

**WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MADBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Madbury, County of Strafford, and  
the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall (13 Town Hall Rd.), in said Madbury  
on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, 2024  
at 7:00 a.m. o'clock in the morning for the purpose of voting on Article 1,  
and at the 7:00 p.m. o'clock in the evening for action on Articles 2 through 23.

The polls, which open at the Town Hall at 7:00 a.m. for the purpose  
of voting on Article 1 will close at 7:00 p.m.

**Article 1:** To choose the following Town Officers: (Majority vote required)

- A Selectman for the ensuing three years
- A Moderator for the ensuing two years
- A Treasurer for the ensuing year
- An Auditor for the ensuing two years
- A Trustee of the Trust Funds for the ensuing three years
- A Cemetery Trustee for the ensuing three years
- A Library Trustee for the ensuing three years
- A Supervisor of the Checklist for the ensuing six years

**Article 2:** To see if the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:64, to authorize the select board to appoint an expert highway agent to have charge of the construction, maintenance, and repair of all town highways and bridges and the maintenance and repair of all sidewalks within the town; and authorizes the select board to add additional duties to those charged to the expert highway agent duties pursuant to RSA 231:63.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 3:** To choose all other Town Officers. (Majority vote required)

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$2,306,103) for general municipal operations. This operating budget warrant article does NOT include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Madbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, as provided in RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age and up to 75 years - \$114,000

For a person 75 years of age and up to 80 years - \$142,000

For a person 80 years of age or older - \$168,000

To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five consecutive years preceding April 1st, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$45,000 or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$55,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$200,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority required)

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to add to the existing Bridge Repair and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 5 at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town bridges.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to add to the existing Public Works Development Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 9 at the 2020 Town Meeting for the purpose of building a facility and initiating equipment purchases.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to add to the existing Government Buildings Repair Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 5 at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of major repairs to town government buildings.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to add to the existing Grounds Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 4 at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing grounds maintenance equipment.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to add to the existing Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 8 at the 1994 Town Meeting, and repurposed in Article 14 at the 2013 Town Meeting for the purpose of the purchase of fire equipment.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to add to the existing Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 6 at the 2010 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing police equipment.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to add to the existing CPA Audit Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 19 at the 2018 Town Meeting for the purpose of completing a CPA audit of the Town in a few years.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to add to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 6 at the 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of the revaluation of town properties.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to change the title and purpose of the existing Purchase of Land and/or Easements Capital Reserve established in Article 7 at the 2018 Town Meeting, to be the Purchase of Property and/or Easements Capital Reserve for the purpose of the purchase of property, land, and or easements. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This change will correct language inconsistent with intent. If this article is not passed article 15 will not be considered.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (2/3 vote required).

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to add to the Purchase of Property and/or Easements Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 7 at the 2018 Town Meeting and revised in Article 14 of this 2024 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchase of property, land, and/or easements. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 14.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to add to the existing Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 18 at the 2023 Town Meeting for the purpose of covering consulting and other costs associated with the review, revision, updating, and amending of the Town's Master Plan.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to add to the existing Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund established in Article 17 at the 2022 Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware, software, and related services to meet the technology requirements of the Town.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Hayes Road Repair and Repave Capital Reserve created by Article 15 at the 2016 Town Meeting. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. If this article is not passed Article 19 will not be considered.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 19:** To see if the town will vote to establish a Major Roads Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of major repair and repave projects and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 18.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**Article 20:** To see if the town will vote to establish a Contingency Fund in accordance with RSA 31:98-a for the current year of 2024 for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) to put in the fund. This sum to come from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, there is no impact on taxes. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

**Article 21:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to retain the unexpended portion of its 2024 appropriation as authorized by RSA 36-A:5, said funds to be placed in a conservation fund account held by the municipal treasurer (RSA 41:29).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

**Article 22:** To hear the reports of any Town Committees, Boards, and/or Commissions, and act on any motion thereto.

**Article 23:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

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Janet G. Wall

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Mark Avery  
Board of Selectmen

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Tim Burt

Strafford County, SS Town of Madbury and the State of New Hampshire.  
personally appeared before me, the above mentioned Selectmen, and  
took oath to the above statement.

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Lisa Amarosa, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

We certify that on the 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-four, we posted a copy of the warrant at the Town Hall, Library, and the Town Clerk's Office being three public places in the Town of Madbury, as required by law.

