



2022  
**WARRANT**

## Northwood

The inhabitants of the Town of Northwood 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:

**First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)**

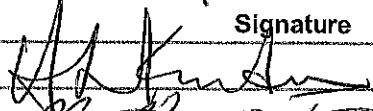
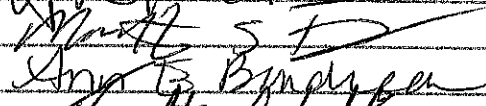
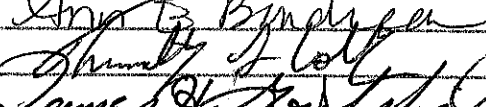
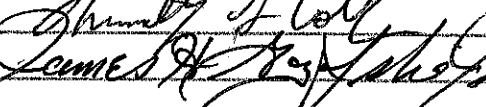

Date: February 5, 2022  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Northwood Elementary School  
Details:

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

Date: March 8, 2022  
Time: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Northwood Elementary School  
Details:

### GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before <DATE>, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at <LOCATION> and that an original was delivered to <OFFICIAL>.

Name	Position	Signature
Hal Kreider	Selectman	
Matthew Frye	Selectman	
Ann E. Boudreau	Selectwoman	
Timothy S. Colby	Selectman	
James Guzofski, Jr.	Selectman	



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**Article 01 ELECTIONS**

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

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**Article 02 ZONING AMENDMENT**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:

To establish a new definition of Private Campsite as the use of property not within a campground or camping park for camping on a seasonal basis, to permit Private Campsites subject to certain performance criteria, and to establish the performance criteria that apply to this use, including requiring a camping permit from the building inspector, defining the "camping season" as April 15 to October 15, establishing rules for occupying private campsites both within and outside of "camping season", limiting the number of private campsites on the property, providing requirements for solid waste and sewage disposal, and prohibiting the collection of fees for use of the private campsite?

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**Article 03 ZONING AMENDMENT**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 32 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:

Are you in favor of repealing Article II Self-Contained Camper Trailers from the Town of Northwood General Ordinances? Should Article 2 proposing an amendment to the Northwood Development Ordinance to regulate such uses fail, this article shall become null and void.

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**Article 04 2022 OPERATING BUDGET**

Shall the Town 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 three million eight hundred eighty-one thousand three hundred sixty-four dollars (\$3,881,364). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be three million seven hundred thirty-four thousand ninety-eight dollars (\$3,734,098) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town 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. (Tax Impact Net of estimated revenue \$3.13) (Majority vote required) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-3)

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**Article 05 HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$126,000) for the purchase of a six-wheel dump truck with plow, wing and sander for the highway department and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred twenty-six thousand dollars (\$126,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account. This purchase replaces the existing 2006 six-wheel dump truck. (No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1)

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**Article 06 COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) for the acquisition of communication equipment pursuant to the third and final year of the three-year Fire Department Mobile Communications Equipment Replacement Plan. The plan will replace all our portable and mobile radios over the three year period. This purchase is in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)



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**Article 07 ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING/PAVING AND DITCHING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be used for the construction, reconstruction, paving, and ditching and/or resurfacing of town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts. Proposed Town Road Projects including paving, shimming, crack sealing etc. on a portion of Bow St., Jenness Pond Rd., Old Pittsfield Rd., Old Turnpike Rd. and Ye Old Canterbury Rd in accordance with the Town's 2022 road plan and said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1)

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**Article 08 RT 4 RECREATION COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) for the purpose of continuing improvements to the complex including but not limited to expansion of parking, improving drainage, ledge removal, loaming and seeding and general improvements to the existing fields. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 09 TOWN MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) for the purpose of beginning the updating of the Town's 2002 master plan. This sum will provide an update of the Vision and Land Use Chapters which are the required sections. Revisions to the master plan are recommended every 5 to 10 years. Failure to update and keep a master plan current may put in jeopardy the legality of any ordinances that depends on a master plan. Said amount to come from taxation. (Tax Impact \$.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 10 FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifty two thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$52,237) as the second payment on a five-year lease/purchase agreement for a Tanker Truck with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. If this article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses the \$300,000 and the first-year payment. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 11 AMBULANCE LEASE PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$26,225), as the second payment on a 7-year lease/purchase agreement for an ambulance with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. If this article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses the \$100,000 down payment and the first-year payment. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 12 HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK LEASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount of twenty-six thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$26,439) for the fourth-year lease payment of the seven-year lease/purchase agreement of a highway dump truck that was approved at the 2019 Town Meeting. If this is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses all the money it has spent in prior years. (Tax impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)



