



Article 01 ELECTIONS

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02 ZONING AMENDMENT #1

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section VII.C. Non-Conforming Lots to clarify that changes to lot boundaries that do not impact that lot's compliance with the Ordinance are permitted. (Majority vote required)

Article 03 ZONING AMENDMENT #2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section III. Definitions to redefine Large Scale Business to apply to any commercial or industrial business, rather than a retail or wholesale business, with aggregate gross floor area of 10,000 sq. ft. or more contained on a single lot, and to amend Section IV.B.(4)(g) Large Scale Business Setbacks to reference the definition of Large Scale Business and to add a purpose statement. (Majority vote required)

Article 04 ZONING AMENDMENT #3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section VI.C. Agricultural Soils Overlay District to properties consisting of at least 10 acres and 25% or more of the total land is designated as soils designated "prime" or of "statewide importance" be developed using Open Space Design, lowering the threshold from 20 acres. Further to require that that the required Open Space prioritize conservation and continued use of agricultural soils of prime or statewide significance. (Majority vote required)

Article 05 ZONING AMENDMENT #4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section VII.D.(3) Permitted Conversion of Seasonal Dwellings for Year-Round Occupancy to provide examples of other ordinance requirements that proposals must meet. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 ZONING AMENDMENT #5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section IV.B.(1) Road Frontage to require that all required frontage be contained in a single contiguous segment. (Majority vote required)

Article 07 ZONING AMENDMENT #6

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section III Definitions to delete the existing definition of Affordable Housing, adopt definitions of Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing from RSA 674:58, and adopt a definition of Cluster Housing as housing with more than one principal residential structure per lot. Amend Section V. Use Regulations to add Cluster Housing as a permitted use and to replace all references to Elderly Housing with Cluster Housing, which may be used only for the construction of Elderly Housing and/or Workforce Housing. Further, to reduce the maximum density of Cluster Housing from 4 units per acre to 2 units per acre. (Majority vote required)



Article 08 ZONING AMENDMENT #7

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section IV.B.(5) Structure Height to clarify the points from which structure height is measured. (Majority vote required)

Article 09 ZONING AMENDMENT #8

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section III Definitions to define Religious Uses and Section V. Use Regulations to comply with requirements of RSA 674:76 exempting Religious Uses from all zoning requirements other than height, yard size, lot area, setbacks, open space and building coverage requirements. (Majority vote required)

Article 10 2023 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 four million twenty-two thousand six hundred thirty dollars (\$4,022,630). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be three million nine hundred fifty-six thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$3,956,584) 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. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact Net of estimated revenue \$2.48) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1)

Article 11 HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRAILER PURCHASE

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of a 10-ton equipment trailer for the highway department and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account. (Majority vote required) (No tax impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 12 ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING/PAVING AND DITCHING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000) 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 Lake Road (crack sealing), Church Street, Harmony Road, and Jenness Pond Road in accordance with the Town's 2022 road plan and said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1)

Article 13 RT 4 RECREATION COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to continue improvements to the recreation complex located on Rt 4 including but not limited to expansion of parking, improving drainage, loaming and seeding and general equipment and improvements to the existing fields. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)



Article 14 TOWN MASTER PLAN UPDATE

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of continuing the updating of the Town's 2004 master plan. This sum will provide an update and/or development of up to four additional chapters. Thirty thousand (\$30,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022 and the balance of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) to come from grants. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 15 FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CAB AND C

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance cab and chassis, and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$75,000 for the down payment, this amount to be withdrawn from the Fire Rescue Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. If this article and Article 16 are both approved, the existing ambulance 1 cab and chassis will be retained for construction of a new forestry/utility vehicle, and the existing patient transport box will be transferred to the new cab and chassis. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-4)

Article 16 FIRE DEPT FORESTRY/UTILITY VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the construction of a new forestry vehicle utilizing the existing ambulance 1 cab and chassis and adding the necessary forest firefighting and other equipment to the vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Special Revenue Fund. This article will be void if Article 15 fails. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-5)

Article 17 FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount of fifty-two thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$52,237) as the third payment on a 5-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 down payment and all prior years payments. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 18 FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND LEASE PUR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$26,225) as the third payment on a 7-year lease/purchase of 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 and second-year payment. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 19 HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of twenty-six thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$26,439) for the fifth-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. (Majority vote required) (Tax impact \$0.04) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)



Article 20 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT

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 fifth 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. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$0.03) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 21 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars (\$120,778), to be placed in the following existing expendable trust funds created under RSA 31:19 - a. Cable Expendable Trust Fund \$ 33,291; Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund \$ 86,687; Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund \$ 800. These amounts represent the amount of user fees deposited in the general fund in 2022 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2022. Current balances as of December 31, 2022: Cable \$ 113,729, Transfer Station \$ 192,663, and Cemetery \$ 65,800. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