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**Town of Madbury, New Hampshire  
2024 Proposed Budget - Appropriations**

Dept #	Description	2023	2023	Actual Unaudited as of 12/31/2023	2024	frm budget2023 to Proposed 2024 % chng
		Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget		Working Proposed	
4130	Executive	76,012	76,012	74,133.79	<b>81,588</b>	
4140	Election and Registration	6,950	6,950	2,855.49	<b>14,760</b>	
4150	Financial Administration	109,226	104,226	94,169.33	<b>116,163</b>	
4152	Assessing / Valuation	12,632	13,632	13,542.56	<b>12,720</b>	
4153	Legal	30,000	19,000	2,526.45	<b>30,000</b>	
4155	Personnel Administration	56,500	56,500	38,481.21	<b>55,750</b>	
4191	Planning Board	15,593	15,593	11,464.30	<b>17,156</b>	
4192	ZBA	3,531	3,531	177.99	<b>3,565</b>	
4194	General Government Buildings	122,425	122,425	90,887.06	<b>125,188</b>	
4195	Cemeteries	9,860	9,860	8,175.94	<b>9,728</b>	
4196	Insurance	48,345	48,345	48,345.00	<b>52,740</b>	
4210	Police Department	290,666	290,666	212,216.87	<b>278,357</b>	
4215	Ambulance	6,604	6,604	6,604.00	<b>21,602</b>	
4220	Fire Department	110,970	110,970	109,867.26	<b>119,924</b>	
4225	Forest Fire	500	500	-	<b>500</b>	
4240	Building Inspection	15,450	15,450	15,370.40	<b>16,106</b>	
4242	Inspections Department	3,000	3,000	650.00	<b>3,000</b>	
4290	Emergency Management	1,000	1,000	494.76	<b>1,000</b>	
4299	Special Details	125,000	125,000	73,743.41	<b>125,000</b>	
4312	Highway & Streets	770,500	799,500	799,339.61	<b>923,850</b>	
4313	Bridges	7,000	7,000	5,000.00	<b>3,000</b>	
4316	Street Lighting	2,400	2,400	1,250.95	<b>1,800</b>	
4323	Hazardous Waste Collection	1,400	2,900	2,535.00	<b>2,600</b>	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	83,335	74,835	66,643.93	<b>77,490</b>	
4329	Recycling	40,250	33,250	26,246.62	<b>30,000</b>	
4338	Water	5,000	5,000	375.00	<b>3,000</b>	
4411	Health	1,100	1,100	45.00	<b>100</b>	
4414	Animal / Pest Control	5,500	5,500	265.00	<b>2,500</b>	
4415	Health & Welfare Agencies	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	<b>3,000</b>	
4442	Direct Assistance	15,000	15,000	6,371.46	<b>15,000</b>	
4445	Other Assistance	1,000	1,000	1,000.00	<b>1,000</b>	
4520	Parks & Recreation	9,800	9,800	819.61	<b>6,400</b>	
4550	Library	92,777	92,777	91,657.10	<b>98,328</b>	

4583	Patriotic Purposes	600	600	164.05	200	
4589	Oyster River Youth Association	18,297	18,297	18,297.00	23,488	
4619	Conservation Commission	1,500	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	
4808	Use of Wentworth Family Trust	28,000	28,000	11,563.50	28,000	
4810	Use of Donations	-	-	2,811.53	-	
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL</b>		<b>2,130,723</b>	<b>2,130,723</b>	<b>1,842,591.18</b>	<b>2,306,103</b>	<b>8.23%</b>

**Special / Individual Warrant Articles\***

4710	Debt Service ( <i>individual article</i> )	-	-	-	-	
4199	Resticted FB for Contingency	19,000	19,000	-	21,000	
4904	Capital Outlay: Fire Consultant	105,600	105,600	50,450.00	-	
4915	Transfer to Capital Reserves	341,000	341,000	341,000.00	357,000	
<b>GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>2,596,323</b>	<b>2,596,323</b>	<b>2,234,041.18</b>	<b>2,684,103</b>	<b>3.38%</b>

\*The breakdown below provides specifics on this section of the budget.

