

SANDWICH

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2014 SANDWICH TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

Carroll County, S.S.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2014 from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., to elect Town and Cooperative School District Officers by official ballot, to bring in your votes for Executive Councilor, and vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance; then on Wednesday, the 12th day of March 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Sandwich Central School to consider all other Town business; and if this meeting is reconvened, the date will be the 13th day of March 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at the Sandwich Central School to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect by official ballot all necessary Town and Cooperative School District Officers for the ensuing year. On the ballot for the Town of Sandwich are the following positions:

Selectman for three years
Cemetery Trustee for three years
Trustee of Trust Funds for three years
Sewer Commissioner for three years
Sewer Commissioner for one year
Supervisor of the Checklist for six years
Moderator for two years
Library Trustee for three years
Library Trustee for two years

ARTICLE 2. To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed for the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article I, Section 150-5 Definitions: Add a definition for 'Road' and delete the definition for 'Unnecessary Hardship.'

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed for the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Section 150-7 Permitted Structures and Uses: Clarify the criteria for approval for Home Occupations and Home-Based Businesses

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed for the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, General Provisions Applicable to All Districts, by adding Section 150-20 C Lots Served by Roads, Streets, & Driveways: To clarify the number of lots served by roads, streets, and driveways

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed for the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XV, Variances and Specials Exceptions, Sections 150-101 & 150-102: to clarify the expiration time for approved variances and special exceptions.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 672,063 for the following purposes:

General Government	\$ 558,717
Welfare	\$ 40,000
Debt Service	\$ 73,346

The breakdown of the major categories is listed in the budget.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 244,510 for the Police Department for the following purposes:

Police Department	\$ 243,410
DARE Program	\$ 1,100

The DARE program will be funded by withdrawing \$ 1,100 from the Robert Ramirez Trust Fund, and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 62,365 for ambulance service.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 40,000 for a fully equipped 2014 Ford Expedition Police Cruiser and to fund this appropriation by the withdrawal of \$ 30,000 from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve, and to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the 2008 Ford Expedition and use the proceeds toward this appropriation, and the balance to be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,690 for a multi-user and imaging police software upgrade and to fund this appropriation by the withdrawal of \$ 5,690 from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 146,424 for Fire Protection.

Fire Department	\$ 138,864
Forest Fires/Red Hill Tower	\$ 2,500
Fire Department Special Details	\$ 5,060

The Fire Department Special Details in the amount of \$ 5,060 will be funded by the sponsoring organization and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 15,000 for the purpose of upgrades to the Central Fire Station and Whiteface Station and to fund this appropriation by a withdrawal of \$ 15,000 from the Life Safety Building Capital Reserve. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,500 for the updating of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and to fund this appropriation with a grant of \$ 2,500 through NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 75,000 for the purpose of a two phase engineering study and design concerning the Town sewer system. Phase I to study the construction and installation of a replacement tank at the Squam Lake Road pump station, and Phase II to study the expansion of the sewer system to increase capacity.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 671,019 to pay for expenditures for Highways, Streets and Bridges.

Highway, Streets and Bridges	\$ 670,178
Notch/Dale Road State Payment	\$ 841

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000 for the purpose of repairing a drainage issue on Mountain Road.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 180,000 for the repair of Mount Israel Road (Phase I) and to fund this appropriation by the withdrawal of \$ 90,000 from the Highway Streets and Bridges Capital Reserve, and the balance to be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 15,246 for the purchase of a 19 foot flat deck equipment trailer for the Highway Department and to fund this appropriation by the withdrawal of \$ 15,246 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 62,500 for the purchase of a Track Excavator for the Highway Department and to fund this appropriation by a donation of \$ 45,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 19,000 for the purchase of a John Deere 4-Wheel Drive tractor with snow-blower attachment for the purpose of maintaining sidewalks in the winter and mowing fields and to fund this appropriation by the withdrawal of \$ 19,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 36,000 for upgrades to the Highway Shed including exterior paint, heating, plumbing and electrical upgrades, lighting, insulation and roof repair and to authorize the Selectmen to accept any energy grants for this project.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 128,809 for expenditures on Sanitation.

