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Easton

The inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton 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:
 Time:
 Location:
 Details:

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

Date:
 Time:
 Location:
 Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before <DATE>, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at <LOCATION> and that an original was delivered to <OFFICIAL>.

Name	Position	Signature



Article 01 To choose all necessary officers

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot. (Ballot Vote)

Article 02 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 1 would replace the existing Easton Zoning Ordinance with a revised Zoning Ordinance incorporating the following changes:

Reorganize (and renumber as needed) the Ordinance and make minor revisions to text and provisions throughout the Zoning Ordinance to clarify, update, correct, make consistent and add more detail where needed. This would include but not be limited to the following:

Article 3 - Addition and modification of definitions for several terms used in the Ordinance.

Article 4 - Clarification of zoning permit requirement.

Article 5 - Revised provisions for nonconforming uses and addition of provisions for nonconforming structures and lots.

Article 6 - Addition of sale of agricultural products to Permitted uses.

Article 7 - Clarification of minimum lot size and maximum density.

Article 8 - Addition of requirement for zoning permit for home occupation.

Article 9 - Addition of provisions for expansion of nonconforming use or structure in wetland buffer, and clarification of Planning Board vs. Conservation Commission role in Wetlands Conservation Overlay District (formerly Section 604, now would be Section 901) ; addition of required language in Flood Hazard Zone (formerly Section 607, now would be Section 904).

Article 10 - Addition of Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements as provided in state law; add sample conditions for consideration by ZBA and Planning Board.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Article 03 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 2 would add provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units including added Definitions in Article 3, addition of attached accessory dwelling as a Permitted Use in Section 602.1, and addition of detached accessory dwelling units in preexisting accessory buildings as a Special Exception in Section 602.2. Would also add new Accessory Dwelling section to Article 8.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Article 04 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 3 would move houses of worship and schools from Permitted Uses in Section 602.1 to Special Exceptions in Section 602.2. similar to other public uses and buildings, and add preschool to uses allowed by Special Exception.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)



Article 05 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 4 would provide opportunities for short term rental of dwellings and of rooms in dwellings within certain limits. Would amend Article 3 Definitions and Section 801 Home Occupations to allow rental of one or two rooms to up to a total of three guests in an owner-occupied home, as an Accessory Use for nontransient guests and as a Home Occupation for transient guests. The terms "Short Term Rental" and "Transient" would be added to Section 3 Definitions, and "Short Term Rental" would be added as a Permitted Use in Section 602.1. A definition for "Tourist Homes" would be added to Section 3 Definitions, and the number of allowed guest rooms changed from 8 rooms to 5 rooms in Section 602.2 Special Exceptions with a limit of 10 lodgers.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Article 06 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 5 would replace Section 804 Illuminations in its entirety with a new Outdoor Lighting section with provisions to address light pollution and glare. The new language also contains exemptions and a process for temporary permits.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Article 07 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 6 would replace Section 606 Steep Slopes, Hillside & Ridgeline Development Overlay District and Appendix with a new Steep Slope Overlay District with performance standards that would apply to development on slopes over 15%.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Article 08 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 7 would revise and expand the Special Exception Criteria in Section 1003 Special Exceptions.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Article 09 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of

Amendment No. 8 would add a new Section to Article 4 Application of Regulations authorizing the Planning Board to adopt Site Plan Review Regulations for the development or change or expansion of nonresidential uses and for multi-family dwelling units.

(The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)



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Article 10 Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$235,771 for general Town operation as follows:

Executive	\$14,200
Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Stats	\$12,000
Financial Administration	\$15,300
Revaluation of Individual Properties	\$6,000
Legal Expenses	\$10,000
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	\$2,000
Planning & Zoning	\$5,000
Government Buildings	\$12,500
Cemetery	\$2,350
Insurance	\$2,500
Advertising & Regional Associations	\$1,620
General Government – Contingency	\$2,500
Police Department	\$0
Ambulances	\$11,500
Fire Department	\$21,050
Building Inspections	\$1,500
Emergency Management – Forest Fire	\$151
Public Safety – Other (Including Communications)	\$1,500
Highways and Streets	\$55,000
Sanitation – Solid Waste	\$27,000
Animal & Pest Control	\$300
Welfare Assistance	\$2,000
Parks and Recreation	\$18,000
Library	\$0
Patriotic Purposes	\$100
Conservation Commission	\$1,000
Construction Bonds – Principal	\$8,600
Construction Bonds – Interest	\$2,100
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Total Operating Budget	\$235,771

Article 11 Budget for Health Agencies & Hospitals

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,011 for Health Agencies & Hospitals as follows: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	\$500
North Country Home Health & Hospice	\$800
White Mountain Mental Health	\$211
CASA	\$500
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Total Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$2,011



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Article 12 Budget for Other Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,545 for Other Welfare as follows: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

American Red Cross	\$100
Center for New Beginnings	\$250
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	\$45
Tri-County CAP Energy Service Program	\$2,150
Total Other Welfare	\$2,545

Article 13 Budget for Other Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Other Culture & Recreation: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

North Country Boys & Girls Club	\$1,000
Total Other Culture & Recreation	\$1,000

Article 14 Fee for Franconia Library

To see if the Town will vote to accept a special discounted patron rate of \$10 per Easton resident at the Abbie Greenleaf Library in Franconia, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for payment to such library for this purpose; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Article 15 Fire Department Vehicle and Apparatus Capital Equi

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Vehicle and Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997); of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 16 Easton Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 17 Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repa

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 18 Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to add to the Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)



Article 19 Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 20 Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 21 Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to add to the Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 22 Conservation Capital Reserve Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to add to the Conservation Capital Reserve Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 23 To act upon any other business that may legally co

To act upon any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.