

2023 SANDWICH TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

Carroll County, S.S.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2023 from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., to elect Town and Cooperative School District Officers by official ballot, and vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance; then on Saturday, the 18th day of March 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sandwich Central School to consider all other Town business; and if this meeting is reconvened, the date will be the 19th day of March 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at the Sandwich Central School to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect by official ballot all necessary Town and Cooperative School District Officers for the ensuing year. On the ballot for the Town of Sandwich are the following positions:

- One (1) Selectman for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Sewer Commissioner for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Cemetery Trustee for 3-Year Term
- One (1) Library Trustee for 3-Year Term

ARTICLE 2. To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments to the Town of Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance to make the following housekeeping changes and corrections:

Under §150-05 Definitions:

1. "Attached Accessory Dwelling Units" and "Detached Accessory Dwelling Units": change to "Accessory Dwelling Units (Attached)" and "Accessory Dwelling Units (Detached)" to keep together alphabetically in listing.
2. "Approval": change "meets" to "meet". (grammatical)
3. "Easement": delete comma after "run". (grammatical)
4. "Historic Structure": add a line space after numbered entries 3 and 4.
5. "Plat": add "County" after "Carroll".
6. "Telecommunications": change © to (c) (correct autocorrect)

Under §150-07 Permitted Uses:

1. Under A. 11 (c): add “living space” to define the 1,000 square feet.
2. Under C: change “automobile/truck” to “vehicle”.
3. Under D (b): change “principle” to “principal” (use correct spelling).

Under Article III, §150-10 Lot area:

Add approximate acreage to define square footage.

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add the following definition to § 150-05 Definitions: “Living space -- A space designed, adapted, or equipped for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, bathing, washing and sanitation purposes” and for inserting the phrase “living space” in § 150-05 ADU definitions, § 150-07 Permitted Uses: A. 11 (c), and § 150-13 Setbacks: F, to improve the interpretation, application, and administration of those specified sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete (remove) the definition for “Fall Zone” in § 150-05 Definitions because it is not used in the ordinance.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add the phrase “not registered or inspected” from § 150-05 Definitions “Unlicensed Vehicles – Vehicles that are not registered or inspected or fit for use on a public way” to § 150-19 to clarify the application of that provision.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete § 150-82 Telecommunication Facilities Procedural Requirements, subsection A to remove (pursuant to Town counsel advice) a Zoning Ordinance provision in conflict with applicable NH law.

If this passes, subsection “B” will become “A”.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete § 150-87 in Article VIII Telecommunication Facilities, Annual Compliance Permit to remove a Zoning Ordinance provision that is not utilized by the Town.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete, "Appeals must be filed within 30 days of the date of the decision." in § 150-101 Appeal as recommended by the Zoning Board of Adjustment as provided in RSA 676:5 that it is the ZBA, not the town meeting voters, that has the authority to determine what is a reasonable time limit for administrative appeals.

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To delete, "A letter of denial or cease and desist order was issued with respect to the requested special exception by any other Town authority of competent jurisdiction" in § 150-105 Special Exception as recommended by the Zoning Board of Adjustment because a special exception is an allowed use under the Zoning Ordinance and only a ZBA can make the determination it meets the required criteria.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will determine by vote the salaries and/or other compensation to the following officers and agents at the following rates:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	\$26.86 per hour
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector:	\$20.41 per hour
Forest Fire Warden:	\$500.00 per year
Health Officer:	\$600.00 per year

All other salaries and/or compensation of Town Officers to remain at last year's rates.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$701,651 for General Government.

General Government	\$ 529,012
Welfare	\$ 40,000
Debt Service	\$ 132,639

The breakdown of the major categories is listed in the budget.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$331,240 for the Police Department for the purposes listed below. The LEAD program will be funded by withdrawing \$ 1,500 from the Robert Ramirez Trust Fund and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

Police Department	\$ 329,740
LEAD Program	\$ 1,500

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purchase of a new John Deere Grader and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the expenditure of \$296,101.28 from unexpended fund balance, to authorize the acceptance and expenditure of \$16,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade the 1998 John Deere Grader for \$35,000 to offset this purchase and the balance to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for ambulance service.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$288,876 for Fire Protection. It is anticipated the sum of \$5,275 will be offset by income from Fire Department Special Details, and the remainder (\$283,601) to be raised by general taxation.

