

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF WILTON WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Wilton in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to appear at the Wilton Town Hall, 42 Main Street, in said Wilton on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. to ballot for necessary Town Officers and other action required to be inserted on said official ballots.

(POLLS ARE TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7:00 P.M.)

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. **(By ballot.)**
2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Town of Wilton Land Use Laws and Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would create a uniform maximum structure height across zoning districts, as follows:

AMEND Section 5.2.5 to replace the phrase "Not to exceed forty-five (45) feet or two stories." with "Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

ADD a new Section 6.2.6, as follows: "Structure height. Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

ADD a new Section 7.2.5, as follows: "Structure height. Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

ADD a new Section 7A.5.6, as follows: "Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

AMEND Section 8.2.6 to replace the sentence "Maximum structure height is forty-five (45) feet or two (2) stories." with "Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

AMEND 9.3.4 to replace the phrase "Two (2) stories with a maximum height above mean lot terrain of thirty-five (35) feet." with "Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

AMEND Section 9A.5.7 to replace the sentence "Maximum structure height is forty-five (45) or three (3) stories subject to Planning Board review in accordance with the Research and Office Park Regulations and the impact of the structure height on abutters to the Research and Office Park and the natural and rural environments." with "Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

AMEND Section 13.3(g) to replace the sentence "Maximum building height is forty-five (45) feet." with "Except for small wind energy system and personal wireless service facilities permitted under Chapter 15 or Chapter 15A of this Ordinance, respectively, no structure shall exceed forty-five (45) feet in height."

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town of Wilton Land Use Laws and Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would clarify the boundaries of the Office Park District, as follows:

AMEND Section 9.1(a) to replace the phrase "this includes lots C-127, C-127-1." with "lot C-172-1 and part of lot C-127-3."

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Town of Wilton Land Use Laws and Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, which would clarify the boundaries of the Research and Office Park District, as follows:

AMEND Section 9A.3(a) to eliminate the phrases "The area in southwestern Wilton located west of NH Route 31." and "this includes".

AMEND Section 9A.3(b) to eliminate the phrase "The area in western Wilton bordering the Town of Temple south of NH Route 101." and to replace the phrase "this includes lots C-127, C-127-1, C-128-1 and C-128-3." with "lots C-127-1, C-127-3, C-128-1-1, C-128-1-2 and C-128-3."

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Town of Wilton Land Use Laws and Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to address multiple home occupations on the same property, as follows:

AMEND Section 5.3.1, as follows:

Replace the phrase "Any home occupation shall be permitted as a special exception provided it complies with the requirements of this section." with "Any home occupations shall be permitted by special exception provided that, taken together, they comply with the requirements of this section."

Add a new paragraph before subsection 5.3.1a., as follows: "Where one or more home occupations are already being conducted pursuant to a special exception under this section, any new home occupation will require a new special exception and site plan review that encompass all present and proposed home occupations on the premises."

Subsection 5.3.1(a), replace the phrase "The home occupation" with "Home occupations".

Subsection 5.3.1(g), replace the phrase "the home occupation" with "home occupations".

Subsection 5.3.1(i), replace the phrase "for a home occupation," with "for home occupations,".

AMEND Section 5.3.1.1, as follows:

Replace the phrase "A home occupation may be conducted without a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and without site plan review by the Planning Board provided that, in addition to the requirements of the preceding section (5.3.1), it also satisfies the following standards:" with "One or more home occupations may be conducted without a special exception from the Zoning Board or Adjustment and without site plan review by the Planning Board provided that, in addition to the requirements of the preceding section 5.3.1, they also satisfy the following standards."

Subsection 5.3.1.1(a), replace the phrase "The home occupation" with "Home occupations".

Subsection 5.3.1.1(b), replace the phrase "the home occupation" with "home occupations".

Subsection 5.3.1.1(c), replace the phrase "The home occupation" with "Home occupations".

Subsection 5.3.1.1(d), replace the phrase "a home occupation." with "home occupations."

Subsection 5.3.1.1(e), replace the word "outside" with the word "exterior".

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Town of Wilton Land Use Laws and Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to clarify the status of structures or uses permitted by variances or special exceptions, and to clarify the process to request an extension of a variance or special exception, as follows:

AMEND Section 17.4, as follows:

Eliminate the paragraph "A building or use permitted by a variance or special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall have the same status as a non-conforming building or use, and shall be subject to the restrictions of this section."

