



# Town of Danville

2023 TOWN WARRANT ARTICLE SUMMARY

TO BE VOTED ON March 14, 2023



## Selectmen

Shawn O'Neil

Steve Woitkun

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## Town Clerk

Christine Tracy

## Tax Collector

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Dear Resident:

This warrant article listing is being provided to help you better understand the ballot articles on which you will be voting. Articles 2023-03 through 2023-04 inclusive are Planning Board Articles, and 2023-5 through 2023-19 are Selectmen and Department Articles. Any additional Articles are Citizen Petitions. The tax impact noted on the various articles is the Selectmen's best estimate based on the town's 2022 valuation of \$585,127,848.00 as defined by the MS-I line 21.

You will note that some articles have recommendations by the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and Budget Committee and some do not. This is a requirement by RSA 32:5, V-(a) which states that only special warrant articles shall contain the notation on whether or not the appropriation is recommended by these Boards. This doesn't mean the Boards do or do not recommend the other Articles. The Boards are not allowed to add this notation except for those warrants required by State law.

On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, there will be a Candidate's Night at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. We encourage the public to ask questions of the election candidates and on the ballot Articles. The Selectmen's Office has requested each department be present to explain their ballot Articles and to participate in this public discussion.

### *Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting)*

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2023, at 8:00 am at the Danville Community Center, Danville, New Hampshire to vote by official ballot on the election of town officials, and on all warrant articles.

Please vote on March 14th; polls will be open 8 AM to 8 PM. You may register to vote on March 14, 2023, at the polls (Danville Community Center) if you are not already registered.

**Article 2023-01**      **Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.**

**Article 2023-02**      **Choose all School District Officers for the year ensuing.**

**Article 2023-03**      **Planning Board's Modification of Town of Danville Zoning Ordinance**  
To see if the Town of Danville will vote to amend the Town of Danville Zoning Ordinance to clarify review requirements for Forestry activities in the Town Forest. Specifically, this will change Article XIII.B.9 subsections f, g, h, & i by replacing all four subsections with clarified exemption language contained in a new subsection f and renumbering existing subsections j & k accordingly. The new Article XIII.B.9.f will read as follows: All wood-cutting activities and Forest Management practices of the Danville Forestry Committee, or their agents, within the Danville Town Forest, subject to all easements, covenants, legal agreements, and bequest restrictions.

**Recommended by the Planning Board (6-0)**

**Article 2023-04**      **Citizen Petition – Petition for Amendment to Zoning Ordinance**  
To see if the Town of Danville will vote to amend the Town of Danville Zoning Ordinance to clarify historic district review requirements for forestry activities in the town forest. Specifically, this will change Article XIII.B.9 subsections f, g, h, & i by replacing all four subsections with clarified exemption language contained in a new subsection f and renumbering existing subsections j & k accordingly. The new Article XIII.B.9.f will read as follows: All wood-cutting activities and Forest Management practices of the Danville Forestry Committee, or their agents, within the Danville Town Forest, subject to Article XIII.B.8 of this ordinance and all easements, covenants, legal agreements, and bequest restrictions.

**Not recommended by the Planning Board (0-6)**

**Article 2023-05**      **Operating Budget**  
Shall the Town of Danville 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 Four Million, Five Hundred Seventy Thousand, Five Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,570,502.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$4,388,740.00).

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

**Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (2-4-0)**

*Estimated Tax Impact Operating Budget \$7.85 per thousand*

*Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$7.54 per thousand*

**Article 2023-06**      **Fire Department Purchase of Pumper/Tanker**  
To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new 3000-gallon Pumper/Tanker Truck to replace the existing 1992 Pumper/Tanker. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V.  
\$300,000.00 to be paid from Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund  
\$125,000.00 to be paid from Public Safety Impact Fees  
\$125,000.00 to be paid from American Rescue Plan Act

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*No Tax Impact*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to replace the current 1992 Pumper/Tanker and the means to purchase will be funded as noted above. The end of year 2022 balance is \$308,095.66.*

**Article 2023-07 Disposal of 1992 Fire Department Pumper/Tanker**

If Article 2023-06 passes, to see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen/Fire Chief to sell, by competitive sealed bid, the existing 1992 Pumper/Tanker and to appropriate the sale monies to be placed in the Town's General Fund.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
*No Tax Impact*

**Article 2023-08 New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$420,350.00) to be deposited in the New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund (previously established WA 2000-18) under the provisions of RSA 35:1. Offsetting funds were acquired from tax acquisition, after expenses, sale of property of 599 Main Street, also known as the Elm Farm and are available from Unreserved Fund Balance. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2)**  
**Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (2-4-0)**  
*No Tax Impact*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to add funds to the established fund and lessen the financial burden in the future of the Townspeople. The end of year 2022 balance is \$106,789.16.*

**Article 2023-09 Highway Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of future highway vehicles and equipment previously established.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.13 per thousand*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to add funds to the established fund and lessen the financial burden in the future of the Townspeople. The end of year 2022 balance is \$25,053.06.*

**Article 2023-10 New Softball Field**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00) to plan, design, and construct a softball field for youth athletics, with the Danville Youth League donating Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be raised by taxation.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-1)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04 per thousand*

**Article 2023-11      *Adoption of Retirement Plan for Employees and Elected Officials***  
To see if the Town will vote to adopt a 457-retirement plan for employees and elected officials.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to create a Retirement Plan. If established, participant will fund the Plan through payroll deductions. There is no Town contribution from this WA.*

**Article 2023-12      *Adoption of Retirement Plan for Employees and Elected Officials***  
If Article 2023-11 passes to see if the Town will establish a 3% matching program, part of the operating budget, to a maximum of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) per person per year, for the Employee Retirement Plan, this year up to Thirty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$38,863.00).

