



2024
WARRANT

The inhabitants of the Town of Hampton Falls in the County of Rockingham 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: February 6, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Town Hall
Details: Deliberative Session

Date: March 12, 2024
Time: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Location: Lincoln Akerman School
Details: Voting on all Articles and Elected Officials

We certify and attest that on or before January 29, 2024 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Hampton Falls Post Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

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Article 01 Election of Town Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Position	No. of Vacancies	Term Length
Moderator	1	2 years
Selectman	1	3 years
Library Trustee	1	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	1	6 years
Planning Board	2	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1	3 Years
Cemetery Trustee		3 years

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 02 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article I, Section 4, Replace the definition of Fireworks Sales Establishments with "Fireworks, as in NH RSA 160-B and 160-C as amended."
Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 03 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 4, H2 Retail Uses, add additional words "Fireworks (per NH RSA 160-B and C) NOT permitted."
Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 04 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 4, L1 Wholesale Uses, add additional words "Fireworks (per NH RSA 160-B and C) NOT permitted."
Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 05 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 4, L2 Warehousing Uses, add additional words "Fireworks (per NH RSA 160-B and C) NOT permitted."
Recommended by the Planning Board



Article 06 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article I, Section 4, Add definition of "Short-Term Rental". "Short-Term Rental" means any individually or collectively owned single-family house or dwelling unit or group of units in a condominium, cooperative, or timeshare, or owner-occupied residential home that is offered for a fee and for less than 30 consecutive days. Short-term rentals are residential uses of the property and do not include a unit that is used for any nonresidential use, including retail, restaurant, banquet space, event center or another similar use."

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 07 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 4, A, Residential Uses, add new use: "11. Short-Term Rental", permitted "P" in all zones, add additional words "Per Zoning Ordinance Definition".

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 08 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 4, J, Lodging Establishments, add new use: "5. Short-Term Rental", permitted "P" in all zones, add additional words "Per Zoning Ordinance Definition".

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 09 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article I, Section 4, Add definition of "Vape Shop". "Vape Shop" means any premises primarily dedicated to the display, sale, distribution, delivery, offering, furnishing, or marketing of electronic smoking devices, liquid nicotine, liquid nicotine containers or vapor products.

Recommended by the Planning Board



Article 10 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 4, H2 Retail Uses, add additional words "Vape Shops NOT permitted".
Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 11 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

New Definition: Add Art. I, Sec. 4 – Digital Sign. A digital sign is a video-style panel, one or two-sided, capable of displaying either text or photos. Digital signs, if utilized, would only replace the Change Panel portion of a sign as defined in Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.2.2.4. Either method of panel—digital or manual change panel--would be allowed per sign.

Add Art IV, Sec. 3.3.3.1 Digital Sign.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.3.1.1 Digital signage shall be allowed in BDS and BDN Districts in place of the "change panel" as listed in Art. IV Sec. 3.2.2.2.4 and shall be no greater than 30% of total allowed freestanding sign size. Only one digital sign (either one or two sided) is allowed per parcel.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.3.1.2 As per Zoning Article IV section 3.2.1.6 no moving, flashing or animated signs are permitted. Images displayed on the digital sign must be static and non-moving. This prohibition includes blinking or scrolling text or animated images. Frequency of change between static images on sign shall be no closer than 1 minute apart. This change time may be adjusted by the Code Enforcement Officer as necessary to minimize effects on neighboring properties or distraction to persons traveling on public roads.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.3.1.3 Brightness output of the digital sign must be reduced to a maximum of 50% after dusk. This brightness level may be adjusted by the Code Enforcement Officer, including a requirement that signage be turned off between midnight and dawn, as necessary to minimize effects on neighboring properties or distraction to persons traveling on public roads.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.3.1.4 The use of distracting or glaring colors is prohibited. Examples are lime green, pink and orange or those mimicking emergency vehicles.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.3.1.5 New or revised site plans will require identification of digital signage as part of Planning Board Site Plan Approval.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.3.1.6 Upon approval of digital sign application, all other methods of signage except primary business sign are prohibited, excluding political signs.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 12 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Add Art. I, Sec. 4 - Dancing Sign. A dancing sign is a fan driven tube sign meant to actively "dance" or move when in operation.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.1.7 and Art. IV Sec. 3.2.2.7: Dancing Signs are prohibited in all districts.

