TOWN OF SWANZEY

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SWANZEY, NH 03446-0009
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Board of Selectmen Meeting Agenda

Whitcomb Hall, 17 Main Street

January 7, 2026

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2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes
   A. Regular Meeting:

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   A. Payroll Manifest
   B. Accounts Payable Manifest
   C. LIHTC Properties Set Tax - M/232 L/14- M/232 L/21- M/110 L/70- M/232 L/53
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   E. Tax Supplement Warrant – M/232 L/21
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   H. Tax Abate and Refund – M/232 L/53
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6. Appointments

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   B. 2026 Town Warrant Review & Update as needed
   C. Water study Committee
   D. 250th Committee

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   A. Acceptance of NH Dept of Safety-Homeland Security & Emergency Management Grant ($11,812.50)

9. Administrative Update

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*Please make a note this was approved at a meeting prior to this.

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UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETINGS

January 13	Public Budget Hearing & Bond (if needed) Hearing at Whitcomb Hall
January 14	Board of Selectmen Meeting & Continuation of Plain View CDBG Public Hearing
January 9	Last Day for petition warrant articles (proposed bond)
January 13	Last Day for petition warrant articles (no bond)
January 21	Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 28	Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 3	Deliberative Session (last day to hold 2/7)
February 11	Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 18	Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 25	Board of Selectmen Meeting
March 10	Second Session (Town Meeting/voting day)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- Detective - Full time and/or Part time ○ Posting Date: Nov 12, 2019, 03:08 PM End Date: Open until filled
- Police Officers ○ Posting Date: Dec 30, 2024, 03:08 PM End Date: Open until filled
- On-Call Firefighters and EMTs positions ○ Posting Date: 03-04-2025 End Date: Open until filled

PENDING BOARD MATTERS / PROJECTS

- Wastewater Solar Array – The project is complete and is on the grid! Staff is currently seeking grants and exemptions to decrease the loan amount.
- Swanzey Lake Dam – Engineering Services have been awarded to Fuss & O'Neil.
- Rail Trail Improvements – We are currently reviewing the scope and design for the Rail Trail improvements under the TAP grant.
- Christian Hill Road Bridge Replacement – Work is pending due to NEPA review. Design work has been progressing well but slowly. Current hold up is with the Division of Historical Resources regarding historic mitigation. As required, we listed this bridge for sale and received no bids so it can be hopefully repurposed at the Ashuelot Rail Trail to bridge one of the large washouts. We are waiting for DES approval to give clearance to move forward with design of bridge relocation. Then Hoyle Tanner has provided a scope of work and cost for design, which will be 100% funded by NHDOT because it is a mitigation project.
- NHDOT Rt. 32 Bridge over Martin Brook and Dry Hydrant – Progress is slow, continuing to work with DOT and DuBois & King. A design and cost estimate for the dry hydrant were provided to DOT on 1/28.

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Bidding for construction is now scheduled in March or ’26 with construction likely in ’27. A public hearing is expected this spring for a project update and revised schedule.

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Study – We had the kickoff meeting with NHDES and Underwood Engineers on 1/21 and a stie visit with Underwood Engineers on 1/22. Current schedule is:
    - Metals & Phosphorus Removal Pilot Study — January – July 2025
    - Historical Review, Future Projections, WWTF Inspection — March 2025
    - Mid-point meeting with Town & NHDES — June 2025
    - Capacity and Future Upgrades — June 2025
    - Draft hard copy report for review by Town & NHDES — August 2025
    - Wrap-up meeting with Town & NHDES — September 2025
    - Final hard copy & electronic report — September 2025
    - Estimated completion — October 2025

Brown Field Improvements – Staff is working on identifying grants or other funding sources

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October 28, 2025

Pursuant to RSA 75:1-a, the 2025 tax amount for the following LIHTC properties are set as follows:

Map 232 Lot 14 (Old Map 71 Lot 4-1)	Riverbend	$ 43,934.00
Map 232 Lot 21 (Old Map 71 Lot 13)	Evergreen Knoll	$57,134.00
Map 110 Lot 70 (Old Map 72 Lot 29)	Swanzey Township	$ 21,450.00
Map 232 Lot 53 (Old Map 72 Lot 98)	Swanzey West Ltd Partnership	$ 106,920.

