter Kuegel (wetlands within the Great Meadows) consisting of 5 acres. The purpose of the gifts is to ensure the permanent protection of these parcels through conservation which will provide protection of wildlife habitat and scenic enjoyment by the general public.

Further, to raise and appropriate up to \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) to offset the cost of the ownership transfer.

The board of selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.004 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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**Article 18      Appropriation to Fire and Emergency Services CRF-earned income**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. This amount is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance and represents the total of all permit fees and inspections received by Kensington Fire Rescue throughout 2021. These funds will be earmarked for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

This article has no tax impact.



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**Article 19 Social Services Request for Waypoint**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 (Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars) for Waypoint's youth and family support. Waypoint (Previously Richie McFarland Children's Center) provides early intervention programs that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families, services for youth experiencing homelessness, support for families with children with a chronic illness, and family and children programming. This investment will increase family stability, promote socialization in families, enhance child development, and provide concrete support in times of crisis to youth and families in Kensington. This is a special warrant article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

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

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**Article 20 Social Services Request for Rockingham Community Action**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) 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.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

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

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**Article 21 Social Services Request for Meals on Wheels**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$988 (nine hundred eighty-eight dollars) to Meals on Wheels for the purpose of providing meals and safety services to qualified Kensington residents. Our services helped 4 (four) Kensington residents and provided them 892 meals and wellness checks. The town support makes a difference. This is a special warrant article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.002 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)