Recommended by Planning Board



Article 13 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Add Art. I, Sec. 4 - Sign Board or Sandwich Board. A Sign Board or Sandwich Board is a freestanding sign normally folded open and self-supporting. The sign message may appear on one or both sides of the board.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.1.8 – Sandwich Board or Sign Board for Single Business in “BDN and BDS Districts”;

and Add Art. IV Sec. 3.2.2.8: Sandwich Board or Sign Board for Multi-Business Sites in “BDN and BDS Districts”;

Sandwich Board/Sign Board signs shall be kept at least 15-feet inland of the “Fog Line” of a public way, or edge of pavement onto the parcel which utilizes the sign. The board can only advertise goods or services available on the parcel on which it is placed. One (1) sandwich board/ sign board sign is allowed per parcel.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 14 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Add Art I, Sec. 4 - Feather Flag Sign. A feather flag sign is a temporary upright outdoor sign made of flexible lightweight fabric with a sturdy frame that is affixed to a pole driven into the ground or supported by an individual stand, which contains language for advertisement, greeting, or other messaging purposes.

Add Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.1.9 and Add Art. IV Sec. 3.2.2.9: Feather flag signs are prohibited in all districts.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 15 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the title of the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance, Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.1.5: Banners for Single Business in “BDS, BDN and TCD Districts”,
to read: Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.1.5: Banners for Single Business in “BDN and BDS Districts”.

Amend the title of Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.2.5: Banners for Multi-Business in “BDS, BDN and TCD Districts”,

to read: Art. IV, Sec. 3.2.2.5: Banners for Multi-Business in “BDN and BDS Districts”.

Amend Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.2 Billboard signs, Dancing signs, and Feather signs are not permitted in any district in Town.

Recommended by the Planning Board



Article 16 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance Art. IV, Sec. 3.3.4 (under Applicable Rules for All Signs in All Districts) Each sign shall be constructed of durable material and shall be maintained in a high state of repair at all times. Any sign, banner, flag or pennant which becomes in disrepair may be removed upon order of the Code Enforcement Officer if not refurbished, repaired, or removed after sixty (60) days written notice. (Amended March 1988)
Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 17 Amend Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance?

Amend the Town of Hampton Falls Zoning Ordinance to add a new Art. IV, Sec. 3.4 Table of Sign Types listing the various sign types and whether each type is permitted or prohibited in each zoning district, along with references to the applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance.
Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 18 Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hampton Falls 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 \$3,597,047? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,483,572 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hampton Falls or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
(Note: This warrant article [Operating Budget] does not include appropriations in any other warrant article)

Article 19 Electric Aggregation

Shall the town vote to adopt the Hampton Falls Electric Aggregation Plan which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to implement a Community Power Aggregation program as described therein. Community Power Aggregation programs, pursuant to State Statute RSA 53-E, allow municipalities to purchase electric energy supply on behalf of their residents and businesses with the goals of allowing more local control of energy sources, lowering relative costs, expanding access to renewable energy sources, and supporting the development of innovative energy projects.
(Majority Vote Required)



Article 20 Highway Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$311,000) to be placed in the Highway Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance and improvements to culverts and town roads, using \$70,140 Highway Block Grant to offset this amount, with the remaining to be raised through taxation. If the grant is not fully received, the remainder to be raised through taxation. (Majority Vote Required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
As of 12/31/2023 this fund had a balance of \$131,582.08

Article 21 Replace Fire Department Radios

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) for the purchase and service of emergency radios and related equipment for the Fire Department. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 22 Public Safety Building HVAC

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to update the HVAC systems in the Public Safety Building as recommended by the town's Energy Committee. System to include two (2) new 48,000 BTU hyper heat pumps and ten (10) ceiling cassettes, thermostatically and independently controllable. Said appropriation to be offset by \$12,333 in remaining ARPA funds.
(Majority Vote Required) Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 23 Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1987, for the purpose of purchasing a replacement tank truck for the Fire Department. The intent is to raise funds over the next five years towards the purchase of the vehicle. As of December 31, 2023 the balance in that account was \$2,707.24. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 24 Mosquito Control

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) for the purpose of a mosquito control program that will include early detection system for diseases, larviciding and spot adulticiding in 2024. (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 25 Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine-Dollars (\$47,489) to be placed in the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 1994, for the purpose of purchasing police cruisers and other related equipment to include in-cruiser video cameras and radar. This appropriation to be offset by a grant of \$47,489 that was received in 2022. This is an audit requirement. No tax impact. As of 12/31/2023 this fund had a balance of \$49,062.85 (Majority Vote Required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen



Article 26 Library Long-Term Strategic Plan

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$31,750) for the purpose of engaging a strategic planning consultant to develop a long-term strategic plan for the library and authorize the Library Trustees to utilize donation funds for this purpose. This article to be non-lapsing for two years. No amount to be raised from taxation. No tax impact (Majority Vote Required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 27 Change Polling Hours

Polling hours in the Town of Hampton Falls are now 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM for all regular state elections beginning on September 10, 2024? (Majority Vote Required)