



2024 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 12th of March 2024 at 8:00 AM to act upon the following subjects:

The polls are not to close earlier than 7:00 PM.
Absentee ballots are 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 12, 2024**, Town Elections.

Select Board Member	Three Year Term	Two Positions
Select Board Member	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	Three Positions
Planning Board Member	Two Year Term	One Position
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Three Year Term	One Position
Treasurer	Three Year Term	One Position
Supervisor of Checklist	Six Year Term	One Position
Moderator	Two Year Term	One Position

The following articles will be taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 16th day of March 2024 at the Thornton Central School.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)** to be added to the existing Municipal Department Paving Projects Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of future paving at the Transfer Station. (This appropriation will not have a net increase to the tax rate.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** to be added to the existing Assessing Capital Reserve Fund. (This appropriation will not have a net increase to the tax rate.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** to be added to the existing Police Cruiser and Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** to be added to the existing Fire Truck/Rescue Vehicle/Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. (This appropriation will not have a net increase to the tax rate.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four million two hundred thirty-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-five dollars (\$4,239,795)** to support town operations for the 2024 year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles. (This appropriation may have an estimated net tax impact of .75 cents increase to the tax rate depending on actual revenues & fund balance usage in 2024.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 8: Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$56,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$77,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$98,000. To qualify, the person must have been a NH resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$48,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 9: 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 be \$56,000. To qualify, the person must have been a NH resident for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$48,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 10: Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37, Exemption for the Blind, to allow a resident who is legally blind as determined by the blind service program, bureau of vocational rehabilitation, department of education, to be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of \$21,000. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the board of selectmen pursuant to RSA 289:6. If the majority vote in the affirmative then the delegation shall take effect 90 days after adoption and shall continue until rescinded by vote of the town meeting.

Submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

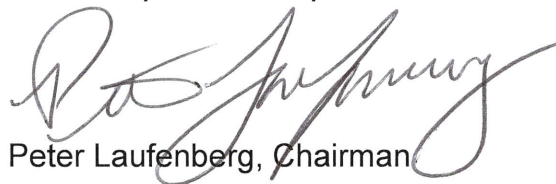
Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept Jack's Run as a town road from the Tri-Intersection of Fraser Road and Holly Lane. (It is a dead-end road.) Said road is depicted on the plan of approved subdivision dated May 4, 2022, and recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds as plan no. 16413. This acceptance is to be final and effective only upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen, that the road has been constructed to current town standards, that the condition is acceptable to the Selectmen and the Road Agent, that there are no title deficiencies with the road ownership and that the town is given a satisfactory deed for such road. Any and all costs associated with the legal review by town counsel shall be reimbursed to the Town of Thornton prior to acceptance.

Submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

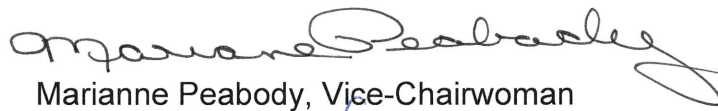
Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept Fondue Drive as a town road from Upper Mad River Rd., a distance of approximately 1,725 feet to a cul-de-sac. This acceptance is to be final and effective only upon a vote of the citizens, that the condition is acceptable that there are no title deficiencies with the road ownership and that the town is given satisfactory deeds for the road and cul-de-sac areas. Any and all costs associated with the legal Deed or Title review by town counsel shall be reimbursed to the Town of Thornton prior to acceptance. Submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

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

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February 2024.



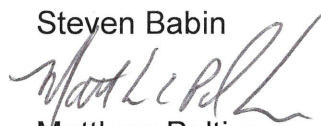
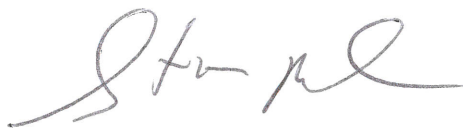
Peter Laufenberg, Chairman



Marianne Peabody, Vice-Chairwoman

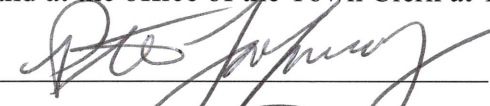


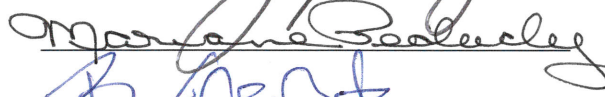
Brad Benton



Steven Babin
Matthew Peltier
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 15th day of February 2024



 Selectmen of Thornton, NH