Swanzey Board of Selectmen

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W. William Hutwelker

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James Tempesta

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Mark LaBelle

TAX COLLECTOR'S PROPERTY TAX SUPPLEMENT WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cheshire ss.

TO: Kevin Westcott, Collector of Taxes for Swanzey, New Hampshire in said county.

In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes committed to you, amounting to the sum of Six Thousand Twenty Six Dollars ($6,026.00) and with interest at eight (8%) percent per annum on all sums not paid thirty (30) days after the bills are mailed.

And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) or more.

Given under our hands at Swanzey, New Hampshire, this Seventh day of January in 2026.

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Board Of Selectmen
Swanzey, New Hampshire

Owner	PID & Location	Amount
WEST SWANZEY AFFORDABLE HSING	232 / 14 / 0 / 0 / 0	**$6,026.00**
831 COURT ST	836 WEST SWANZEY RD	
KEENE, NH 03431-1712		
Reason: TO ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL BILL PER LIHTC TAX AMT RCVD PER ASSESSOR 12/24/25		

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TO: Kevin Westcott, Collector of Taxes for Swanzey, New Hampshire in said county.

In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes committed to you, amounting to the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One Dollars ($3,251.00) and with interest at eight (8%) percent per annum on all sums not paid thirty (30) days after the bills are mailed.

And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) or more.

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EVERGREEN KNOLL LTD PRTNRSHP	232 / 21 / 0 / 0 / 0	**$3,251.00**
831 COURT ST	851 WEST SWANZEY RD	
KEENE, NH 03431		
Reason: TO ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL BILL PER LIHTC TAX AMT RCVD PER ASSESSOR 12/24/25		

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TO: Kevin Westcott, Collector of Taxes for Swanzey, New Hampshire in said county.

In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes committed to you, amounting to the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Three Dollars ($2,863.00) and with interest at eight (8%) percent per annum on all sums not paid thirty (30) days after the bills are mailed.

And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) or more.

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Board Of Selectmen
Swanzey, New Hampshire

Owner	PID & Location	Amount
234 OLD HOMESTEAD HWY RLTY LLC %JOHN BURK PO BOX 705 KEENE, NH 03431-705	210 / 12 / 0 / 0 / 0 OLD HOMESTEAD HWY	**$2,863.00**
Reason: TO ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILL AT REVISED ASSESSED VALUE PER ASSESSOR		

Town of Swanzey, NH ABATEMENT# 2026-01

CR: _____
DB: 01-4999-4999-1-990

To the Collector of Taxes:

By vote of the Board of Selectmen upon the application of
234 Old Homestead Hwy Realty LLC 210/12
Property owner name(s) Map/Lot

We have abated the amount of $ 5916.00

Cause of abatement: To abate second 2025 second issue tax bill and will issue corrective supplemental property tax bill with revised assessed value per Assessor.

Per order, _____

_____

Date _____ _____
White = tax collector Yellow = finance Pink = book Swanzey Board of Selectmen

Town of Swanzey, NH

REFUND# 2026-02

CR: _____
DB: 01-4999-4999-1-990

To the Collector of Taxes:

By vote of the Board of Selectmen upon the application of
Swanzey West Limited Partnership 232/53
Property owner name(s) Map/Lot

We have abated the amount of $ - 6,544.00

Cause of abatement: To abate and refund overpayment per LIHTC tax amount received from Assessor on 12/24/25.

Per order, _____

_____

Date _____ _____
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Town of Swanzey, NH REFUND# 2026-03

CR: _____
DB: 01-4999-4999-1-990

To the Collector of Taxes:

By vote of the Board of Selectmen upon the application of
Swanzey Township Housing Assoc. 110/70
Property owner name(s) Map/Lot

We have abated the amount of $ -1,317.00

Cause of abatement: To abate and refund overpayment per LIHTC tax amount received from Assessor on 12/24/25.

Per order, _____

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Date _____ _____
White = tax collector Yellow = finance Pink = book Swanzey Board of Selectmen

ORIGINAL WARRANT
YIELD TAX LEVY
January 7, 2026
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COUNTY OF: Cheshire

TO: ***Kevin Westcott*** , Collector of Taxes for Town of: Swanzey , in said County.

