

Deering Town Meeting 2018 (Voting results only)  
March 17, 2018 9:00am

**Article #1: To Choose all the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.**  
(Town Election were held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018)

Selectmen (3 year term)	Allen Belouin
Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 year term)	Carol Baker
Supervisors of the Checklist (6 year term)	Barbara Cavanaugh
Supervisors of the Checklist (2 year term)	Benjamin Clark
Library Trustee (3 year term)	Betsy Holmes
Cemetery Trustee (3 year term)	Terry Verville
Trustee of the Trust Fund (3 year term)	Stephen Pimpare

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**Article #2: To Accept Town Reports**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the 2018 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2017 auditor's report.

**Article Passed**

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**Article #3: To Appropriate Operating Budget Funds for the Year 2018**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$2,079,377) for the purpose of funding general municipal operations not including any amount raised and appropriated in any separate warrant article.

**Article Passed**

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**Article #4: To Add Funds to Established Trust Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$404,050) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve and/or Expendable Trust Funds and to fund the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017.

**Article Passed**

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**Article #5: To Purchase a Skid Pack for the Fire Department Forestry Vehicle**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000) to fund the costs associated with purchasing a Forestry Vehicle Skid Pack used to carry water and other firefighting equipment and to mount it on the Forestry Vehicle. This equipment will be used to fight brush fires in difficult to access and uneven terrain and to be funded from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017. This appropriation shall not raise any taxes and have no effect on the tax rate.

**Article #5 was amended to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000) to fund the costs associated with purchasing a Forestry Vehicle Skid Pack used to carry water and other firefighting equipment and to mount it on the Forestry Vehicle. This equipment will be used to fight brush fires in difficult to access and uneven terrain and to be funded from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017. This appropriation shall not raise any taxes and have no effect on the tax rate.**

**Article Passed**

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**Article #6: To Continue the Per Diem Emergency Responder Program**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate FOURTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000) to fund the costs to staff a per diem emergency responder program from July through December and to be funded from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund in the Amount of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45, 000). The ambulance will be staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm and ambulance staff will also be responsible for responding to fire calls during their work shifts. Future costs of the per diem paramedic program will be in the operating budget. This appropriation shall not raise any new taxes and have no effect on the tax rate.

**Article Passed**

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**Article #7: To alter the form of organization of the Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to approve a change in the organization of the Fire Department pursuant to RSA 154:1. The proposal is to alter the current organization from RSA 154:1 I(a) where "A fire chief appointed by the local governing body, or by the town or city manager, if any, with firefighters appointed by the fire chief, "to RSA 154:1 I(b) where "A fire chief appointed 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."

**Explanation:** This change is a recommendation of the MRI Fire Department Study authorizes by voters in March 2015 and completed in November 2015. The Board of Selectmen is the hiring authority for all other departments. Passage of this warrant article will bring uniformity to the hiring process across all town departments. If approved this change will take effect one year after adoption.

**Article Passed**

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**Article #8: To Fund the Development of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,400) to fund the professional service costs of developing the Town's Capital Improvement Plan with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017. This appropriation shall not raise any new taxes and have no effect on the tax rate.

**Article Passed**

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**Article #9: To add an administrative assistant to the Police Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$2,340) for the purpose of adding the position of administrative assistant to the Police Department. This funding will cover the costs of the position from July through December 2018. Future costs will be in the operating budget.

**Article Passed**

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**Article #10: New Purpose Language: Town Center Improvement Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Center Improvement Expendable Trust Fund established at the 2016 Town Meeting. The proposed change is below:

for the purpose of providing funds for the planning and development of a long-range community use plan for the two parcels commonly referred to as the Town Common and Hotel Lot and to allow the expenditure of funds for site improvements including, but not limited to electricity, and construction of a pavilion. (2/3 vote required).

59 secret ballots cast   46 Yes   13 No

**Article Passed**

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**Article #11: To Add Funding to the Town Center Improvement Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) to add to the Town Center Improvement Expendable Trust Fund to cover the costs for the Town Center Improvements as described in Article 10 and to be funded from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017. This appropriation shall not raise any taxes and have no effect on the tax rate.

**Article Passed**

Respectfully submitted,



Carol M. Baker  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector