

TOWN OF CHICHESTER
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

2020

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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 10th day of March, 2020 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)

Articles 9 through 26 will be considered at the second session of the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, the 14th day of March, 2020 beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Chichester Central School.

9. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating hereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,735,065 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 \$4.23)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 to be deposited into each of the following Capital Reserve Funds; the amount of \$180,000 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 \$.56)

a. Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 60,000
b. Forestry Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000
c. SCBA Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000
d. Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000
e. Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000
f. Parks & Recreation Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be deposited into each of the following Expendable Trust Funds; the amount of \$30,000 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 \$.09)

a. Government Vehicle Maintenance	\$15,000
b. Fire Radio & Associated Equipment Repair/Replacement	\$ 5,000
c. FD Personal Protective Gear & Associated Repair/Replacement	\$10,000

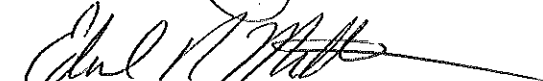
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,800** for Forest Firefighting equipment; the sum of **\$1,900** to be raised by general taxation; the remaining **\$1,900** to come from a 50% matching grant from Volunteer Fire Assistance Funds under Title IV Rural Development Act. (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 **\$6,100** for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Radar Speed Signs and the required installation equipment. The sum of **\$6,100** to be raised by general taxation. The Board of Selectmen **does** recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee **does** recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.02)**
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the purpose of replacing out dated extrication spreaders with accessories, for the Fire/Rescue Department. The sum of **\$15,000** to be withdrawn from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectman **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 **\$18,500** for the purpose of purchasing a fire gear extractor and dryer for the Fire/Rescue Department. The sum of **\$18,500** to be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectman **does** recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee **does** recommend this article. **(Approximate tax impact \$.06)**
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,300** for the purpose of purchasing a four year service plan for the care and maintenance of the Fire/Rescue Departments Lucas Devices. The sum of **\$7,300** is to be withdrawn from the Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Special Revenue Fund. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectman **does** recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee **does** recommend this article. **(Approximate tax impact \$.00)**
18. To see if the town of Chichester will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a Three year Lease / purchase agreement in the amount of **\$36,500** for the purchase of a Town Server and all associated equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** to be raised by general taxation for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectman **does** recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee **does** recommend this article. **(Approximate tax impact \$.04)**
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** to update the Master Plan. The sum of **\$4,000** 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)**
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for tree removal, field mowing, debris removal, and other maintenance at Map 4 Lot 2, also known as the Shaw Pasture. The sum of **\$5,000** is to be withdrawn from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectman **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 **\$2,000** for design services for vehicular access and parking at Map 1 Lots 27-1 and 33, also known as the Spaulding Town Forest. The sum of


\$2,000 is to be withdrawn from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectman **does** recommend this article. The Advisory Budget Committee **does not** recommend this article. **(Approximate tax impact \$.00)**

22. To see if the Town will vote to 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 restrict 80% of the revenues with surplus being deemed part of the General Fund. (2/3 Majority Vote). The Board of Selectmen **does** recommend this article. **(Approximate Tax Impact \$.00)**
23. Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a,1(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectman **does** recommend this article.
24. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the elected office of Highway Agent, and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Highway Agent. The current Highway Agent shall continue to hold the office until the 2021 Annual Town Meeting election, at which time, the elected office shall terminate. If adopted, the authority of the Selectmen to appoint the Highway Agent shall continue in effect until changed by a majority vote at an annual or special Town meeting. (Majority vote required) The Board of Selectmen **does** recommend this article.
25. To see if the Town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census, will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation that New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular political parties or candidates. (Majority vote required) (Submitted by Citizen Petition)
26. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two-Thousand Twenty.

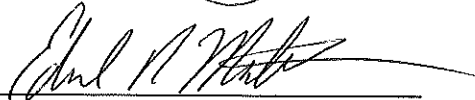

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