Transfer Station	\$ 125,377
Landfill Monitoring	\$ 1,800
Household Hazardous Waste	\$ 1,632

The Landfill Monitoring cost of \$1,800 will be funded by a withdrawal from the Landfill Monitoring Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 26,000 for Transfer Station paving projects including a shim coat for a portion of the road.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for expenses related to the Central Sewer System, the breakdown as follows: 1. \$19,000 for the operation and maintenance of the Central Sewer System, and 2. \$6,000 for deposit into the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of reconstruction of the leach field. These monies to be derived from sewer user fees. This article by request of the Sewer Commissioners. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will approve the use of the Sandwich Recycling Center by residents of the Wonalancet section of Albany. The Town of Albany to furnish a list of approved residences for which they will pay the Town an annual fee of \$125 for a year-round residence and \$100 for a seasonal residence. The revenues to be deposited to the General Fund. If approved, this authority shall continue indefinitely unless modified or rescinded by vote of a subsequent town meeting.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 135,111 for Culture and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation	\$ 111,961
Old Home Week	\$ 3,100
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 7,050
Independent Program	\$ 13,000

And to fund this appropriation by donations of \$30,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund, \$ 450 from the Lena Nelson Trust, \$13,000 to be funded by the fees generated by the Independent Program, monies generated by program fees, donations, and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 33,645 for the purpose of Groundskeeping, plowing for roadside parking, and winter sidewalk maintenance.

Groundskeeping	\$19,645
Snowblowing for Roadside Parking	\$ 2,000
Winter Sidewalk Maintenance	\$12,000

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 7,000 for the purpose of electrical and equipment upgrades to Remick Park.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 20,000 for the purpose of re-building Quimby Field and to fund this appropriation by a donation of \$ 20,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,890 for the purpose of re-sealing Tennis Court #2&3 and to fund this appropriation by a donation of \$ 4,890 from the Alfred Quimby Fund.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,000 for the purchase of a DR Field and Brush Mower and to fund this appropriation by a donation of \$ 4,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,759 to be added to the Parks and Recreation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unexpended fund balance (surplus) as of 12/31/13 and no amount to be raised from taxation. This amount is the equivalent of donations collected for this purpose from 2011-2013. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 10,595 for the following purposes for Conservation:

Conservation Commission Operating Expenses	\$ 1,350
5 Days of Sandwich Conservation Camp	\$ 8,345
Green Mountain Conservation Group River Testing	\$ 900

The 5 Days of Sandwich Conservation Camp to be partially funded by approximately \$ 1,000 in camper fees. A withdrawal of \$ 3,450 from the Coolidge Conservation Trust will help fund both the 5 Days of Sandwich Conservation Camp and Green Mountain Conservation Group River Testing, and the balance to be raised by general taxation.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,500 to be added to existing Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 10,000
Town Equipment Expendable Trust	\$ 20,000
Town Buildings Expendable Trust	\$ 10,000
Office Equipment Expendable Trust	\$ 3,500
Gravel Roads Capital Reserve	\$ 10,000
Police Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 10,000
Library Building Expendable Trust	\$ 6,000

The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Hall Expansion Capital Reserve. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund, with the intent to use those funds to further pay down the Town Hall bond issue principal.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend income from the Marjorie Thompson Fund as they see fit, for the benefit of children of Sandwich residents.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 90,760 for the support of the S.H. Wentworth Library operating budget and trust fund management fees. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 679 in support of Starting Point, which provides crisis services to the victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,000 for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Sandwich. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,500 for the Community Food Center at St. Andrew's. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 716 to assist the Northern Human Services, The Mental Health Center (formerly Carroll County Mental Health). This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 9,000 for Moultonboro-Sandwich Senior Meals Program (formerly Meals on Wheels and Sandwich Congregate Meals). This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,000 for the Winnepesaukee Wellness Center. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,000 for the Doris L. Benz Center. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town of Sandwich will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,834 for the annual support of services provided to the citizens of this community by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, Inc. This article by petition.
The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000 for the Interlakes Community Caregivers. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 3,000 to support Carroll County Transit. This article by petition. The Selectmen do not recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000 for the Loon Preservation Committee. This article by petition. The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000 for Friends of Mead Base Conservation Center. This article by petition. The Selectmen's vote on recommending passage of this Article is 2 yes and 1 no.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,000 for the Sandwich Historical Society. This article by petition. The Selectmen's vote on recommending passage of this Article is 1 yes, 1 no, and 1 refusal.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,700 for the Sandwich Children's Center which provides early childcare and education services. This article by petition. The Selectmen's vote on recommending passage of this Article is 2 yes and 1 no.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will urge that the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives, and of the American people, to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate federal spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations. That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment, once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Sandwich's congressional delegation, and to Sandwich's state legislators, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Selectmen within 30 days of the vote. This article by petition.

ARTICLE 50. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Town of Sandwich this 18th day of February 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur R. Kerr, II, Chairman

Willard G. Martin

Michael Yeager

Board of Selectmen