



2020 Thornton Town Warrant THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Central School in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 10th of March 2020 at 8:00 AM to act upon the following subjects:

The polls not to close earlier than 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots to be cast at 1:00 PM.

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the terms stated:

The following elected positions are available for the **March 10, 2020** Town Elections.

Select Board Member	Three Year Term	Two Positions
Town Clerk	Three Year Term	One Position
Cemetery Trustee	One Year Term	One Position
Cemetery Trustee	Three Year Term	One Position
Library Trustee	Three Year Term	One Position
Overseer of Public Welfare	One Year Term	One Position
Planning Board Member	Three Year Term	Two Positions
Supervisor of the Checklist	Six Year Term	One Position
Moderator	Two Year Term	One Position
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Three Year Term	One Position

Article 2: Zoning Amendments

Zoning Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Thornton Planning Board, which provides for the insertion of a new item under **ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS**

Short-Term Residential Rental means any transient occupancy of a dwelling unit or any portion thereof under a written or unwritten lease, license or agreement for a term of thirty (30) days or less.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes No

Zoning Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Thornton Planning Board, which provides for the addition of a new use under **ARTICLE IV: TABLE OF USES?**

To designate "Short Term Rentals" as Permitted (P) in all zones, subject to the condition(s) set forth in explanatory footnote 7.

Footnote Explanations:

7. Subject to applicable Short-Term Rental Regulations as adopted and as amended.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes No

Zoning Amendment #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Thornton Planning Board, which provides for an addition to paragraph 1 and the revision of item A. 11. under **ARTICLE V: PERMITTED USES IN VARIOUS ZONES?**

The Planning Board shall have the authority to adopt regulations relative to Short-Term Residential Rental of dwellings.

A. 11. Renting of rooms and furnishing of board in; private, owner occupied, family dwellings, to resident guests on a long-term or short-term basis.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes No

Zoning Amendment #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Thornton Planning Board, which provides for the addition of a sentence to the first paragraph of **SECTION IX** under **ARTICLE XV: FLOOD PLAIN**

SECTION IX: SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

In Zone A the compliance officer shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any 100-year flood elevation data available from any federal, state or other source including data submitted for development proposals submitted to the community (i.e. subdivisions, site plan approvals). Where a 100-year flood elevation is not available or not known, the 100-year flood elevation shall be determined to be at least two (2) feet above the highest adjacent grade.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

Yes No

The following articles will be taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 14th day of March 2020 at the Thornton Central School.

Article #3: Shall the Town of Thornton modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a, Elderly Exemption as follows:

Age Qualifying Exemptions:

Age 65-74	from \$30,000	to \$40,000
Age 75-79	from \$40,000	to \$55,000
Age 80+	from \$50,000	to \$70,000

Financial Qualification Limits:

Income:	Single \$25,000	No Change
	Married \$40,000	No Change

Asset Limitation: \$75,000 No Change

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article #4: Shall the Town of Thornton vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veteran's Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Thornton under RSA 72:28. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #5: Shall the Town of Thornton vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate residential, non-commercial site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #6: To see if the Town will vote to approve an additional full time police officer position to be added to the Thornton Police Department, and to furthermore see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** to compensate the wages and benefits for this position hired on or after April 12, 2020. This position will be incorporated into the police department annual operating budget starting in 2021. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand dollars (\$6,000)** to be added to the existing Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the existing Assessing Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000)** to be added to the existing Property Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000)** to be added to the existing Highway Vehicle, Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000)** to be added to the existing Police Cruiser and Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars (\$153,000)** to be added to the existing Fire Truck/Rescue Vehicle/Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article #13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three million one hundred and seventy-two thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars (\$3,172,857)** to support town operations for the 2020 year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles. (Majority vote required)

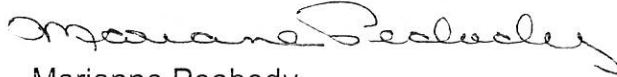
To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting. Given under our hands and seal this 12 day of Feb., 2020.



Brad R. Benton, Chairman



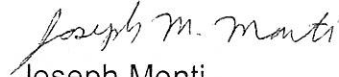
Roy Sabourn, Vice Chairman



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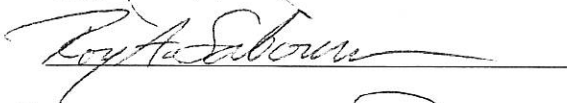
John Gaites



Joseph Monti

Thornton Board of Selectmen

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the place of meeting and at the office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall on the 12th day of February, 2020



Selectmen of Thornton

