



SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND  
TOWN MEETING REFERENDUM WARRANT ARTICLES  
Friday, March 12, 2021

To Mercy Hanson, resident of the Town of New Sharon, in the County of  
Franklin, State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of New Sharon in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Masonic Lodge in said Town on Friday, the 12th day of March, 2021 A.D. at twelve noon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 24 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from twelve noon until seven o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1

To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To elect all municipal officers and other members as are required to be elected by secret ballot.

- Selectman – 3-year term
- Road Commissioner – 3-year term
- RSU 9 School Representative – 3-year term
- Water District Trustee – 5-year term

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit of \$636,847 established for the Town of New Sharon by State Law in the event that the municipal budget, approved under the following articles, will result in a tax commitment that exceeds that property tax levy limit?

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, a total of \$273,232.78 for operating expenses to include: Administration, Salaries for Elected and Appointed officials, E911 Officer, Health Officer, GA Administrator, General Assistance, Historical Committee, Technology, Parks & Recreation, Mowing Cemeteries, Town Office Operating, and Town Office/Fire Station Debt Service, and to carry forward \$417.22 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.

*Explanation: excluding the newly acquired debt service on the Fire Station/Town office, this represents a 1.56% increase from the previous year.*

Administration	\$47,850.00
Selectmen	\$22,500.00
Clerk/Tax Collector	\$25,900.00
Deputy TC/Clerk	\$3,900.00
Treasurer	\$14,800.00
Assessing Agent	\$15,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$10,000.00
E911 Officer	\$1,000.00
Health Officer	\$500.00

GA Administrator	\$500.00
Historical Committee	\$2,000.00
Technology	\$10,000.00
Town Hall Operating	\$20,000.00
Parks & Recreation	\$9,000.00
Mowing Cemeteries	\$5,700.00
New Office/Fire Station Debt Service	\$84,000.00
General Assistance	\$1,000.00
General Assistance Carry Forward	<u>-\$417.22</u>
TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$273,232.78

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$124,350.00 for the operation of Public Safety to include Animal Control, Street Lights, Fire Department, Fire Department Truck Reserve, Fire Protection (water/hydrants) and Ambulance Subsidy, and to carry forward \$671.00 for Animal Control for the ensuing year.

*Explanation: This represents a -7.93% decrease from the previous year.*

Animal Control	\$7,014.00
Street Lights	\$7,500.00
Fire Department	\$67,850.00
Fire Truck Reserve	\$10,000.00
Fire Protection	\$19,402.00
Ambulance Subsidy	\$13,255.00
Animal Control Carry Forward	<u>-\$671.00</u>
TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$124,350.00

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$531,611.00 for the operation of Public Works to include Snow Plowing, Care and Maintenance of Winter and Summer Roads, Salt Shed, Paving and Snow Blowing Rte. 2 Sidewalk, and to carry forward \$43,852.00 for Local Road Assistance for the ensuing year.

*Explanation: This represents a 11.96% increase from the previous year.*

Roads	
Summer Maintenance	\$332,963.00
Winter Maintenance	\$71,000.00
Snowplowing Contract	\$160,000.00
Snow Blowing Rte. 2 Sidewalk	\$1,500.00
Roads Capital Improvement	
Reserve Account	\$10,000.00
Less 2020 Local Road Assistance (received)	<u>-\$43,852.00</u>
TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$531,611.00

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$112,500.00 for Solid Waste Disposal and Curbside Pickup for the ensuing year.

*Explanation: This represents a 2.27% increase from the previous year on contract pricing.*

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$31,397.00 for the Town's operation of the Jim Ditzler Memorial Library for the ensuing year.

*Explanation: This represents a 26.83% decrease from the previous year.*

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$19,000.00 for Insurance and Worker's Compensation for the ensuing year.

*Explanation: This represents a 11.76% increase from the previous year due to wage increases and increases to premiums.*

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation \$10,500 for the Town's share of Social Security for the ensuing year.

*Explanation: This represents a 5% increase from the previous year.*

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from unappropriated surplus, the sum of \$10,000 to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the calendar year 2021.

*Explanation: This represents a 0% increase from the previous year.*

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town vote to allow overlay to cover Abatements.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town transfer the money received from the State for Snowmobile Registrations to the New Sharon Snow Riders Snowmobile Club?

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, FEMA, federal or other governmental units, grants or private sources which become available during the year, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property and use to lower the commitment.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town set the date of 30 days from commitment after which interest shall be charged at the rate of 5% per year, or part thereof, on taxes unpaid after that date; and that the Tax Collector shall settle with the Treasurer within one year of commitment?

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property? Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town use the Excise Tax money to help off-set the cost of capital improvements and maintenance of roads?

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to negotiate temporary loans, said loans to be repaid during the 2021 calendar year?

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the amount in the 2021 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2022 to the 2022 annual Town Meeting?

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads for winter maintenance?

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town accept prepayment of taxes prior to the commitment and to pay no interest thereon?

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multiple year contract for snow plowing services?

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus, \$26,929 (representing unexpended balances in the prior year) to lower the tax commitment.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal Officers:

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Lorna Nichols

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Travis Pond

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Paula Nason

Board of Selectmen  
Town of New Sharon

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A True Copy  
Attest:

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of New Sharon, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said Warrant at the door of the New Sharon Town Hall, the bulletin board outside Sandy River Farm Store, New Sharon Post Office and Douin's Market, being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the 2nd day of March, 2021 A.D., being at least seven days before the meeting.

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Mercy Hanson, Resident of New Sharon, Maine 04955

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The Registrar of Voters will be at the Masonic Lodge on Town Election day one hour before the election to accept registrations of those becoming eligible to vote. A person who is not registered to vote cannot vote in any election.