In the name of said State, you are hereby directed to collect on or before thirty (30) days from the date of bill from the person(s) named herewith committed to you, the Yield Tax set against their name(s), amounting in all to the yield tax due, below, with interest at eighteen (18%) percent per annum from the due date and on all sums not paid on or before that day. We further order you to pay all monies collected to the treasurer of said town, or treasurer's designee as provided in RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily when receipts exceed $1,500.00, or more often when directed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration.

Given under our hands and seal at ***Swanzey***

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NAME & ADDRESS	TAX MAP & LOT	OPERATION #	YIELD TAX DUE
Yale University 360 Prospect St. New Haven, CT 06511-2104	**218/73 & 218/88**	**25-441-19-T**	**$666.65**
		DATE YIELD TAX DUE:	**February 6, 2026**

Form PA-9

CERTIFICATION OF YIELD TAXES ASSESSED
INTENT FILED DURING TAX YEAR: April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

TOWN / CITY OF: Swanzey
COUNTY OF: Cheshire
DATE OF BILLING: January 7, 2026

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MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
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CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
or E-mail to timber@dra.nh.gov

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NAME OF OWNER	**SPECIES**	**NUMBER OF BOARD FEET (In Thousands)**	**NUMBER OF TONS**	**NUMBER OF CORDS**	**STUMPAGE VALUE**		**TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE**	**TAX AT 10 %**	
Yale University	WHITE PINE					$175.00			
	HEMLOCK					$50.00			**Subtotal of TAXES Due (Col. #9)**
360 Prospect St.	RED PINE	110.058				$60.00	$6,603.48	$660.35	
New Haven, CT 06511-2104	SPRUCE & FIR					$125.00			
# 2	HARD MAPLE					$300.00			
DESIGNATED ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT	WHITE BIRCH					$120.00			**$666.65**
	YELLOW BIRCH					$225.00			
	OAK					$400.00			
MAP & LOT NUMBER	ASH					$225.00			**Less bond or amount previously paid, *if applicable***
	SOFT MAPLE					$150.00			
218/73 & 218/88	BEECH/PALLET/TIE LOGS					$90.00			
	PINE BOX / PALLET					$25.00			
	OTHER:								
	OTHER:								
# 3	OTHER:								
OPERATION NUMBER					**TONS**	**CORDS**			
	SPRUCE & FIR				$ 1.00				**Total Amount Due**
25-441-19-T	HARDWOOD & ASPEN				$ 4.00				
	PINE		126.04		$ 0.50		$63.02	$6.30	
	HEMLOCK				$ 1.50				**$666.65**
ACCOUNT OR SERIAL #:	BIOMASS CHIPS				$ 0.25				
	HIGH GRADE SPRUCE				$ 16.00				
	CORDWOOD					$ 15.00			
							$6,666.50	**$666.65**	

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NAME & ADDRESS	TAX MAP & LOT	OPERATION #	YIELD TAX DUE
Yale University 360 Prospect St. New Haven, CT 06511-2104	**204/14**	**25-441-18-T**	**$762.26**
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360 Prospect St.	HEMLOCK					$50.00			**Subtotal of TAXES Due (Col. #9)**
New Haven, CT 06511-2104	RED PINE	124.109				$60.00	$7,446.54	$744.65	
	SPRUCE & FIR					$125.00			
# 2	HARD MAPLE					$300.00			
DESIGNATED ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT	WHITE BIRCH					$120.00			**$762.26**
	YELLOW BIRCH					$225.00			
	OAK					$400.00			
MAP & LOT NUMBER	ASH					$225.00			**Less bond or amount previously paid, *if applicable***
	SOFT MAPLE					$150.00			
204/14	BEECH/PALLET/TIE LOGS					$90.00			
	PINE BOX / PALLET					$25.00			
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	SPRUCE & FIR				$ 1.00				**Total Amount Due**
25-441-18-T	HARDWOOD & ASPEN				$ 4.00				
	PINE		142.12		$ 0.50		$71.06	$7.11	
	HEMLOCK				$ 1.50				**$762.26**
ACCOUNT OR SERIAL #:	BIOMASS CHIPS				$ 0.25				
	HIGH GRADE SPRUCE				$ 16.00				
	CORDWOOD					$ 15.00			
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DATE OF BILLING: January 7, 2026

NAME & ADDRESS	TAX MAP & LOT	OPERATION #	YIELD TAX DUE
Fisher, Stanley & Matthew S. 70 Summer St. Swanzey, NH 03446	**233/20**	**25-441-17-T**	**$1,861.58**
		DATE YIELD TAX DUE:	**February 6, 2026**

