



**2024
WARRANT**

Benton

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 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM
at Town Hall, 221 Coventry Road, Benton, NH 03785**

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2024 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at 221 Coventry Rd., Benton, NH 03785 and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature



Article 01 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	2027	Kimberli Carpenter
Moderator	2 years	2026	Gilbert Richardson
Treasurer	1 year	2025	Dwight Swauger
Tax Collector	1 year	2025	Michael Stiebitz
Town Clerk	1 year	2025	Michael Stiebitz
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years	2027	Stephanie Saffo
Ballot Clerk	1 year	2025	Frances Hadden
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	1 year	2025	Joseph Boutin, Jr.
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years	2027	Mark Elliott
Planning Board	3 years	2027	Martin Noble

Article 02 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 03 Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$134,925 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 04 Tunnel Stream Road paving work

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for paving 200 feet of Tunnel Stream Road with the funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 05 Town Hall Property Improvements

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for Town Hall improvements. That sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 Add Funds to Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Highway/Roads Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectmen recommend this article. The sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)



Article 07 Add Funds to Bridges Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to add \$5,768 to the Bridges Expendable Trust Fund with funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 08 Add Funds to the Town Maintenance Expendable Trust

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Town Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount is to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)