

**Town of Newport
Town Warrant
2010 Annual Meeting**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs:

You are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Newport Middle High School in said Town of Newport on the Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:00 PM for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting which shall be for the transaction of all business, other than voting by official ballot, and shall consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each Warrant Article. You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM for the second session of the Annual Meeting to elect officers and vote by official ballot upon the following Warrant Articles:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect two (2) Selectmen for three-year terms.
- ARTICLE 2** To elect a Moderator for a two (2) year term.
- ARTICLE 3** To elect a Supervisor of the Checklist for a six (6) year term.
- ARTICLE 4** To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.
- ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Six Hundred Thousand (\$7,600,000) Dollars for engineering and construction costs of upgrading the wastewater treatment plant and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise the balance needed, up to Seven Million Six Hundred Thousand (\$7,600,000) Dollars through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the completion of the project. **(3/5ths majority required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**
- ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town is in favor of studying the cost sharing of capital expenses of the Water and Sewer systems between the system users and property taxes.
- ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote to participate in the Federal Stimulus Program and appropriate the sum of Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollars for the costs of closing the Guild Sewer Lagoons through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the

rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments, and/or from previous industrial users of the lagoons for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the completion of the project. Repayment of the debt is intended and anticipated to come from the Sewer Fund. **(3/5ths majority required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand (\$176,000) Dollars for the study costs of developing a new municipal water well and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise the balance needed, up to One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand (\$176,000) Dollars through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the completion of the project. **(3/5ths majority required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to 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 posted budget with the warrant, or as amended by the first session of the annual meeting, for the purposes set forth therein totaling Eight Million Five Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two (\$8,506,562). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Eight Million Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Two (\$8,620,002) Dollars, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will To see how the Town will vote on the following question:

“Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Newport, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$34,400; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$51,600; for a person 80 years of age or older \$68,800. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s

spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$29,700; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence." Additional requirements are set forth in NH RSA 72:39-a.

(Note: While State law requires statute law to be printed in full, the changes from Newport's current situation are: the exemption amounts are being not being adjusted; the maximum income limits are being raised from \$21,000 for single people and \$26,600 for married couples.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to establish, pursuant to NH RSA 72, exemptions from property taxation for solar (72:62) and wind (72:66) energy generation systems. The exemption will be available to the owner in the amount of 100% of the value of the use generation systems. The exemption is only granted for the original owner of the system, and will terminate upon sale of the property. The criteria for granting the exemption shall be that the installed system must generate energy for owner's primary residence or place of business located on the site. The system, however, may transfer surplus energy to the established electrical grid. Commercial solar and wind generating facilities that represent the primary use of a property shall not be eligible for this exemption.

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept a donation of .27 acre of vacant land owned by Sturm Ruger known as the "Guild Common" and located between Rt 11/103 and Hale Street, also identified as Tax Map 103/14.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the support of professional mental health services provided by West Central Behavioral Health. This appropriation will be used for the uninsured and underinsured Newport residents who use West Central Behavioral Health's psychological, psychiatric, case management and emergency mental health services. Last year five hundred and seventy-eight (578) Newport residents or 9% of Newport's population were patients of West Central Behavioral Health. 200 of the 578 Newport residents were Newport children. West Central Behavioral Health is located in Newport at 167 Summer Street in the former Newport hospital. Newport's appropriation will only be used to support services to Newport's residents. **(By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)**

ARTICLE 15 To transact any other business which may come before this meeting.

Virginia O. Irwin, Chair
Jeffrey F. Kessler, Vice Chair
Elizabeth W. Maiola, Selectman
Gary E. Nichols, Selectman
Beverly T. Rodeschin, Selectman

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

March 31, 2008

We hereby certify that on the 31st day of March, 2008, we posted an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named and posted a like copy in the lobby of the Selectmen's Office, a public place in said town, on the 31st day of March, 2008.

Elizabeth W. Maiola, Chairman

Virginia O. Irwin, Vice Chairman

Jeffrey A. Kessler, Selectman

Gary E. Nichols, Selectman

Beverly T. Rodeschin, Selectman

State of New Hampshire
Sullivan, SS

Personally appeared _____

and made oath that the foregoing certificate signed by them is true.

Karlene W. Stoddard
Justice of the Peace/Town Clerk
My commission expires 02/07/12