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**Article 13 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand two hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$20,298) for the fourth of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the backhoe. This lease agreement was approved in 2018 and does contain an escape clause so if the article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and all prior expenditures will be lost. (Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

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**Article 14 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred three-three thousand, nine hundred fifty-four dollars (\$133,954), to be placed in the following existing expendable trust funds created under RSA 31:19 - a. Cable Expendable Trust Fund \$33,546; Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund \$97,208; Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund \$3,200. These amounts represent the amount of user fees deposited in the general fund in 2021 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Current balances as of December 31, 2021: Cable \$98,480, Transfer Station \$100,465, and Cemetery \$59,800. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

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**Article 15 VESTED BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$30,419. (Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 16 HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Current balance in this Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund as of December 31, 2021: \$ 126,048. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 17 POLICE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be deposited into the previously established Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Current balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021: \$ 23,148. (Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) ( Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 18 LAGOON MAINTENANCE and REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUN**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$ 10,875) to be placed in the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Lagoon Special Revenue Fund held by the Northwood Treasurer. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$ 104,989 (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)



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**Article 19 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRU**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$2,514.00 (Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 20 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT AND CONTROL EXP**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and Control Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021: \$302.00. (Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 21 TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited into the previously established Terrestrial Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2021 is \$ 4.00. (Tax Impact \$0.) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 22 FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited into the Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs, and replacement of general government buildings including the Chesley Memorial Library. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Current balance as of December 31, 2021: \$ 33,399. (Tax Impact \$0.) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 23 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be deposited into the Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and replacement of the Town's computer hardware and software programs. The balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021: \$ 16,612. Said amount to come from taxation. (Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 24 ROAD IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be deposited into the Roads Improvement Expendable Trust Fund for improvements to Town roads including but not limited to paving, installing and replacing culverts, tree removal prior to road work, crack sealing, ditching, grading and full reconstruction, etc. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021. Said funds will be used for road improvement projects as outlined in the Town's 2022 Road Surface Management Plan and for emergency road repairs as they arise. The balance in this fund as of December 31, 2021 is \$150,076. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)



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**Article 25 CABLE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to expand the original intent of the Cable Expendable Trust Fund, which was established in 2000 to now include other means of improving the communications between the Towns boards, committees, and departments with the town's residents. In 2000, the principle means of communication between the town and its residents was through a community bulletin board on a cable channel. Voting for this article would allow the Town to use this fund for other means of communication between the Town and its residents such as but not limited to email communications, a sign at Town Hall, electronic newsletters, etc. The Board of Selectmen will remain the agents to expend such funds, as stated in the original warrant article. (No Tax Impact) (2/3 vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

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**Article 26 NARROWS FIRE STATION PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of reconstructing the subbase and repave all the existing paved areas at the Narrows fire station. Said amount to come from taxation. (Tax Impact \$0.05) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

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**Article 27 EMPLOYEE COLA**

To see if the Town will vote, in the event of the proposed 2022 town budget not passing, to provide a onetime 2% COLA (cost of living adjustment) in 2022 for all "at-will" (non-contract) town employees and further to raise and appropriate \$41,816 to cover the salary and benefits-cost associated with the increase. This article is by petition. (Tax Impact \$.06) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

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**Article 28 DEFAULT BUDGET BY BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b, to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 31:14? This will provide a check and balance to the default budget, by having the budget committee approve it, just as they do the regular budget. This article by petition.

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**Article 29 REDUCE MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the budget committees elected membership, from a current membership level of twelve (12) elected members-at-large to a membership level of six (6) members-at-large. Presently, the budget committee is comprised of twelve (12) elected members-at-large; one appointed school district representative; one appointed selectmen representative; and three appointed village district representatives. No members-at-large will be elected following approval of this article until 2025, at which time two members-at-large will be elected each year for a term of three years, unless at any time the number of members-at-large is less than (6) six. This reduction of elected members-at-large is in compliance with NH RSA 32:15 Budget Committee Membership. This article is by petition.

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**Article 30 POSITION ADDITIONS BY WARRANT ARTICLE**

To see if the town will vote that any new additional full-time positions (not personnel), be approved by the town voters via a warrant article at the annual election. This article is by petition.

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**Article 31 RESCIND POLICE COMMISSION**

Shall the Town rescind the action taken at the 1987 Town Meeting establishing a Police Commission so that the authority over the police department shall revert to the Board of Selectmen. This article is by petition.



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**Article 32 VEHICLE LEASES or PURCHASES BY WARRANT ARTICLE**

To see if the Town will vote to require the Board of Selectmen to place the funding of all town vehicle purchases on the annual town warrant for approval by voters prior to any funds being expended for the purpose of vehicle acquisition, including either purchase or lease. This article by petition.

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**Article 33 OTHER BUSINESS**

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