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Not Recommended by the Budget Committee (2-4-0)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0668 per thousand*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to fund the Retirement Plan this year and future years through the Operating Budget.*

**Article 2023-13      *Colby Memorial Library Infrastructure and Facility Non-Capital Reserve Fund***

To see if the Town of Danville will raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to go into this fund for the engineering, repair, and renovation of facilities and the upgrade of the Colby Memorial Library's infrastructure.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**  
*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0086 per thousand*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to add funds to the established fund and lessen the financial burden in the future of the Townspeople. The end of year 2022 balance is \$20,129.64.*

**Article 2023-14      *Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Future Expansion of the Highway Garage***

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to establish a Highway Capital Reserve Fund for Future Expansion of the Highway Garage under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0086 per thousand*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to create the fund and put some funds aside to lessen the financial burden in the future of the Townspeople.*

**Article 2023-15 Animal Control Vehicle Replacement Non-Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the Animal Control Vehicle Replacement Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established for future replacement of Animal Control Vehicle Purchases.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0-0)**

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0009 per thousand*

*Discussion: The Animal Control Vehicle currently is a 2005 Ford E150 Econoline Van with approximately 157627 miles. The van is used to pick up lost/found/injured, and sometimes deceased animals and other calls by the ACO. The Animal Control Officer will utilize these funds in the future when it becomes necessary to purchase another. The end of year 2022 balance is \$5,038.26*

**Article 2023-16 Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the existing Cemetery Capital Reserve for future cemetery expansion.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**

*Estimated Tax Impact \$0.0017 per thousand*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is to add funds to the established fund and lessen the financial burden in the future of the Townspeople. The end of year 2022 balance is \$44,749.15.*

**Article 2023-17 Colby Memorial Library Expend Interest**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$261.00) to purchase books and authorize the use of that amount from the interest income earned from the library's TD Bank checking account and to authorize the expenditure of those funds by the Library Trustees.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

**Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**

*No Tax Impact*

**Article 2023-18 Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to discontinue the Highway Sand/Salt Shed Account. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee (6-0-0)**  
*No Tax Impact*

*Discussion: The intent of this WA is close this Capital Reserve account now that the Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building has been completed. The end of year 2022 balance is \$4.99.*

**Article 2023-19 Change Governance of the Fire Ward System**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote to adopt and change the governance from the Fire Ward system and appoint the fire chief by the local governing body, or by the town or city manager, if any, with firefighters appointed by the local governing body or manager, upon recommendation of the fire chief per RSA 154:1.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**  
*No Tax Impact*

*Discussion: This warrant article is recommended by the Danville Fire Wards (3-0) and the Danville Fire Chief.*

**Article 2023-20 Veterans' Property Tax Credit**

Shall the Town of Danville readopt the All-Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b) for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount or optional veterans credited voted by the Town of Danville under RSA 72:28? To allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the All-Veterans' Tax Credit of \$750 to now include those service members that are currently serving and have not yet been honorably discharged from the armed services. The readoption of the All-Veterans' Tax Credit, if approved would continue to offer a \$750 tax credit to all honorably discharged Veterans that qualify under the current requirements of RSA 72:28-b but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not yet been discharged from active service. Note: If this Article does not pass the All-Veterans' Tax Credit would revert to the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit under RSA 72:28, I, and as of April 1, 2023, the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit would be in place and reduce the Veterans' Tax Credit from \$750 to \$50 per year.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)**

*Discussion: This warrant article is on the ballot due to the NH State Legislature changes under the Veteran Property Tax Credit program.*

**Article 2023-21 Citizen Petition – Default Budget Determination by Budget Committee**

To see if the town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 40:16-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14

**Article 2023-22 Citizen Petition – Grant Conservation Easements on Town Lands**

To see if the Town will vote to advise the board of Selectmen to investigate obtaining a conservation easement for town conservation lands. The purpose of the conservation easement is to ensure the protection of the properties for municipal benefit. The Conservation Easement shall

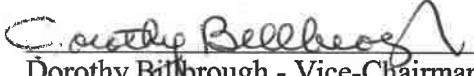
be in the form recommended by the Danville Conservation Commission, Danville Forestry Committee and Danville Board of Selectmen and subsequently approved by the Town of Danville.

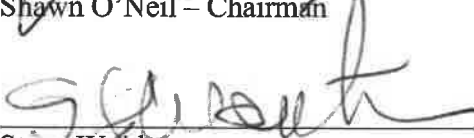
**Article 2023-23      *Citizen Petition – Allowing Motorized Vehicles on the Town’s Lands***

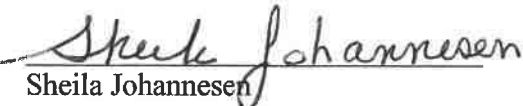
Shall the Town adopt the position allowing the operation of motorized Vehicles on Town owned Land provided that all destruction of property laws and ordinances are abided, and the operators have obtained written permission from the Danville Board of Selectmen.

Signed this 16 of February 2023.

  
Shawn O'Neil – Chairman

  
Dorothy Billbrough - Vice-Chairman

  
Steve Wotkun

  
Sheila Johannesen

  
Dennis Griffiths

