

State of New Hampshire
Town of Stratford
2025 Town Meeting Warrants

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratford in the County of Coos qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Fuller Town Hall on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10 a.m. to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Article 1 will be by official ballot and the polls shall be open for balloting from 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

You are hereby notified, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 39:2, to meet at the Fuller Town Hall on Saturday March 15, 2025, at 10 a.m., to consider Articles 2 through 17.

Article 1: To choose by non-partisan ballot the following officers: 1 Selectboard Member (3 Year Term); 1 Cemetery Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Library Trustee (3 Year Term); 1 Trustee of Trust Funds (3 Year term); 2 Supervisor of the Checklist (3 Year Term)(5 Year Term). 1 Town Treasurer (3 Year Term).

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$997,174** for the operating budget. This article does not include the cost of any other warrant article.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$6,200** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund, with the full amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** to be added to the previously established Highway and Bridges Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** to be added to the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** to be added to the previously established Recycling Capital Reserve Fund, with the full amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Board Recommends)

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** to be added to the previously established Land Purchase/ Building Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** to be added to the previously established Municipal Solar Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** to be added to the previously established Recreation Revolving Fund. These funds will be specific to upgrading recreational parks. (Board Recommends)

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,000** to be added to the previously established Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,925** to resurface the Hollow basketball court.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize reducing 100% to **15%** of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund. (Board Recommends)

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,860** for Bog Road Infrastructure and Roadway improvements and authorize the withdrawal of Highway and Bridges Capital reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$30,430 is to come from general taxation. (Board Recommends)

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$100** for the Cohos Historical Society in showing support of the Town in helping to match grants for the restoration of the Marion Blodgett Museum in Stratford Hollow.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,266** in donations to the following groups: \$500, North Country Home Health & Hospice; \$1,000, Northern Human Services; \$1,655, Tri-County CAP; \$500, Colebrook Food Pantry; \$500, Helping Hands; \$611, Backpack Program; \$250, CASA; \$250, Stratford Old Home Day, Inc.

Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and to hear reports from any agents or committees heretofore chosen.

Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of February in the year 2025.

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:

Signed:

Clayton Macdonald, Chairman

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Harry R. Juergens

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