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New Castle

The inhabitants of the Town of New Castle 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:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Recreation Building, 301 Wentworth Road
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Recreation Building, 301 Wentworth Road
Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before April 24, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Hall and Post Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
William Stewart	Chairman	
Jane Finn	Selectwoman	
Pamela Cullen	Selectwoman	



Article 01 Choose All Necessary Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following year.

One Select Board Member	3-year term
One Town Clerk	3-year term
One Library Trustee	3-year term
One Cemetery Trustee	3-year term
One Budget Committee	3-year term
One Town Moderator	2-year term
One Supervisor of the Checklist	2-year term
One Trustee of the Trust Fund	3-year term

(ON THE BALLOT)

Article 02 Zoning Amendment #1

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(Strike through-means deleted text, **bolded text means added text**):

2.3.65 Short Term Rental: The rental, for a fee, of any dwelling, dwelling unit, residential living unit, accessory dwelling unit, or portion thereof, for occupancy of fewer than 30 consecutive days.

(ON THE BALLOT)

Yes No

Article 03 Zoning Amendment #2

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 2, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(Strike through-means deleted text, **bolded text means added text**):

- 3.1 Establishment of Districts
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3.1.1 Residential District (R-1): The Residential District includes the central densely settled area of New Castle of primarily residential development. Its purpose is to accommodate and support single and two family residential and permitted accessory uses consistent with the developed village center.

The District is bounded as follows: beginning with and including Goat Island, then easterly to include all land between Portsmouth, Cranfield, **and Main and Ocean** Streets and the Piscataqua River; also including all land bounded between Wentworth Road, Pit Lane and Cranfield Street;



also including land with frontage on the following streets: Portsmouth Avenue, Cranfield Street, Laurel Lane, Grist Mill Lane, Davidson Street, Walton Road, Quarterdeck Lane, Mainmast Circle. Excluded from the Residential District is that land designated as the Mixed Use District as defined in Section 3.1.5.

(ON THE BALLOT)

Yes No

Article 04 Zoning Amendment #3

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 3, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(Strike through means deleted text, **bolded and underlined text means added text**):

4.0 District Regulations

4.1.2 Residential District (R-1)
Prohibited Uses

2. Trailer camps, overnight cabins, hotels, motels, rooming and boarding houses, **short term rentals**, public bathhouses, public dance halls, roller skating rinks, bowling alleys, arcades, moving picture theaters, clubs, societies, gambling facilities or other places likely to cause the congregation of a large number of people except for an ecclesiastical or educational purpose;

4.1.6 Mixed Use District (MU):
Prohibited Uses

2. Trailer camps, overnight cabins, rooming and boarding houses, **short term rentals**, bowling alleys, public dance halls, arcades, roller skating rinks, or gambling facilities;

(ON THE BALLOT)

Yes No

Article 05 Zoning Amendment #4

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 4, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(Strike through means deleted text, **bolded text means added text**):

6.8 FENCES AND WALLS

6.8.2 Requirements for Fences and Walls:

1. Fences and walls must not be detrimental to the character of the surrounding neighborhood.
2. Fences and walls may not obstruct sight distances at driveway intersections or otherwise create unsafe conditions.
3. Fences and free-standing walls greater than six (6) feet in height shall not be permitted even by Special Exception if an abutter objects to the increased height.



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- 4. Fences and walls may be constructed on a surveyed property line or on a property line agreed on by both neighbors, in writing, which is recorded at the Registry of Deeds and runs with the properties. Maintenance stipulations must be made part of the written agreement. All other fences and walls must be placed at least 18" or greater from the property line.

(ON THE BALLOT)

Yes No

Article 06 Zoning Amendment #5

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 5, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(Strike through means deleted text, **bolded and underlined text means added text**):

7.0 Non-Conforming Lots, Buildings, Structures, and Uses

7.4 Discontinuance

7.4.1 Any and all non-conforming buildings, structures, **fences, walls,** land or uses of the same, which is (are) discontinued, or which is (are) partially or wholly destroyed by fire, explosion, storm, tides or other acts of God, may be resumed or restored and operated in its (their) former non-conforming status if the same is done within two (2) years thereafter.

(ON THE BALLOT)

Yes No

Article 07 Zoning Amendment #6

Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 6, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(Strike through means deleted text, **bolded and underlined text means added text**):

9.0 Overlay Zoning Districts

9.2 Wetlands Conservation District

9.2.10 Local Shoreland/**Wetlands** Permit

If a State Shoreland Permit is required under RSA 483-B, **or a DES Wetlands Permit is required under RSA 482-A,** a local Shoreland/**Wetlands** Permit shall also be required, and may be obtained through the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's office.

(ON THE BALLOT)

Yes No



Article 08 Operating Budget - Town

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended operating budget in the amount of \$4,922,763 for the general operation of the Town. This amount excludes all appropriations contained in special or individual warrant articles addressed separately.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
 and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 09 Donations to Local Nonprofit Agencies

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to be used to pay Town donations to local non-profit agencies that serve the New Castle community as follows:

1. Area Home Care & Family Services	750
2. CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates	500
3. Center for Wildlife	300
4. Child Advocacy Center	500
5. Waypoint	500
6. Community Toolbox	450
7. Families First	750
8. Haven	750
9. Ritchie McFarland Children’s Center	500
10. Rockingham County Meals on Wheels	1,000
11. American Red Cross	300
12. RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)	750
13. Gather	750
14. Seacoast Mental Health Center	1,000
15. Home Health Visiting Nurses Association	700
16. Womenaid of Greater Portsmouth	400
17. Cross Roads House, Inc.	250
18. Salvation Army	400
19. Southern NH Services	250
20. One Sky	200
TOTAL	\$11,000

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
 and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 10 Establish Contingency Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Contingency Fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to go into the fund. This sum to come from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
 and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No



Article 11 Add Funds to Vehicle & Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 12 Add Funds to Roads & Streets CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Roads and Streets Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 13 Add Funds to Government Buildings & Facilities CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$140,000 to be added to the Government Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 14 Earned Time Settlement ETF

To see if the town will vote to establish an Earned Time Settlement Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of buying out of employee(s) earned time during anytime of the life of their career and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance; further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. No impact on the tax rate.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 15 Public Safety Special Detail Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Public Safety Special Detail. All revenues received for Public Safety Special Detail from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to



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year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Public Safety Special Detail revolving fund. The town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 16 Health Benefit Stabilization CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund per the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of stabilizing Health Benefit increases for employees and to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) to be placed in this fund and further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT BOARD
and the BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes No

Article 17 Hear Reports

To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 18 Transact Other Business

To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.