Article 22 VESTED BENEFIT TIME 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, 2022: \$ 24,178. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$ 0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 23 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, 2022. Current balance in this Highway Equipment Capital Reserve fund as of December 31, 2022: \$ 40,783. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 24 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, 2022: \$ 29,369. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 25 LAGOON MAINTENANCE and REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUN

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$5,925) 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, 2022: \$ 113,475 (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)



Article 26 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRU

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$8,250) to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2022: \$ 1,027 (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 27 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, 2022: \$ 308. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$0.02) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 28 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, 2022 is \$ 3,645. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 29 FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST 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 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, 2022. Current balance as of December 31, 2022: \$ 14,124 (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 30 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, 2022. 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, 2022 is \$ 98,858. (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 31 EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING INCREASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000) to cover the salary and benefits-cost associated with providing a 3% COLA (cost of living adjustment) in 2023 for all town employees. Said amount to come from taxation. (Majority vote required) (Tax Impact \$0.08) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1)



Article 32 FULL TIME CODE, COMPLIANCE AND BUILDING INSPECTOR

To see if the Town will vote to approve creating a full-time code, compliance and building inspector position and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand seven hundred (\$42,700) to pay the additional wages and benefits not included in the proposed operating budget and further to authorize the Select Board and Budget Committee to include the necessary funds in future operating budgets to support this new full-time 40 hours per week position. Said amount to come from taxation. This position is currently part time at approximately 25 hours/week. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.05) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 33 CREATING A FULL TIME ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

To see if the Town will vote to approve creating a full-time assistant librarian position and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand four hundred dollars (\$25,400) to pay the additional wages and benefits not included in the proposed operating budget and further to authorize the Library Trustees and Budget Committee to include the necessary funds in future operating budgets to support this new full-time 35 hours per week position. The position is currently part time at approximately 30 hours/week. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.03) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1)

Article 34 CREATING A FULL TIME TECHNOLOGY LIBRARIAN

To see if the Town will vote to approve creating a full-time technology librarian position and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$25,850) to pay the additional wages and benefits not included in the proposed operating budget and further to authorize the Library Trustees and Budget Committee to include the necessary funds in future operating budgets to support this new full-time 35 hour per week position. The position is currently part time at approximately 30 hours/week. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.03) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-2)

Article 35 CENTER SCHOOL REHABILITATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) for the repair and restoration of the former Center School located at 818 1st NH Turnpike. Said project including but not limited to abating all hazardous materials, "gutting" the building to the outside walls and studs, repairing the existing foundation, removing the existing rear addition and constructing a new addition of similar size to include one full appropriate sized ADA compliant bathroom and a small kitchenet, replacing all insulation on all exterior walls and sheetrock and painting all interior walls, upgrading all electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems to meet all building and life safety codes. The finished building will be used for recreational, leisure, meeting and other activities deemed appropriate by the Select Board. Said amount to come from taxation (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.11) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

Article 36 RAZE THE CENTER SCHOOL

In the event Article 35 fails, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to raze the former Center School building located at 818 1st NH Turnpike next to the Town Hall and restore the property to a level area. Said amount to come from taxation. If Article 35 passes, this article will be void. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.02) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)



Article 37 250th ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars (\$7,738) to be deposited into the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund. Said amount represents the revenue received from the sale of 250th Anniversary commemorative items by the 250th anniversary committee deposited in the general fund in 2022. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2022 is \$8,591. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

Article 38 SNOWMOBILE CLUB TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUNDING REQUEST

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the support of the Northwood Crank Pullers Snowmobile Club's efforts maintaining 20 plus miles of Northwood Multi-Use Trails. The all-volunteer Northwood Club is 50 years old this year, has lost opportunities of traditional fundraising events, has provided over 600 man-hours of unpaid volunteer efforts in these trails since April, with no assistance from DPW or the Recreation Department's staff or budgets. Insurance, equipment maintenance and fuel costs keep rising so assistance is needed to help defray some of the costs. Amounts to be raised by taxation. This article is by petition. (Majority vote required) (Tax estimate \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1)

Article 39 INCREASE THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION INCOME

To see if the town will vote to increase the income limits for elderly property tax exemptions as follows: current single person income limit from \$35,000 to \$40,000 and the asset limit from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and to increase the married income limit from \$40,000 to \$50,000 and the married asset limit from \$50,000 to \$75,000. If approved, said limit increases will be effective as of April 1, 2023. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Article 40 VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT

Shall the Town of Northwood readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of 250? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Article 41 ALL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT

Shall the Town of Northwood readopt the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town of Northwood under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Article 42 OTHER BUSINESS

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