

Town of Alstead
New Hampshire
Warrant
2018

To the inhabitants of the town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: 2/3/2018

Time: 10:00

Location: Vilas Middle School

Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: 3/13/2018

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall

Details:

Article 01: Election Officers:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Yes No

Article 02: Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Alstead raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,612,746? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ 1,588,210, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). AABC (7 yes, 1 no).

Yes No

Article 03: Paving

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,055 for the purpose of paving roads to come from December 31 unassigned fund balance. This appropriation along with the \$71,945 in SB38 highway block grant funds received in 2017 will be used to pave Hill Rd, Cook Hill Rd, intersection to 12A, with any remaining asphalt to be used on Drewsville Rd and Homestead Rd. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required) AABC (8 yes-0 no).

Yes No

Article 04: To Repair the Library Steps

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to repair and preserve the integrity of the library steps and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Library Capital Reserve fund previously established in 2010. No amount to be raised by new taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 05: Vilas Walk Bridge Repair

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for the purpose of repairing the Vilas Walk Bridge. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (5 yes, 3 no). (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 06: Town Hall Renovations

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,600 for the purpose of Town Hall renovations. The sum of \$72,600 is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer January 1. No amount to be raised taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (3-0). AABC (8 yes, 0 no). (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 07: To add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$10,000 is to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. The additional \$5,000 is to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8 yes, 0 no). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 08: To add to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. \$25,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (6 yes, 1 no, 1 abstained). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 09: To add to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988. The sum of \$5,000 is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. The additional \$50,000 is to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8 yes, 0 no) Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 10: To add to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. \$25,000 will be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8 yes, 0 no). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required.)

Yes No

Article 11: To add to the Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. The sum of \$15,000 is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8 yes, 0 no). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 12: To establish a Road Project Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Road Project Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. \$10,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. AABC (8 yes, 0 no). Recommendations Required (Majority Vote Required)

Yes No

Article 13: To establish a cemetery maintenance trust fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund. Annual interest to be used for maintenance of cemeteries. The sum of \$45,000 to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer January 1. This is the same amount transferred from cemetery land capital reserve fund to the municipality's general fund by vote March 14, 2017. Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 14: Offshore wind

By petitioned of the following registered voters of Alstead, to be placed on the 2018 town warrant: Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. The Town will provide written notice urging that Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) form an intergovernmental task force for this purpose. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential of offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy, can move NH to 100% renewable jobs by 2050. The building of offshore wind farms will bring a significant number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire.

Yes No

Article 15: Fall Mountain Food Shelf

Shall the Town of Alstead allow the Fall Mountain Food Shelf the continued use of the Alstead Town Hall building, including the apparatus bay, for its once a year distribution of holiday boxes for those in need.

Yes No

Given under our hands, January 30, 2018		
We certify and attest that on or before January 30, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Municipal Offices, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Rock Wilson	Selectmen	
Tom Noonan	Selectmen	
Alan Dustin	Selectmen	

