

**State of New Hampshire  
County of Carroll, Town of Ossipee  
2018 Town Warrant**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ossipee in the County of Carroll, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ossipee Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Center Ossipee, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 a.m.) on said day to act on the following Articles, the polls to remain open until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.)

**Article #1** To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year as follows: to choose one (1) Selectman for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Moderator for a term of two (2) years; one (1) Treasurer for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Cemetery Trustee for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Library Trustee for a term of two (2) years; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years; two (2) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Budget Committee Member for a term of two (2) years; two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for a term of three (3) years; and one (1) Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for a term of two (2) years.

**Article #2** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment replaces the outdated Section 4.9 entitled "Travel Trailers and Campers" with a new Section 4.9 entitled "Recreational Vehicles and Tents on Private Property, and Temporary Structures" and adds pertinent definitions to expand and clarify regulations of such temporary and mobile uses. (Majority vote required).

**Article #3** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment allows for a "Bed and Breakfast" as a permitted use in the Rural Zoning District. (Majority vote required).

**Article #4** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?: Amendment modifies the language in Section 24.1.1 to require a building permit for all construction in the Town, but maintains the current exemption from any building permit fee for projects having less than \$2,500 in materials cost. (Majority vote required).

You are notified to meet at the Town Hall in Center Ossipee, in said Town of Ossipee on the second Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening (6:30 p.m.) to act on the following articles:

**Article #5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of five million eight hundred seventy-one thousand two hundred two dollars (\$5,871,202) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

ACCOUNT NAME	2017 Budget	2018 Selectmen	2018 Budget Committee
Conservation Agent	\$ 4,306.00	\$ 4,306.00	\$ 4,306.00
Selectmen's Salary	\$ 16,364.00	\$ 16,364.00	\$ 16,364.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 299,925.00	\$ 325,050.00	\$ 325,050.00
Elections	\$ 3,975.00	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 8,450.00
Voter Registration	\$ 4,826.00	\$ 8,489.00	\$ 8,489.00
Treasurer	\$ 11,030.00	\$ 11,030.00	\$ 11,030.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 662,611.00	\$ 732,273.00	\$ 732,273.00
Economic Development	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	\$ 8,126.00	\$ 8,126.00	\$ 8,126.00
Legal	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 22,659.00	\$ 35,634.00	\$ 35,634.00
ZBA	\$ 8,149.00	\$ 13,489.00	\$ 13,489.00
Government Buildings	\$ 216,216.00	\$ 225,475.00	\$ 225,475.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$ 6,289.00	\$ 6,862.00	\$ 6,862.00
Cemeteries	\$ 36,810.00	\$ 39,310.00	\$ 39,310.00
Insurance	\$ 123,500.00	\$ 124,500.00	\$ 124,500.00
Police Department	\$ 1,125,266.00	\$ 1,156,014.00	\$ 1,156,014.00
Police Special Duty	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Dog Officer	\$ 13,829.00	\$ 16,998.00	\$ 16,998.00
Fire Warden	\$ 21,955.00	\$ 21,955.00	\$ 21,955.00
Highway	\$ 1,293,450.00	\$ 1,283,282.00	\$ 1,283,282.00
Transfer Station	\$ 439,543.00	\$ 449,700.00	\$ 449,700.00
Outside Agencies			
Tri County CAP	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Caregivers of S. Carr. Cty	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Carroll County Transit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Freedom Food Pantry	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Kingswood Youth Group	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
LIFE Ministries	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Ossipee Revitalization (Main St)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Northern Human Services	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 4,425.00
OCC	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
OCC Day Care	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00

ACCOUNT NAME	2017 Budget	2018 Selectmen	2018 Budget Committee
Ossipee Children's Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Ossipee Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
School's Out Program	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Starting Point	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 3,706.00	\$ 3,706.00
White Mountain Comm Health	\$ 3,779.00	\$ 4,360.00	\$ 4,360.00
Central NH VNA & Hospice	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Ambulance	\$ 260,420.00	\$ 265,628.00	\$ 265,628.00
Emergency Management	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,700.00
General Assistance	\$ 55,269.00	\$ 55,270.00	\$ 55,270.00
Recreation	\$ 161,912.00	\$ 163,771.00	\$ 163,771.00
Library	\$ 220,895.00	\$ 219,067.00	\$ 219,067.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 6,569.00	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 11,800.00
Interest on Line of Credit	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,254,444.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,433,034.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,433,034.00</b>
Water	\$ 205,852.00	\$ 247,805.00	\$ 247,805.00
Sewer	\$ 189,842.00	\$ 190,363.00	\$ 190,363.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,650,138.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,871,202.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,871,202.00</b>

**Article #6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of repair and improvements of Town roads. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of Town building improvements (Town Hall, Freight House, Highway Garage, Library, Police Station). (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair and/or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Ossipee Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Solid Waste Improvements Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-eight thousand five hundred eighty dollars (\$58,580) for the purpose of paying the Ossipee Water System's bond payment for one (1) year. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-seven thousand eight hundred sixty-two dollars (\$87,862) for the purpose of purchasing two new police cruisers and equipment. The sum to come from the Town's unreserved fund balance (surplus) no amount of such \$87,862 to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1) (Majority vote required).

**Article #14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing a vault shelving system with carriages and tracks for improvements to the Town Clerk's current vault. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand nine hundred ninety-five dollars (\$9,995) for the purpose of restoring three (3) books entitled "Ossipee 1887-1929 Town Minutes." The sum is to be paid for by a grant from the Conservation License Plate Grant Program and no amount is to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purpose of a complete revaluation of the Town in the year 2020. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Control Fund previously established for the purpose of preventing and treating milfoil in Ossipee Lake. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #19** To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and AFSCME Local #534 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2018	\$40,502.00 (53 pay periods)
2019	\$ 2,458.00 (52 pay periods)
2020	\$21,996.00 (52 pay periods)

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand five hundred two dollars (\$40,502) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #20** Shall the Town, if Article #19 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article cost items only? (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #21** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:81 entitled "Property Tax Exemption" to allow a property tax exemption for new construction for commercial and industrial uses. The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, rebuild, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town and shall exclude state education property taxes under RSA 76:3 and county taxes assessed against the Town under RSA 29:11. The exemption shall be as follows: 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to construction of new structures, and/or additions, renovations, or improvements to existing structures, for five years from the date of the issuance of the building permit. This exemption will be applied uniformly to all projects for which a proper application is filed with the Town. This exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2018. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article # 22** Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, entitled "All Veterans' Tax Credit"? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required).

**Article #23** (Submitted by Petition) To see if the Town of Ossipee will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Family Resource Center at Children Unlimited, Inc. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #24** (Submitted by Petition) To see if the town would approve the following petitioned warrant article at the 2018 Town Meeting Ballot Vote. Petitioned Warrant Language, per Senate Bill 191 from the 2017 State of New Hampshire Legislative Session: "Shall we allow the operation of Keno games within the Town?" (Majority vote required).

**Article #25** (Submitted by Petition) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 in support of White Horse Addiction Center in the fight against the opioid crisis/substance misuse in our area. (Recommended by Selectmen 3-0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0) (Majority vote required).

**Article #26** To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers thereof.

Given under our hands and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018.

Town of Ossipee


By its Board of Selectmen:

  
Richard H. Morgan

  
Robert C. Freeman

  
Sandra P. Martin

Personally appeared the above-mentioned Richard H. Morgan, Robert C. Freeman, and Sandra P. Martin, or a majority of them, Selectmen of the Town of Ossipee, and took oath that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief. Before me,

  
Ellen N. White, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:

ELLEN N. WHITE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2019