Fire Department	\$ 281,551
Forest Fires/Red Hill Tower	\$ 2,050
Fire Department Special Details	\$ 5,275

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$737,773 to pay for expenditures for Highways, Streets and Bridges.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the repair and paving of portions of Grove Street, Church Street, Quimby Field Road, Heard Road, and any other roads as determined necessary by the Road Agent. And to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$10,000 from the Moses Hall Fund, \$10,000 from the Charles Blanchard Trust Fund, and the withdrawal of \$100,000 from unexpended fund balance, representing \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds already accepted. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,836 for the fifth year's lease payment for the two 2020 International Dump Trucks.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$199,105 for expenditures on Sanitation.

Transfer Station	\$ 194,210
Landfill Monitoring	\$ 2,750
Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 2,145

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,675 for expenses related to the operation and maintenance of the Central Sewer System. These monies to be offset by sewer user fees. This article by request of the Sewer Commissioners.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for deposit into the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund. These monies to be offset by sewer user fees

and no amount to come from taxation. This article by request of the Sewer Commissioners. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,695 for Culture and Recreation. Further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to accept \$35,900 from the Alfred Quimby Fund, to authorize the withdrawal of \$450 from the Lena Nelson Trust, to partially offset the expenses by \$1,000 in program fees, with the remainder of \$113,345 to be raised by general taxation.

Parks and Recreation	\$ 138,395
Old Home Week	\$ 3,800
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 8,500

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,085 for the purpose of Groundskeeping and plowing for roadside parking.

Groundskeeping	\$ 15,253
Snow blowing for Roadside Parking	\$ 4,832

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the ongoing maintenance of Quimby Field and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to accept \$2,500 from the Alfred Quimby Fund. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,764 for the listed purposes for conservation. Further, to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$3,450 from the Coolidge Conservation Trust Fund, to partially offset the expenses by \$1,000 in camper fees, with the remainder of \$8,314 to be raised by general taxation.

Conservation Commission Operating Expenses	\$ 2,070
5 Days of Sandwich Conservation Camp	\$ 9,594
Green Mountain Conservation Group River Testing	\$ 1,100

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,242 for the support of the S.H. Wentworth Library operating budget and trust fund management fees.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be used by the Town Forest Committee to pay for expenses incurred in maintaining and preserving the Town's Meadow Brook property, and to fund this appropriation by

authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw \$1,000 from the Town Forest Account. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$403,000 to be added to existing Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable Trusts as follows:

Fire Pond Capital Reserve	\$ 2,000
Office Equipment Expendable Trust	\$ 1,000
Library Building Expendable Trust	\$ 5,000
Gravel Roads Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 50,000
Highway Streets & Bridges Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000
Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 150,000
Police Building Fund Capital Reserve	\$ 150,000

And to fund this appropriation by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,784 for lighting, electrical and other improvements to the Town Hall building and to authorize the Selectmen to accept \$33,784 from the Alfred Quimby Fund to offset this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept Miles Pond Road as a Class V Town Road.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 45,600 for the third year of the three-year agreement to implement a Geographical Information System (GIS); and to authorize the Selectmen to accept \$ 45,600 from the Alfred Quimby Fund. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II the "Optional Veterans' Tax Credit," for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the "All Veterans' Tax Credit" in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend income from the Marjorie Thompson Fund as they see fit, for the benefit of children of Sandwich residents.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for the Community Food Center, a food pantry serving the towns of Sandwich and Tamworth. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,299 for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Sandwich: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, and Tamworth Dental Center. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Doris L. Benz Community Center. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be allocated to the Moultonboro-Sandwich Senior Meals Program for the year 2023. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,146 in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by Granite VNA & Hospice. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for the support of Interlakes Community Caregivers Inc. which provides support services to residents of the Town of Sandwich. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Sandwich Children Center's Scholarship/Town Warrant. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Court Approved Special Advocates (CASA). This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 37: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Town of Sandwich this 21st day of February 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of Selectmen