

2021 TOWN WARRANT
Town of Benton, June 8, 2021

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building (Town Hall) in said Benton on the Second Tuesday of June next, the 8th, at seven o'clock in the evening.

When the town meeting opens, qualified voters will be asked to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. 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	2024	Kimberli Carpenter
Treasurer	1 year	2022	Dwight Swauger
Town Clerk	1 year	2022	Michael Stiebitz
Tax Collector	1 year	2022	Michael Stiebitz
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years	2024	Stephanie Saffo
Ballot Clerk	1 year	2022	Frances Hadden
Ballot Inspector	1 year	2022	Maxine Tyler
Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	1 year	2022	Joseph Boutin, Jr.
Planning Board Member	3 years	2024	Martin Noble
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years	2024	Mark Elliott

ARTICLE 2. 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 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,100 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 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, with the funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to repave 500 feet of Howe Hill Road with the funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for cemetery improvements, including a survey of new grave sites, gravestone repair and a sign, with the funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the

cemetery improvements are completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for new tax maps with the funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for Town Hall improvements, including a fence on the side yard, a roof over the side door and lighted sign and notice board, with the funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9. (By Petition) To see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the town of Benton to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from town officials to Benton's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. (Majority vote required) (Selectmen oppose this Article)

Signed and Attested: February 22, 2021

Board of Selectmen

/s/ William Darcy, Chairman

/s/ Regina Elliott

/s/ Kimberli Carpenter