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Alstead

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 that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

Date: February 1, 2025
Time: 10:00am
Location: Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead NH 03602
Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 11, 2025
Time: 8:00am – 7:00pm
Location: Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead NH 03602
Details:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 27, 2025, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602 and that an original was delivered to the Alstead Town Clerk

Name	Position	Signature
JOEL C. MCCARTHY	SELECTMAN	JOEL C. MCCARTHY
Gordon Kemp	Selectman	Gordon Kemp
MATTHEW SAXTON	SELECTMAN	MATTHEW SAXTON



Article 01 Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Yes No

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to 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 \$2,160,742. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,896,541 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 Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$11.08 per 1000)

Yes No

Article 03 Hill Road Bridge Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,975,000 for the purpose of replacing the bridge on Hill Road over Darby Brook (Federal Project X-A005(159) State Project #40649). \$300,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; \$275,000 of said funds to come from state bridge aid; and \$1,400,000 to come from federal MOBIL payments. No amount to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by 2030, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). No amount to be raised from taxation.

Yes No

Article 04 Comstock Road Bridge Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,855,000 for the purpose of replacing the bridge on Comstock Road over Darby Brook (Federal Project No. X-A005(222) State Project #40661). \$300,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; \$255,000 of said funds to come from state bridge aid; and \$1,300,000 to come from Federal MOBIL payments. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by 2030, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). No amount to be raised from taxation.

Yes No

Article 05 Fire Department Turnout Gear

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$12,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation; and \$4,000 to come from ARPA funds. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority



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Vote Required) (Tax impact: 6 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 06 Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$18,500 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 9.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 07 Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015. The sum of \$50,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 25 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 08 Add to Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to be added to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. The sum of \$12,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact: 6.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 09 Add to Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$30,000 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact: 15 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 10 Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011. The sum of \$10,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)(Tax impact: 5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 11 Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund



To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,500 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$62,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 32 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 12 Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$1 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)(Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 13 Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,500 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$42,500 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required)(Tax impact: 21 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 14 Add to Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 to be added to the Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2024. The sum of \$250 is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.1 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 15 Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$50,000 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 25 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 16 Reduce Planning Board Members

To see if the Town will vote to decrease the size of the Planning Board from seven (7) members to five (5) members in accordance with NH RSA 673:2. If the Town votes to decrease the board to five (5) members, the Alstead Selectboard shall appoint one member for a three-year term and one member for a two-year term. Thereafter, each member shall serve a three-year term. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)(Majority Vote Required)



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Yes No

Article 17 Repair Millot Green Gazebo Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of repairing the Millot Green Gazebo's Roof, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.00 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 18 Repair Historical Society Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of repairing the Historical Society Building's Roof, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.00 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 19 Establish Police Department Body and Dash Camera Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Camera Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purchasing body worn and vehicle dash cameras for the police department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.003 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 20 Adopt RSA 31:19

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:19, authorizing the Selectmen to accept gifts, legacies, and devises donated to the Town? Such authority shall continue indefinitely. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Yes No

Article 21 Rescind SB2

To see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law and return to traditional Town Meeting format? (3/5 Majority Required) This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

Yes No

Article 22 Establish Dam Capital Reserve Fund and Name Agents to Expend

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Dams Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of



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RSA 35:1 for for the purposes of on-going and emergency repair, maintenance, replacement, rehabilitation, and/or removal of Town owned dams and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 to be placed in this fund, \$1000 to come from unassigned Fund Balance and \$500 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.003 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 23 Feasibility Study on Withdrawal from Fall Mountain Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Fall Mountain Regional School District to conduct a study regarding the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of Alstead from the cooperative school district under the provisions of RSA 195:25. If this article passes, a committee formed to conduct this study is to report its findings to the State Board of Education. If the State Board approves a withdrawal plan, the plan must be submitted to the voters of the cooperative school district for district approval. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

Yes No

Article 24 Electronic Ballot Counting Device

To see if the voters of the Town of Alstead, pursuant to RSA 656:40, will permit the use of an electronic ballot counting device at elections in town. To see if the voters of the Town of Alstead will adopt the VotingWorks vote tabulator system, transitioning from hand counting ballots. The tabulator system would cost \$7500. The NH Secretary of State would directly pay VotingWorks \$3500. The Town of Alstead would pay the remaining \$4000, to be raised by taxes. Alstead would enter a 5 year contract with VotingWorks, at a cost of \$500 per year and \$500 per election held in each year. By petition. This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (1-2)

Yes No

Article 25 Ambulance Service Feasibility Study

Shall the town vote to direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of offering ambulance service to one or more neighboring towns? This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Yes No

Article 26 Food Freedom

Shall the Town vote to affirm our support for the following statement? The right of the people to grow food and to purchase food from the source of their choice shall not be infringed, and Congress shall make no law regulating the production and distribution of food products which do not move across state lines.

Yes No

Article 27 Establish Public Waters Capital Reserve Fund



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To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Waters Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for for the purposes of on going and emergency water testing and analysis on public waters within the boundaries of the town of Alstead; nothing in this article authorizes the town or any other party acting on its behalf access to private lands without owner permission, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 to be placed in this fund, \$1000 to be raised from unassigned fund balance. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1) (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.003 cents per 1000)

Yes

No