<b>Individual and Special Warrant Articles:</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Fire Department Needs Assessment Consultant		105,600	-
Contingency Fund per RSA31-98-a		19,000	21,000
Capital Reserve - Bridge Repairs & Maintenance <i>approximate available balance \$164,909 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 06	80,000	80,000
Capital Reserve - Public Works Facility <i>approximate current balance \$283,518 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 07	80,000	90,000
Capital Reserve - Government Building Repairs <i>approximate available balance \$95,179 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 08	35,000	35,000
Capital Reserve - Grounds Maintennce Equip. <i>approximate available balance \$30,656 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 09	15,000	10,000
Capital Reserve - Fire Equipment <i>approximate available balance \$90,956 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 10	50,000	50,000
Capital Reserve - Police Equipment <i>approximate current balance \$54,634 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 11	15,000	15,000
Capital Reserve - Recreational Facilities <i>approximate current balance \$57,502 held by TTF</i>		10,000	-
Capital Reserve - CPA Audit <i>approximate current balance \$18,596 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 12	-	5,000
Capital Reserve - Property Revaluation <i>approximate current balance \$23,012 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 13	6,000	6,000
Capital Reserve - Purchase Property/Easment <i>approximate current balance \$82,526 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 15	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve - Iafolla Reclamation <i>approximate current balance \$74,707 held by TTF</i>		1,000	-
Capital Reserve - Master Plan <i>approximate current balance \$20,082 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 16	20,000	10,000
Capital Reserve - Information Technology <i>approximate current balance \$6,558 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 17	4,000 <i>as amended</i>	6,000
Capital Reserve - Hayes Road Repair & Repave <i>approximate current balance \$25,386 held by TTF</i>	2024 Article 18 <i>noted for closure</i>	-	-
Capital Reserve - Major Road <i>establishing new fund</i>	2024 Article 19	-	25,000
		<b>\$ 465,600</b>	<b>\$ 378,000</b>

**Town of Madbury, New Hampshire  
2024 Proposed Budget - Estimated Revenues**

<u>Account#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2023 Town Meeting</u>	<u>2023 DRA MS-434 Adjusted</u>	<u>Actual Unaudited as of 12/31/2023</u>	<u>2024 Proposed Estimates</u>	<u>% change from 2022 Town to 2023 Proposed</u>
3120	Land Use Change Tax Revenue	-	34,800	34,800.00	-	
3185	Timber Yield Tax Revenue	-	3,343	3,343.53	-	
3187	Excavation Yield Tax Revenue	1,200	1,827	1,827.64	1,200	
3114	Elderly/Disabled TaxLienDeferral Rev	-	-	2,092.53	-	
3190-020	Interest & Penalties on Property Taxes	10,000	13,517	14,588.20	10,000	
3190-021	Interest & Penalties on Tax Liens	10,000	18,435	22,291.70	10,000	
3190-023	Interest & Penalties on Yield	-	-	-	-	
3190-025	Interest on Elderly Tax Defferal Liens	-	536	755.16	-	
3190-026	Interest & Penalties - Gnrl Assnnc Liens	-	152	152.31	-	
3210-028	Planning Board Revenues	500	1,685	1,685.00	500	
3210-029	Zoning Board Revenues	50	130	130.00	50	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	407,650	415,330	432,358.20	407,650	
3230	Building Permit Fees	6,000	7,792	9,150.62	6,000	
3290	Vital Records,Licenses,Permits,Fees	2,250	2,410	2,399.00	1,850	
3290-055	Transfer Station Permits	40	40	48.00	40	
3290-056	UCC Filings	250	525	615.00	250	
3291	Pistol Permits	40	40	30.00	40	
3292	Excavation Permit Fees	100	100	100.00	100	
3293	Inspection Fees	500	1,625	1,625.00	500	
3351	NH Shared Revenue	-	-	-	-	
3352	NH Rooms & Meals	100,000	184,272	184,271.90	100,000	
3353	NH Highway Block Grant	54,000	55,276	55,268.94	54,000	
3359	NH Railroad Tax	725	591	590.60	550	
3401-71	Town Office Fees	400	439	439.50	400	
3401-73	Police Department Revenue	600	525	760.00	600	
3401-81	Library Revenue	-	120	235.87	-	
3401-81	Cemetery Revenue	-	600	600.00	-	
3401-83	Water Board	-	-	-	-	
3410	Special Detail Revenue	125,000	125,000	118,567.50	125,000	

3501	Sale of Town Property/Equip	-	-	-	-
3502	Interest on Investments	1,200	55,290	58,201.60	5,000
3503	Rental of Town Property	10,793	9,592	11,496.09	10,793
3504	Returned Check Fee	60	120	120.00	60
3505	Solar Revenue	-	17,330	20,887.24	20,000
3507-48	Wentworth Family Trust Gift	28,000	28,000	11,563.50	28,000
3508-78	Donations - Library	-	-	2,811.53	-
3511	Other Reimbursements	8,000	798	857.32	-
3915	Transfer from Capital Reserve Held in Tru	-	-	-	25,386
3915	Transfers from Unassigned Fund Balance	19,000	19,000	-	46,000
	General Fund Revenue Total	786,358	999,240	994,663.48	853,969
3110	Property Tax Revenue	1,809,965	1,597,083	1,370,508.66	1,830,134
	General Fund Revenue Grand Total	2,596,323	2,596,323	2,365,172.14	2,684,103
					3.38%