Add a new Subsection 17.4.1, as follows: "Nonconformity. A building, structure or use permitted by a variance or special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be subject to the same restrictions as a non-conforming building, structure or use under section 17.1 of this Ordinance."

Eliminate the paragraph beginning "Furthermore, if construction has not begun or the use has not commenced within two (2) years of the granting of the variance or special exception, or March 10, 1992, whichever is later, then the variance or special exception shall expire. ..."

Add a new Subsection 17.4.2, "Expiration," with the following clauses:

- a. If construction has not begun or the use has not commenced (i) within two (2) years after the variance or special exception has been granted, or (ii) by March 10, 1992, whichever is later, then the variance or special exception shall expire. All rights conferred by a variance or special exception shall be void upon expiration. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may, but is not required to, specify the actions or conditions that will constitute beginning construction or commencing the use as part of its approval of a variance or special exception.
 - b. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may, for good cause shown, grant an extension of time for an additional two years in which to exercise the rights accorded by the variance or special exception, provided that the extension would be consistent with the intent and spirit of the Zoning Ordinance. Procedures for submission, noticing and hearing of applications for extensions shall be the same as for other applications to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and shall be submitted no less than 60 days nor more than 120 days before the expiration of the variance or special exception. Submission of an application for an extension shall stay the expiration until the Zoning Board of Adjustment has decided on the application. No more than two extensions may be granted."
7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Town of Wilton Land Use Laws and Regulations, Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to limit the Age Restricted Housing District to areas served by Town water and sewer, as follows:

AMEND Section 13.2 to eliminate the phrase "general residential and agricultural," and add the phrase "where Town water and sewer services are available."

AMEND Section 13.3, as follows:

Subsection 13.3(a), eliminate the phrase "when served by Town water and sewer" and the sentence "For lots not served by Town water and sewer the dwelling unit density shall not be greater than the density provisions of the underlying district."

Subsection 13.3(d), eliminate the phrase "if served by water and sewer, otherwise the minimum lot area shall be at least two (2) acres and the lot shall have two hundred (200) of frontage on a public right of way Class V or better" and the sentence "Lot coverage shall not exceed seventy five (75) percent of the total lot area."

You are further notified to appear at the Wilton Lyndeborough Cooperative High School in said Wilton, New Hampshire on the Thursday, March 16th, 2023, at 6:30PM to act on the following:

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to purchase **sewer system pump station standby generator upgrades**, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds and/or notes not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA chapter 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale, and delivery of such bonds and/or notes as the Select Board determines to be in the interest of the Town. Further, to authorize the Town to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be repaid and participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) established by RSA 486:14 for this purpose, and to allow the Town to expend such monies as become available from the Federal and State governments. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) in principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund loan program. Repayment of the bonds and notes authorized herein, after principal forgiveness, will be made by the Sewer Commission through ratepayers funds. **(3/5 Ballot Vote Required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0-2)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended sum of Six Million Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$6,053,811) for general municipal operation for the year 2023. Said sum does not include the appropriations contained in special or individual Articles addressed separately. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 7-0-1)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$62,531) for the purpose of paying the third-year lease payment for the **Fire Engine 1 Lease**, which is a ten-year lease-purchase agreement approved by Article 9 of the 2021 Town Meeting. Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) for the purpose of making the sixth-year lease payment (of the seven-year lease approved by warrant Article #14 at the 2018 Town Meeting) on the **Highway Department's 2019 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck**. Monies to come from general taxation. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$13,762) for the second-year payment for the **Highway Department Pickup Truck Lease**, which is a five-year lease-purchase agreement approved as Article 5 of the 2022 Town Meeting. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0.)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be placed in the **Dam Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**, previously established. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

14. To see if the Town will vote to establish an **Emergency Communications Project Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of mitigating known remaining gaps in emergency services radio communication systems and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in this fund, and further to **name the Select Board** as agents to expend from said fund. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

15. To see if the Town will vote to create an **Emergency Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund** per RSA 35:1 for the purpose of covering future emergency building repairs, renovations, or reconstructions not covered by normal operating budget appropriations caused by damage or regulatory changes. Further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to that fund for the same purpose and to **designate the Select Board** as the agents to expend monies from the fund. Monies to come from general taxation. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends article 4-2-1)

