

TOWN OF CHICHESTER
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

2019

Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chichester in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said Chichester on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 2019 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects: (The polls shall be open from 10:00am to 7:00pm)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (Ballot)
2. **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**
To update all references to NH State Statutes, as applicable, throughout the entire Zoning Ordinance document. To conduct any non-substantive edits such as spelling, spacing, and numbering that may result from the adoption of any Ordinance changes throughout the entire Zoning Ordinance document. **The Planning Board Does Recommend**

3. **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**
To change the basis of zoning districts from the obsolete soil-based format for zoning to districts with conventional minimum lot sizes, including adjusting zoning on specific lots from 5 to 2 acres, and 2 acres to 5 acres; revise the zoning map and date; revise frontage and lot configuration standards, including the requirement for a "buildable area;" and, revise lot size requirements for multi-family dwellings. Changes will see a newly revised Rural-Agricultural Zone with five-acre minimum lot sizes and a newly revised Residential Zone with a two-acre minimum lot size.

To define the location of the Backlands District in the new non-soil based zoning framework as those areas that meet the current description of a "backland."

To revise the provisions of the Wetland District in Section 3.16, including defining the location of the District within the new zoning framework as those areas delineated by a certified wetland scientist; and, to clarify the methods of wetland delineation as those areas delineated by a certified wetland scientist.

To revise the provisions of Section 3.19 regarding Open-Space Conservation Developments, including to specify that the Planning Board is the authority to administer the provisions of 3.19 by Conditional Use Permit; to clarify a waiver process; to establish definitions of, and requirements for "homestead lots" and "parent tracts;" to clarify permitted uses in such developments for open space areas and areas of development; to clarify the process for determining allowable density, including the provisions of density incentives; to revise and clarify open space management requirements; to clarify the requirements for condominium association membership; and, home owner association membership.

To establish that all uses that are permitted by right within the Rural-Agricultural (RA) Zone are permitted by right on lots that are five (5) acres in size or greater in the Residential (R) Zone.

To allow commercial and residential uses on the same parcel within the Commercial-Industrial Multi-Family (CI/MF) Zone. **The Planning Board Does Recommend**

4. **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To establish a new mixed-use, higher-density village zoning district in the area around Town Hall to be administered by the Planning Board. This Article shall only be enacted if Article 3 above is adopted. **The Planning Board Does Recommend**

5. **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To establish new standards for commercial parking space requirements by specifying that the surface of parking, and other parking space details, shall be determined by the Planning Board. **The Planning Board Does Recommend**

6. **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Chichester Zoning Ordinance as Follows:**

To remove redundancies in the list of permitted uses in Section IV.1.a-d of the CI/MF Zone, including: "Hotels," "Motels," "Restaurants and snack bars whose primary purpose is serving food," and, "Professional establishments such as: Dental/Medical, Law, Engineering and Accounting."

To properly reference the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) instead of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission (NHWS&PCC) as the NHWS&PCC as it no longer exists.

Clarify that the Planning Board is the sole authority to administer the provisions of the Commercial Village District, and, that any appeals to a Planning Board decision are to be made per RSA 677:15. **The Planning Board Does Recommend**

Articles 7 through 25 will be considered at the second session of the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, the 16th day of March, 2019 beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Chichester Central School.

7. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating hereto.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,591,650** to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed below. (Operating Budget) (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$4.62)**
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$157,000** to be deposited into each of the following Capital Reserve Funds; the amount of **\$100,000** is to be from unassigned fund balance and the amount of **57,000** is to be from general taxation. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.18)**

a. Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 45,000
b. Forestry Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000
c. Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000
d. Office Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000
e. Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000

- f. Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$ 1,000
- g. Police Department Office Equipment Capital Reserve Fund \$ 1,000
- h. Town Owned Parking Lots \$ 25,000

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** to be deposited into each of the following Expendable Trust Funds; the amount of **\$25,000** is to be from general taxation. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.08)**
 - a. Government Vehicle Maintenance \$10,000
 - b. Police Department Training/Benefits \$ 5,000
 - c. Fire Radio & Associated Equipment Repair/Replacement \$10,000
11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$40,000** for purchase and installation of new playground equipment at Carpenter Memorial Park and Center with **\$10,000** coming from the Parks and Recreation Capital Reserve fund, **\$10,000** coming from donations and **\$20,000** to be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.06)**
12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$57,995** for the purpose of purchasing and installing an exhaust removal system for the Fire/Rescue Department. Ninety-five percent (95%) of these funds **\$55,095** will be from Fire Grant funding and five percent (5%) **\$2,900** will be withdrawn from the Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,314** for the purpose of purchasing a fire gear extractor and dryer for the Fire/Rescue Department. Ninety-five percent (95%) of these funds **\$13,598** will be from Fire Grant funding and five percent (5%) match of **\$715** will be from general taxation. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.01)**
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 295,000** for the purpose of replacing the 1989 Pierce Rescue Truck with said funds to come from the Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required.) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
15. To see if the Town will vote to establish Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Associated PPE Repair/ Replacement Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purchase, repair/replacement of this vital safety equipment and to raise and appropriate **\$1.00** to be put into the fund, with this amount coming from general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,785** for the purpose of purchasing a power cot PRO-XT (stretcher) for the Ambulance with said funds to come from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund. (Majority vote required) **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to update the Master Plan. The sum of **\$5,000** will be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does

recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.02)**

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to continue updating the Zoning Ordinances. The sum of **\$5,000** will be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.02)**
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** for the purpose of replacing out dated extrication cutters for the fire department. The sum of **\$12,000** to be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.04)**
20. To see if the Town will change the provisions of the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Fund established under RSA 31:95-c, to restrict 100% of revenues from ambulance billing to expenditures for the purpose of rescue vehicle replacement, or refurbishment, and rescue equipment purchase and replacement to also include use of said funds to offset the cost of operating the ambulance to include payroll and supplies. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund, accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by Town Meeting to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (2/3 Majority Vote). The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the second year lease payment on **2 (two) Life Pak 15 Cardiac Monitors**. This lease contains an escape clause (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.05)**
22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,500** for construction of access and parking to the Shaw Pasture and Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area off Main Street. The sum of **\$12,500** is to be withdrawn from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$700** for mowing and other maintenance of Map 4 Lot 2, also known as the Shaw Pasture. The sum of **\$700** is to be withdrawn from from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee does recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance under the provisions of RSA 31:39-A: Incompatibility of Office. In addition to the restrictions under RSA 669:7, no full-time employee, part-time town employee, per-diem employee, or volunteer receiving a stipend in a department supervised by the Board of Selectmen shall at the same time hold the office of Selectmen. No person shall at the same time file a declaration of candidacy for any elected office if an incompatibility exists under this ordinance. Any affected officers and employees who are in office or employed at the time this ordinance is adopted shall be exempt for a period not to exceed one year from date of adoption. (by Petition) (Majority Vote Required)
25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two-Thousand Nineteen.

Thomas Jameson, Chairman

Edward Millette

Richard Bouchard

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Thomas Jameson, Chairman

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