



2022 Town Warrant
Town of Merrimack
6 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, New Hampshire 03054



The State of New Hampshire

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

You are hereby notified that the First Session (*Deliberative*) of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held at the Mastricola Upper Elementary School's All-Purpose Room on 26 Baboosic Lake Road in said Merrimack on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 (snow date Friday, March 11, 2022), at 7:00 o'clock in the evening (pm) for explanation, discussion, and debate of each Warrant Article. Warrant Articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV.

You are hereby notified that the Second Session (*Ballot Voting*) of the Annual Meeting of the Town of Merrimack will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon (am) for the choice of town officers elected by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on the Official Ballot, and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session on Official Ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polling places for the election of town officers, and other actions required to be inserted on the ballot, will open on said date at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon (am) and will not close earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening (pm).

The three aforementioned polling places will be as follows:

James Mastricola Upper Elementary School All-Purpose Room, 26 Baboosic Lake Road
St. John Neumann Church, 708 Milford Road (Route 101A)
Merrimack Middle School, 31 Madeline Bennett Lane

Article 1

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

- Two (2) Town Councilors 3-year term
 - One (1) Town Councilors 1-year term
 - One (1) Library Trustee for a 3-year term
 - Two (2) Ethics Committee Member for a 3-year term
 - One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year term
 - One (1) Moderator for a 2-year term
 - One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a 4-year term
 - One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a 6-year term
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Article 2

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,102,750 (gross budget) for Waste Water Treatment upgrades to the Wash Water Piping, Compost Facility, Headworks Building and New Screening Building as well as ADA improvements and other miscellaneous upgrades to the main plant, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$10,102,750 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to further authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain and accept any federal, state, or other aid, grants or other funds, that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds and notes, and to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose; and to allow the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (3/5th ballot vote required for approval)

Article 3

(By Petition)

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 (gross budget) for drainage and road repairs to Woodland Drive area (Shady Lane, Evergreen Drive, Glenwood Lane, Deerwood Drive, Birchwood Road, Pinetree Lane, Fernwood Drive, Forest Drive, Hartwood Drive and Timber Lane) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to further authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain and accept any federal, state, or other aid, grants or other funds, that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds and notes; and to allow the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of 2022-23 interest on said bonds or serial notes?"

(by petition) (Recommended by the Town Council 0-0-0) (3/5th ballot vote required for approval)

Article 4

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 \$36,218,840? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$34,355,572, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Town Council may hold one (1) special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

Article 5

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,947,250 to be added to the following Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes for which they were created and to apportion the sum among the several funds as listed below:

Liability Trust Fund	10,000
Ambulance	115,000
Communications Equipment	100,000
Computer Equipment	35,000
Daniel Webster Highway	50,000
Fire Equipment	400,000
Highway Equipment	425,000
Library Building Maintenance Fund	75,000
Property Revaluation	17,250
Solid Waste Disposal	100,000
Traffic Signal Pre-emption	5,000
GIS	5,000
Road Infrastructure CRF	595,000
Atheletic Fields CRF	5,000
Total CRF	1,937,250
Milfoil	10,000
Total GENERAL FUND	1,947,250

These appropriations are **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article 4.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

Article 6

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be added to the Sewer Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said amount to come from sewer fees and no amount to come from taxation.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

Article 7

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and the Teamsters, Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2022-23	2.5%	\$ 49,759
2023-24	3.0%	\$ 35,555

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,759, such sum representing the anticipated increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

Article 8

Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the charter amendment reprinted below?

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Charter Article 6-2 A.

There shall be a board of three (3) Trustees of Trust Funds whose powers and duties are provided by New Hampshire State Law. Trustees of Trust Funds shall be elected at the regular Town election for terms of three (3) years, one (1) Trustee each year. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Town Council for the unexpired term; **“further, the board may recommend to the Town Council and the Town Council may appoint up to two (2) Alternates Members for a one-year term.”**

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand twenty-two.

MERRIMACK TOWN COUNCIL

Finlay C. Rothhaus, Vice Chair

Andy Hunter, Councilor

Lon Woods, Councilor

Attest: a true copy of the Warrant

Thomas P. Koenig, Chairman

Nancy M. Harrington, Councilor

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**Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire
Certificate of Service**

We, the Town Council, 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 within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Hall and Town Library, being public places in said Town on or before the 28th day of February 2022.

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