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Fisher, Stanley & Matthew S.	WHITE PINE	115.965				$152.90	$17,731.05	$1,773.11	
70 Summer St.	HEMLOCK	0.430				$41.50	$17.85	$1.79	**Subtotal of TAXES Due (Col. #9)**
Swanzey, NH 03446	RED PINE	0.465				$48.10	$22.37	$2.24	
	SPRUCE & FIR	1.130				$109.70	$123.96	$12.40	
# 2	HARD MAPLE					$249.00			
DESIGNATED ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT	WHITE BIRCH					$99.60			**$1,861.58**
	YELLOW BIRCH					$189.30			
	OAK	0.575				$332.00	$190.90	$19.09	
MAP & LOT NUMBER	ASH	0.540				$196.10	$105.89	$10.59	**Less bond or amount previously paid, *if applicable***
	SOFT MAPLE					$124.50			
233/20	BEECH/PALLET/TIE LOGS	4.580				$69.60	$318.77	$31.88	
	PINE BOX / PALLET					$18.20			
	OTHER:								
	OTHER:								
# 3	OTHER:								
OPERATION NUMBER					**TONS**	**CORDS**			
	SPRUCE & FIR				$ 0.66				**Total Amount Due**
25-441-17-T	HARDWOOD & ASPEN		22.94		$ 3.15		$72.26	$7.23	
	PINE		98.61		$ 0.33		$32.54	$3.25	
	HEMLOCK				$ 0.99				**$1,861.58**
ACCOUNT OR SERIAL #:	BIOMASS CHIPS				$ 0.17				
	HIGH GRADE SPRUCE				$ 14.64				
	CORDWOOD					$ 12.62			
							$18,615.59	**$1,861.58**	

2026 WARRANT
Town of Swanzey, State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Swanzey in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

FIRST SESSION You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the annual Town Meeting, to be held at Whitcomb Hall, 17 Main Street, Swanzey, NH on **Tuesday, the 3rd day of February 2026 at 7:00 p.m**. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except election of officers and warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

SECOND SESSION You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the annual Town Meeting on **Tuesday, the 10th day of March 2026, at the Monadnock Regional High School Gymnasium, 600 Old Homestead Hwy, Swanzey NH between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** to vote by official ballot to elect Town officers, to vote by official ballot on warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session and to vote on those other official ballot questions whose wording is prescribed by state law.

Article 1 To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectman (2 seats)	3-year term
Board of Selectman (1 seat)	1-year term
Planning Board (2 seats)	3-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds (1 seat)	3-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds (1 seat)	1-year term
Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 seats)	3-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist (1 seat)	6-year term
Mt. Caesar Union Library (1 seat)	1- year term
Stratton Free Library (1 seat)	3-year term

ZONING ARTICLES TO BE PLACED HERE

Article 4 Termination of SRDD Tax Increment Financing District

To see if the Town shall vote to amend the Swanzey Revenue Development District Plan, established in 1999 pursuant to RSA 162-K, to terminate the Swanzey Revenue Development District upon the payment in full of all outstanding debts and obligations; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions related to and necessary to effectuate such termination, including, but not limited to, payment of outstanding obligations, disposition of remaining funds in accordance with RSA 162-K:10, and notification to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. (Majority Vote Required)

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 5 Public Works Facility

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,200,000) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, and constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Public Works building on Town owned property located at 98 Pine Street; One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) to come from the Public Works Facilities Expendable Trust Fund, and One Million and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($1,050,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 vote required)

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 6 Operating Budget

Shall the Town 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 $8,924,870? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $8,891,785, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 7 Capital Reserve & Expendable Trust Funds

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars ($527,500) by general taxation to be placed ~~in~~ the following expendable trust and capital reserve accounts of the Town?

Expendable Trust Funds	Amount	Capital Reserve Funds	Amount
Revaluation & Updates	$40,000	Fire Stations	$10,000
TH Repairs/Maint. /Improvement	$200,000	Fire Trucks	$30,000
Emergency Communications	$10,000	Police Cruisers	$75,000
Fire Dept. Tools & Equip.	$10,000	Recreation Facility Improvements	$20,000
Fire Ponds	$20,000	Recycling Center Improvements	$50,000

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Police Facilities Maintenance	$5,000	Golden Rod Grange Hall	$7,500
Police IMS	$5,000	Mt. Caesar Union Library	$5,000
Stratton Free Library	$30,000		
Town Hall IMS	$10,000		

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 8 Public Works Capital Reserve & Expendable Trust Funds

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000) by general taxation to be placed in the following expendable trust and capital reserve accounts of the Town?

