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Stoddard

The inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard in the County of Cheshire 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:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)



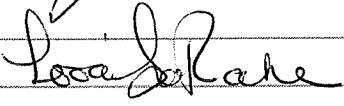
Date: **May 14, 2024**
 Time: **11 am – 7 pm**
 Location: **Stoddard Town Hall**
 Details: **1450 Rt. 123 N, Stoddard, NH 03464**

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: **May 21, 2024**
 Time: **7 pm**
 Location: **James Faulkner Elementary School**
 Details: **200 School Street, Stoddard, NH 03464**

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before April 18, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Offices and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

| Name | Position | Signature |
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| CHRISTOPHER MADDEN | SELECTMAN, CHAIR |  |
| ROBERT FEE | SELECTMAN |  |
| TERRI LAROCHE | SELECTMAN |  |
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Article 01 Elections

To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02 CPO Amendment #1 - ADU

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Community Planning Ordinance (Zoning), Article 3, Section 3E to clarify the section on Accessory Dwelling Units and apply the ordinance to both new construction as well as the conversion of existing structures.

Article 03 CPO Amendment #2 - Non-Conforming Lots

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Community Planning Ordinance (Zoning), Article VI - Non-Conforming Lots to remove subparagraphs 1 through 6 and reorganize the article.

Article 04 CPO Amendment #3 - Signs Permitted as Special Exception

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Stoddard Planning Board for the Community Planning Ordinance (Zoning), Article XIV, Section V, to allow signs in any district with a special exception.

Article 05 Police Department

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,800.00 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Police Department. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 - 1.

Article 06 Recreation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of funding the position of Recreation Coordinator. This position would be responsible for developing programming for all full and part-time residents, during all seasons. Funding will cover program costs and salary for the position. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 07 Operating Budget - Town Administration

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$728,992 for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. Majority vote required. Recommended by Board of Selectmen.

Article 08 Highways

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$307,300.00 for winter and summer maintenance, emergencies, and planned repairs of Town roads and bridges. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.



Article 09 HIGHWAY SHED

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing and constructing a shed on Town property off Rt. 123 N for the purpose of storing emergency management and highway supplies. Funds to be used from the unassigned fund balance and not raised by taxes. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 10 TRANSFER STATION VIOLATION FINES

Shall the Town vote to establish fines for the unauthorized use of the Transfer Station of up to \$300 for the first offense and \$500 for each additional offense within a calendar year as provided in RSA 149:M? Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11 Solid Waste

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292,400.00 for all recycling, solid waste and related expenses for the ensuing year for the Stoddard Transfer Station, use of the Washington Transfer Station by certain residents and for hazardous waste disposal services provided by the City of Keene and Town of Washington. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 12 Fire Department

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$134,802.00 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Fire & Rescue Department. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 13 Ambulance

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500.00 for providing ambulance services and other related services. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 14 Emergency Management

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500.00 for the operating budget of Emergency Management. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 15 Cemetery CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for unanticipated maintenance and/or expansion planning expenses and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Cemetery Commission and/or the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required.

Article 16 Cemeteries

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,590.00 for the operating budget of the cemeteries. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.



Article 17 Conservation Commission

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 for the operating budget of the Conservation Commission. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18 Unexpended funds to Conservation Commission

To see if the town will vote to authorize the conservation commission to raise and appropriate \$500 to retain the unexpended portion of its 2022-2023 budget as authorized by RSA 36-A:5, said funds to be placed in the conservation fund account held by the municipal treasurer (RSA 41:29).

Article 19 Lake Host Program

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,800.00 for the Lay Monitoring, Lake Host Programs and water testing. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 20 Davis Public Library

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,205.00 for the operation of the Davis Public Library. [Per RSA202-A:11, the funds raised and appropriated, other than payroll and utilities, shall be paid over to the Library Trustees pursuant to a payment schedule as agreed upon by the Library Trustees and the Selectmen.] Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 Southwestern Community Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,406.00, for support of Southwestern Community Services. [Explanation: A non-profit agency which facilitates fuel assistance, weatherization and other related services to residents of Stoddard.] Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 22 100 Hundred Nights Shelter

To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00, for the support of Hundred Nights, Inc. located in Keene, New Hampshire, for services provided to Stoddard residents. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 23 Home Healthcare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800, to Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services to support the continuance of visiting nurse and home health services being provided to the residents of Stoddard. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 24 Monadnock Family Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,717.00, for Monadnock Family Services, a non-profit agency which provides quality mental health services to residents of Stoddard, which is requesting said amount to help underwrite the cost of services provided to residents. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.



Article 25 Community Kitchen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$973.00, for support of The Community Kitchen, Inc., located in Keene, New Hampshire. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 26 Red Cross

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000, for support of the New Hampshire Region of the American Red Cross. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 27 Stoddard Food Pantry

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,200 for the purpose of funding the Stoddard Food Pantry. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 28 Tiny Tummies

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of funding Tiny Tummies, a non-profit food bank that supplies resources to the Stoddard Food Pantry. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 29 Community Volunteer Transportation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of funding the Community Volunteer Transportation Company. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 30 Adopt/Modify Disabled Exemption

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to remain at \$30,000, but increase allowable net income to not more than \$45,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$67,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$95,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 31 250th Celebration

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the purpose of funding the town's 250th birthday celebration. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3, VI. These funds will remain non-lapsing until the start of fiscal year 2025. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 32 FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve fund previously established. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.



Article 33 Emergency Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of funding unexpected losses or repairs to town buildings or equipment that require immediate attention and cost over \$5,000. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 34 Building CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000, to be placed in the Building Expendable Trust, previously established. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 35 Roads and Bridges CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000, to be placed into the Bridge and Roadway Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 36 Other

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.