

The inhabitants of the Town of Benton 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:

**March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM
at Town Hall, 221 Coventry Road, Benton, NH 03785**

Article 1 Election of Town Officials

To choose persons for the following positions and terms of service: (Majority vote required)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Selectman	3 years	2026	William Darcy
Treasurer	1 year	2024	Dwight Swauger
Tax Collector	1 year	2024	Michael Stiebitz
Town Clerk	1 year	2024	Michael Stiebitz
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years	2026	Erich Saffo
Ballot Clerk	1 year	2024	Frances Hadden
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	1 year	2024	Joseph Boutin, Jr.
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years	2026	Laura Richardson
Planning Board	3 years	2026	Sam Gregory

Article 2 Acceptance of Town Reports

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the officers and agents as printed. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 3 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,475 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 4 Add funds to Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Reevaluation Capital Reserve Fund with funds to come from the Town's unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 5 Howe Hill Road paving work

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for paving 500 feet of Howe Hill Road and two culverts with funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 6 Town Hall Property Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Town Hall improvements, including a fence on the side yard and lighted sign and notice board, with funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 7 Cemetery Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for cemetery improvements, including gravestone repairs, with the funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the cemetery improvements are completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. No amount to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 8 Add Funds to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be added to the Highways/Roads Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 9 Create Bridges Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Bridges Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of maintaining and reconstructing Town-owned bridges and to raise and appropriate \$21,445.36 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)