Expendable Trust Funds	Amount	Capital Reserve Funds	Amount
Public Works Facilities	$5,000	Highway & Cemetery Equipment	$200,000
Road Rehab & Reconstruction	$400,000	Sidewalks	$35,000
Rail Trails	$10,000	Town Bridges	$25,000
Cemetery Expansion Fund	$5,000	Town Dams	$10,000
		Covered Bridges	$10,000

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 9 Ambulance ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) to be placed in the Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund with such sum to be raised by general taxation?
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 10 Establish a Community Infrastructure ETF

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Community Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for expenses related to projects addressing infrastructure needs throughout the community, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in said fund with this amount to come from general taxation. Further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required) (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 11 Rescind Bond Authority

To see if the Town shall vote pursuant to RSA 33:8-f to rescind bonding authority for Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($900,000) for the Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts approved by Warrant Article 7 of the 2019 Town Meeting? (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 12 Rescind SB2 and Return to Traditional Town Meeting

To see if the Town shall vote to rescind the Official Ballot Town Meeting (SB2) form of Town meeting adopted pursuant to RSA 40:14-a and RSA 40:14-b, and to return to the Traditional Open Town Meeting form of government, to take effect beginning with the next annual town meeting; or take any action relative thereto. (Majority vote required) (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 13 Elderly Tax Exemptions Modifications

To see if the Town shall vote to modify the Elderly exemptions for property tax, pursuant to N.H. RSA 72:27-a, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65-74 years of age increase to $50,000 (currently $25,000); for a person 75-79 years of age increase to $75,000 (currently $35,000); for a person 80 years of age or older increase to $100,000 (currently $40,000), and additionally adjust the income level of the single filer to $35,000 (currently $24,000), married filing jointly to $60,000 (currently $32,000).
To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) consecutive years preceding April 1st, must own the real estate individually, or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his or her spouse, they must have been married and living together for at least three (3) years, in addition the taxpayers must have a net income of not more than $35,000 (currently $24,000) if single, or if married, a combined net income of $60,000 (currently $32,000), and own net assets not in excess of $70,000 (currently $50,000) excluding the value of the person's primary residence which must be in the Town of Swanzey. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 14 Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability Modification

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35, Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability, by increasing the amount of the credit from $4,000 to $4,500, to take effect for the 2026 property tax year. (Majority vote required.) (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 15 Improvements to the Ashuelot Rail Trail

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the expenditure in 2020 Warrant Article 9 and to raise and appropriate $1,740,000 for improvements to the Ashuelot Rail Trail. The Town will be reimbursed 80% in the amount of $1,392,000 by the NH Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program and $348,000 from the undesignated fund balance or other grants and fundraising. 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 December 31, 2032, whichever is sooner. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)
Rescind the old and renew the expenditure to show accurate figures –to give us more money and more time to complete the project.

Article 16 Lower Winchester Street/Route 10 Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $XYZ for the Lower Winchester Street / Rt. 10 improvement project. The Town will be reimbursed 80% in the amount of $XYZ by the State of New Hampshire and $XYZ from the undesignated fund balance or other grants and fundraising. 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 December 31, 2032, whichever is sooner. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

Article 17 Petition Article

Shall the Town vote to delay the removal and replacement of historic town owned Christian Hill Road Bridge over the Ashuelot Rail Trail (NH DOT Bridge NO. 098/ 122) for one year; and to furthermore, authorize the Selectman to appoint a committee to study any impact the removal replacement will have on the West Swanzey historical district it is located in; and to report back to the selectmen, its recommendations for the future of the bridge no later than October, 2026.

Article 18 Petition Article

Shall the Town vote to preserve the historic, town owned Christian Hill Road bridge over the Ashuelot Rail Trail (NHDOT Bridge No. 098/122) in its current location.

Given under our hand and seal this XX day of January in the year two thousand twenty-six.

Swanzey Board of Selectmen

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W. William Hutwelker, III

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James Tempesta

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Mark LaBelle

A true copy – Attest:

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