16. To see if the Town will vote to create a **Police Station Roof Repair Capital Reserve Fund** per RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing, repairing, maintaining, and/or replacing the roof of the Wilton Police Station and all other costs related thereto. Further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be added to that fund for the same purpose and to **designate the Select Board** as the agents to expend monies from the fund. Monies to come from general taxation. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

17. To see if the Town will vote to create an **Unanticipated Legal Expense Capital Reserve Fund** per RSA 35:1 for the purpose of paying legal fees, costs, judgments, settlement payments, and related costs associated with unanticipated legal expenditures. Further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to that fund for the same purpose and to **designate the Select Board** as the agents to expend monies from the fund. Monies to come from general taxation. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 2-1-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article. 4-2-1)

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the **Town Hall Fire Protection Capital Reserve Fund** previously established by the 2018 Town Meeting. The monies are to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) to be added to the **Town Hall Repair Project Capital Reserve Fund** previously established by the 1994 Town Meeting. The monies are to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 5-0-2)

20. To see if the town will vote to appoint the Wilton Select Board as agents to expend from the **Town Hall Repair Project Capital Reserve Fund** established by the 1994 Town Meeting. **(Majority vote required)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the **Public Works Garage Building Capital Reserve Fund** established by the 2017 Town Meeting. Monies are to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

22. To see if the town will vote to appoint the Wilton Select Board as agents to expend from the **Public Works Garage Building Capital Reserve Fund** previously established by the 2017 Town Meeting. **(Majority vote required)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)
(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$1,240,000) for the construction of **King Brook Road Bridge (#074/060)** as part of the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation State Bridge Aid Program. The State of New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program will reimburse Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$992,000) and the balance of Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$248,000) to come from the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or to take any other action related thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 21:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of continuing repairs to the currently out-of-service **water hole (fire pond)** list, as prepared, maintained, and updated by the Fire Department. The Monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000) for the purpose of purchasing a **used ladder truck and associated equipment** for the Fire Department. This vehicle will replace the Department's current ladder truck and the rescue truck, which will be traded in for the purchase of the new vehicle. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new **backhoe** for the Highway Department. Such vehicle will be a replacement for the 2016 Case Backhoe, which will be traded in on the purchase of the new vehicle. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** previously established by Article 14 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000) to be added to the **Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** previously established by the 1994 Town Meeting. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purchase of **rescue tools** for the Fire Department. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee Recommends this article 6-0-1)

30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to be added to the **Air Packs Capital Reserve Fund** previously established by the 2018 Town Meeting. The monies to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee Recommends this article 6-0-1)

31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$132,357) to be added to the **Bridges Capital Reserve Fund** previously established. The monies to come from undesignated fund balance. This represents the balance of funds granted to the Town by the State of New Hampshire in 2022 for the purpose of municipal bridge work, or to take any other action relating thereto. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$3,860) for the purpose of purchasing **two portable suction units and two thermometers** for the ambulances. The monies to come from the **Florence M. Wheeler Fund** previously established. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

33. To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the **Optional Veterans' Tax Credit** in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750). If re-adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran's Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined by RSA 21:50, and who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected

death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran's tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

34. To see if the Town will vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the **All Veterans' Tax Credit**. If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident of the state who is a veteran as defined in RSA 21:50, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from services and (3) is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750), the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. This tax credit shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, III. This article shall be contingent on the passage of Article 33. If the Town Meeting votes "no" on Article 33, this Article shall be null and void. **(Majority vote required.)**

(Select Board recommends this article 3-0-0)

(Budget Committee recommends this article 6-0-1)

35. To accept the report of Agents, Auditors and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen to pass any vote relating thereto.

36. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February 2023.

Kermit R. Williams

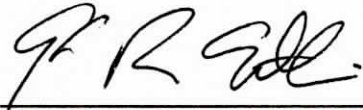
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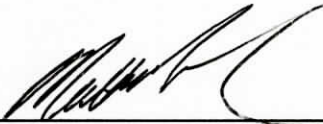
Select Board of Wilton, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant attest:

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named to meet at the time and place for the purpose within named, by posting an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named, at the Wilton Town Office, and a like copy of the within warrant attested at the Wilton Post Office, being public places; in said town, on the 16th day of February, 2023.



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Select Board of Wilton, New Hampshire