



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:

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Time: Polls open for voting 1:00PM – 7:00PM
Town Meeting begins at 7:15 PM
Location: Lafayette Regional School, Franconia NH

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Hall, Town of Franconia.

Name	Position	Signature
Jill Brewer	Chairman, Selectboard	
Eric Meth	Selectman	
Daniel Walker	Selectman	



Article 01 Choose Town Officers

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

Article 02 Town Line Item Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two million, seventy-two thousand two hundred ten dollars (\$2,072,210) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)
Tax Impact \$3.40 per thousand

4130 Executive	\$236,321
4140 Town Clerk	\$52,261
4150 Tax Collector	\$18,684
4152 Revaluation of Property	\$24,372
4153 Legal	\$6,000
4155 Personnel Admin	\$210,891
4191 Planning & Zoning	\$19,895
4194 Buildings & Grounds	\$172,967
4195 Cemetery	\$22,744
4196 Insurance	\$56,673
4210 Police	\$425,380
4220 Fire	\$81,350
4240 Building Inspection	\$12,000
4290 Emergency management	\$4,000
4299 Other Communications	\$41,000
4312 Highway	\$397,709
4316 Street lights	\$10,000
4411 Health Admin	\$1045
4442 Welfare	\$6,140
4520 Recreation	\$116,278
4583 Patriotic Purposes	\$3,000
4619 Conservation	\$500
Long Term Debt	\$153,000
TOTAL	\$2,072,210

Article 03 Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty-six thousand eight hundred ninety-two dollars (\$256,892.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.61 per thousand

Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$10,634; Highway Truck, \$85,137; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$42,642; Police Cruiser, \$14,154; Fire Heavy Equipment, \$52,006; Frost Place Maintenance \$867 and Bridge Construction, \$40,000, Town Building Vehicle \$11,452



Article 04 Appropriate to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-five thousand seven hundred thirty-one dollars (\$165,731.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.39 per thousand

Highway Improvement Fund, \$75,000; Town Buildings, \$30,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$21,000; Franconia Heritage Museum Fund, \$1,061; and Library Building Maintenance Fund, \$5,520; Fire Department Safety Equipment, \$33,150

Article 05 Tri-Town Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred twenty-three thousand five hundred ninety-four dollars (\$423,594) for the purpose of solid waste disposal, with (\$73,542) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$35,503) from the Town of Easton, (\$110,000) PAYT Fees, (\$38,000) Special Handling Fees, (\$22,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$144,549) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.34 per thousand

Article 06 Abbie Greenleaf Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) 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 \$0.23

Article 07 Water Department Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred sixty-five thousand eight hundred forty-eight dollars (\$365,848) 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 Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) to be added to the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) previously established. This CRF is for the required five-year town-wide revaluation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required). Tax Impact of \$0.02 per thousand.

Article 09 Contract for Ambulance Service

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$160,275) to sign a contract with the Town of Littleton to provide ambulance service to the Town of Franconia for the period of April 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023. The present ambulance contract with the Town of Littleton will expire on March 31, 2023. Continuation of this contract after June 30, 2023 is referenced below in warrant article 10. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.38 per thousand.



Article 10 Contract for Ambulance Service - Continuation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty-five thousand eight hundred ninety dollars (\$325,890) for the purpose of securing ambulance service for the Town of Franconia for the period of July 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023. This amount is reflective of the prospect for entering into a continuing contract with the Town of Littleton. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required) Tax Impact \$0.78 per thousand.

Article 11 Proceeds From Sale of Town Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of ninety-nine thousand three hundred ninety dollars (\$99,390) to the following three Capital Reserve Funds (CRFs) and one Expendable Trust Fund (ETF): Fire Department Safety Equipment ETF - \$40,000; Fire Heavy Equipment CRF - \$17,890; Highway Heavy Equipment CRF - \$38,000; Buildings & Grounds Equipment CRF - \$3,500. This amount represents the sale of the following three items of Town equipment in 2022: Sutphen Pumper \$57,890; Highway Truck \$38,000 and Wright Mower \$3,500. These funds shall come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount required to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 Western Star 10-Wheeler purchase - Highway Dept

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Western Star 10-Wheeler truck for the Highway Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$252,000 from the Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose and \$8,000 from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

Article 13 One-ton dump truck - Bldgs&Grnds purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for the purpose of purchasing a one-ton dump truck for the Buildings & Grounds Department, and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$45,000 from the Town Buildings Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose and \$35,000 from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

Article 14 Ventrac Tractor/mower - Bldgs & Grounds purchase

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Ventrac tractor/mower to replace the New Holland tractor for the Buildings & Grounds Department and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$12,000 from the Town Buildings & Grounds Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose and \$65,000 from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 15 Gravely Mower - Bldgs & Grounds Dept purchase

In the event Article 13 does not pass, this Article is to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars \$17,000 for the purpose of purchasing a Gravely mower to replace the existing mower and to authorize the withdrawal of an amount up to \$12,000 from the Town Buildings & Grounds Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and \$5,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)



Article 16 Transfer Funds to Town Building Maintenance ETF

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent rent received from the Chamber of Commerce in 2022. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

Article 17 Add to the Dow Field Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$1,530.00) 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 18 Add to Rink Surface Maintenance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand forty dollars (\$2,040) 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 19 Add to the Recreation Van Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5,100.00) 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 20 Donations Transferred to Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand three hundred thirty-four dollars (\$16,334) to be added to the Lafayette Recreation Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This equals the amount collected from donations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)



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Article 21 Non-Profits

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of thirty-two thousand five hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$32,558) for the support of the following agencies. (Majority vote required.) Tax Impact \$0.08 per thousand

American Red Cross	\$600
Ammonoosuc Community Services, Inc.	\$5,800
Boys & Girls Club of the North Country	\$2,500
Bridge House	\$2,000
Center for New Beginnings	\$1,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH	\$500
Franconia Chamber of Commerce	\$9,000
Franconia Children's Center	\$2,000
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc	\$2,500
Northern Human Services	\$1,292
North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency	\$3,200
Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)	\$2,166
Total	\$32,558

Article 22 Conservation Easement

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a conservation easement on (A) property owned by the Town located at Rt. 18 aka Profile Road Franconia NH (tax map 17, lot 3) and (B) property owned by the Town located at Rt 18 aka Profile Road Franconia NH (tax map 17, lot 2) with the grantee and the details of the easement to be negotiated by the Selectmen with the input of the Conservation Commission. (Majority vote required).

Article 23 Re-Adopt Optional Veterans Credit

Shall the Town re-adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28 II for an annual tax credit on residential property in the amount of \$500 This tax credit had been previously adopted by the Town. On July 26, 2022 the NH Legislature passed and Governor Sununu signed into law House Bill 1667 (Chapter 121 laws of 2022) which amends eligibility criteria for certain veterans' property tax credits. In order for the Town's credit to remain in place, this RSA must be re-adopted. (Majority vote required)

Article 24 Re-adopt All Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the Town re-adopt the All Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b for an annual tax credit on residential property in the amount of \$500. This tax credit had been previously adopted by the Town. On July 26, 2022 the NH Legislature passed and Governor Sununu signed into law House Bill 1667 (Chapter 121 laws of 2022) which amends eligibility criteria for certain veterans' property tax credits. In order for the Town's credit to remain in place, this RSA must be re-adopted. (Majority vote required)

Article 25 Ambulance - Taxpayer petitioned warrant



Article 25 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand (\$375,000) to hire full-time professional EMS and Fire coverage in a combined department. (Majority vote required). This is a petitioned article. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

Article 26 To Hear reports
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 27 Transact any other business
To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.