



Franconia

The inhabitants of the Town of Franconia in the County of Grafton 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 (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: MARCH 7, 2022
Time: 1:00 - 7:00 PM
Location: LAFAYETTE SCHOOL
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: MARCH 8, 2022
Time: 7:15 PM
Location: LAFAYETTE 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
JILL BREWER	SELECT BOARD	
ERIC L. MEHA	SELECT BOARD	
DANIEL WALLER	SELECT BOARD	



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Article 01 Choose Town Officers

To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Ballot)

Article 02 Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The proposed Solar Ordinance has had 3 public hearings and include revisions made due to public input. (By Ballot)

Article 03 Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the amendment to the existing Sign Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The proposed amended Sign Ordinance has had 3 public hearings and include revisions made due to public input. (By Ballot)

Article 04 Town Line Item Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one million nine hundred forty nine thousand three hundred twenty two dollars (\$1,949,322.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Tax Impact \$2.76 per thousand

4130 Executive	\$163,838
4140 Town Clerk	\$44,470
4150 Tax Collector	\$17,715
4152 Revaluation of Property	\$24,372
4153 Legal	\$6,000
4155 Personnel Admin	\$181,312
4191 Planning & Zoning	\$5,895
4194 Buildings & Grounds	\$149,601
4195 Cemetery	\$19,107
4196 Insurance	\$54,838
4210 Police	\$401,984
4215 Life Squad	\$110,250
4220 Fire	\$76,650
4240 Building Inspection	\$10,000
4290 Emergency management	\$3,500
4299 Other Communications	\$35,000
4312 Highway	\$346,408
4316 Street lights	\$7,500
4411 Health Admin	\$500
4442 Welfare	\$13,340
4520 Recreation	\$122,613
4583 Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000
4619 Conservation	\$500
Long Term Debt	\$152,929
TOTAL	\$1,949,322



Article 05 Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifteen thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$215,150.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.52 per thousand

Town Building Truck, \$7,100; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$5,700; Highway Truck, \$39,800; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$21,500; Police Cruiser, \$13,800; Life Squad Van, \$21,000; Life Squad Equipment, \$9,100; Fire Heavy Equipment, \$44,300; Fire Fighting Equipment \$12,000; Frost Place Maintenance \$850 and Bridge Construction, \$40,000.

Article 06 Appropriate to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty two thousand one hundred dollars (\$132,100.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.32 per thousand

Highway Improvement Fund, \$75,000; Town Buildings, \$30,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$21,000; Franconia Heritage Museum Fund, \$1,100; and Library Building Maintenance Fund, \$5,000.

Article 07 Water Department Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy seven thousand seven hundred eight dollars (\$377,708) for the operation of the Water Department. This amount to be funded by water rents and revenues with no amount from taxation. Recommended by the Water Department Commissioners (Majority vote required)

Article 08 Abbie Greenleaf Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty nine thousand dollars (\$89,000) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.28

Article 09 Add to the Dow Field Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 10 Add to Rink Surface Maintenance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established with said funds to come from the Recreation Committee's line item budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)



Article 11 Add to the Recreation Van Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose with said funds to come from the Recreation Committee's line item budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

Article 12 Discontinue the Northern Pass Defense Fund

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Northern Pass Defense Fund CRF created in 2016. Said funds (\$26,627 as of January 31, 2022) with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required) Selectmen recommend this article

Article 13 Transfer Northern Pass Defense Funds to the Legal

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,627 to be added to the Legal CRF previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This represents the funds from the discontinuation of the Northern Pass Defense Fund CRF listed in Article 10. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 14 Tri-Town Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy six thousand six hundred fifty seven dollars (\$376,657) for the purpose of solid waste disposal, with (\$54,797) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$25,572) from the Town of Easton, (\$120,000) PAYT Fees, (\$39,000) Special Handling Fees, (\$35,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$102,288) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.25 per thousand

Article 15 Donations Transferred to Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars (\$8,815) to be added to the Lafayette Recreation Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This equals the amount collected from donations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 16 Transfer Surplus Funds to Life Squad CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty seven thousand one hundred fifty six dollars (\$47,156) to be added to the Life Squad Van Capital Reserve Fund with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance, representing the unspent appropriations in 2021. If this article passes, it will replace the amounts noted in Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 17 Discontinue Fire Dept Safety Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Fire Dept Safety Equipment CRF created in 2010. Said funds, \$66,652 with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. (Majority vote required)



Article 18 Establish an ETF for the Fire Dept Safety Equipmen

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Dept Safety Equipment Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing and replacing fire fighting equipment and to raise and appropriate \$66,652 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance. This amount represents the funds from the discontinuation of the Fire Dept Safety Equipment CRF in article 15. Further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Appropriate to the Fire Dept ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to the Fire Dept Safety Equipment ETF established in Article 16. Such funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. If this article passes, it will replace the amount noted in Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 20 Police Cruiser Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$42,000 from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. A trade-in or sale of the 2016 Dodge Charger may bring down the cost to \$37,000. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

Article 21 Transfer Station Skid Steer Loader Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Skid Steer Loader for the Transfer Station, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$35,000 from the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The price includes the trade-in of the old skid steer loader. The final cost will be proportionately shared with the towns of Sugar Hill (30%) and Easton (14%). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

Article 22 V-Plow for Town Building Truck Purchase

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy eight hundred dollars (\$7,800) for the purpose of purchasing a V Plow for the Town Buildings Truck, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$7,800 from the Town Building Truck CRF previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)



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Article 23 Non-Profits

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of twenty one thousand nine hundred eighty two dollars (\$21,982) for the support of the following agencies. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact \$0.05 per thousand

Above the Notch Humane Society	\$750
American Red Cross	\$600
Ammonoosuc Community Services, Inc	\$5,800
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country	\$2,500
Center for New Beginnings	\$1,000
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc	\$2,000
Northern Humane Services	\$1,292
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency	\$3,200
Pemi-Baker Community Health	\$ 0
Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)	\$2,200
 Total	 \$19,342

Article 24 Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9000) for the support of Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact \$0.032 per thousand

Article 25 Energy Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Energy Capital Reserve Fund Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. Tax Impact \$0.01 per thousand

Article 26 Install a Solar Array on Town Property

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Solar Array behind the Town Hall, 421 Main Street and to authorize the amount up to \$60,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 27 Breach of Peace Ordinance Change

To see if the Town wants the Selectmen to make changes to the existing Breach of Peace Ordinance as posted on the Town of Franconia website and available in the Town of Franconia BOS office. Changes include but are not limited to definitions and fines.



Article 28 Petitioned Article

Should the revised Noise/Nuisance ordinance pass, amend the section on noise disturbance to between 10:00pm and 7:00am Sunday – Thursday and between 11:00pm and 7:00am Friday and Saturday. Should the revised Noise/nuisance fail, amend the current Breach of Peace Ordinance to the following: No person shall make loud or unreasonable noises in a Public Place, or make loud or unreasonable noises in a Private Place which can be heard in a Public Place or other Private Places between 10:00pm and 7:00am Sunday –Thursday and between 11:00pm and 7:00am Friday and Saturday which noises would disturb a person of average sensibilities within the Town of Franconia (Majority vote required)

Article 29 Adopt a Poultry Ordinance

To see if the Town wants the Selectmen to adopt a Poultry Ordinance allowing for the keeping of domestic chickens on a property for the personal use of the residents or for local sale on the lot on which the chickens are kept while at the same time preserving the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhood by not allowing the chickens to be kept in a number or manner that could create a nuisance.

Article 30 To Hear reports

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 31 Transact any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

