

Dalton

The inhabitants of the Town of Dalton in the County of Coos 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 (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 8:00am - 7:00pm

Location: Meeting Room @ 756 Dalton Road, Dalton, NH 03598 Details: Voting for Town Officials and Warrant Articles (if applicable)

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Gymnasium @ 756 Dalton Road, Dalton, NH 03598

Details: Town Meeting

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 756 Dalton Road, Dalton, NH 03598 and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Jo Beth Dudley	Select Board Chair	As Buth Endley
Carol Sheltry	Select Board Member	Carol Shelting
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Article 01 Election of officers

To elect all necessary officers for the year.

Article 02 STANDARD AND OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT (RSA 72

Shall the town READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00?

Majority vote required.

Article 03 Combine Tax Collector & Town Clerk Positions

PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: To see if the Town of Dalton, NH will vote to combine the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector to be one office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office to be held by one individual. (RSA 41:45-a) Position will be filled by official ballot and will run for a term of 3 years. Voting by official ballot.

Majority vote required.

Article 04 Operating budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,009,300) for the General Town Operations.

Article 05 Town Building CRF

To see if the Town of Dalton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Town Owned Buildings Improvement, Expansion and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article.

(Majority vote required.)

Article 06 Sewer Pump CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.

Article 07 Highway Dept CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.



Article 08 Paving CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.

Article 09 Fire Dept Vehicle Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.

Article 10 Fire/EMS Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire/EMS Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.

Article 11 Legal Fund CRF

To see if the Town of Dalton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Legal Fund CRF previously established.

The Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.

Article 12 Transfer Funds for Fire Vehicle Sale

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This sum returns proceeds from the sale of the old Fire Department Ford Explorer to the corresponding CRF.

The Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.



Article 13 Transfer Funds for Highway Vehicle Sale

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) to be added to the Highway Dept. Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This sum returns proceeds from the sale of the old 2004 Ford Dump Truck to the corresponding CRF.

The Select Board recommends this article.

Majority vote required.

Article 14 PWA: Use of Fund Balance

PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: We the undersigned request that the voters of Dalton authorize the select board to use the 2023 unexpended fund balance of \$161,991 to reduce property taxes for 2024.

Article 15 PWA: Budget Transparency

PETITON WARRANT ARTICLE: We the undersigned request that the voters of Dalton require the select board to provide a detailed line by line itemized budget to the voters at budget hearing meetings and that this detailed budget be updated monthly with expenditures and balances made available to the public on a monthly basis.

Article 16 PWA: Reduced 2024 Proposed Budget

PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE: Whereas the cost of town operations for 2023 were \$793,109.02, we request that the Town of Dalton voters set 2024 appropriations at \$955,100. Outlined here is out reasoning:

The 130,959.27 Capital Outlay is listed as an expenditure and a variance to the budget when it did not come out of the budget, but it came out of the capital savings account. It needs to be added to the \$31,031.71 of unspent appropriations to show the true cost of running the town in 2023. 130,959.27

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This amount of 161,990.98 needs to be subtracted from the 2023 appropriations to get what it actually cost to run the town in 2023.

955,100.00 appropriation 2023

-161,990.98 actual budget variance

793,109.02 actual 2023 budget expenditures

We are requesting that the 2024 budget be passed at the same level as the 2023 appropriations of 955,100.00 (This amount includes all warrant articles 2-13 excluding article 3)

This petitioned warrant article supersedes warrant article Article 3.

(Note that the \$130,959.27 capital outlay of 2023 was funded through a capital reserve fund and not from 2023 appropriations.)

Article 17 Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.