

Town of South Hampton

2025

South Hampton

The inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton in the County of Rockingham 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: March 11, 2025

To Act upon Article 1 and Article 2

Time: 11 am – 8 pm

Location: South Hampton Town Hall

3 Hilldale Ave

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

Date: March 12, 2025

To Act upon Article 3 and all subsequent articles

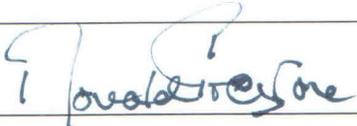
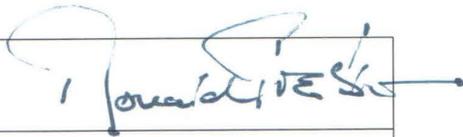
Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Eleanor M. Batchelder Gym

219 Main Ave

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 21st, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Fire Station and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk Andrea Condon.

Name	Position	Signature
	Selectman	
LEE KNAPP	SELECTMAN	
Eric Worthen	Selectman	

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WARRANT

Article 01 To choose the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing years

1) Selectmen	3-year term
1) Tax Collector	3-year term
1) Treasurer	3-year term
1) Budget Committee	3-year term
1) Trustee of the Cemetery	3-year term
1) Trustee of the Trust Fund	3-year term
1) Trustee of the Library	3-year term
1) Auditor	2-year term

Article 02 Aquifer Protection District

Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 02 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend Zoning Ordinance Article VIII – Aquifer Protection District by revising the existing language and inserting new language. The intent of the proposed revisions is to increase protection of public and private drinking water sources through expanding groundwater protections to all public water systems in South Hampton, providing clearer justifications and definitions for terms related to groundwater protection, adding performance measures and design requirements to reduce risk to groundwater resources, and providing clearer administrative procedures.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

The Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board support the passage of this warrant article.

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Article 03 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,327,564 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0

(Majority vote required)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>
Operating Budget	\$1,327,564	\$1,175,055	\$1,076,345
Warrant Articles	\$110,266	\$125,058	\$125,058
Special Warrant Articles	<u>\$68,717</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>
Total Appropriations	\$1,506,546	\$1,309,113	\$1,210,403

The Selectmen's operating budget is an increase of approximately 12.98% from last year.

Article 04 Acquire Property

To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a authorizing the select board to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, and to demolish or otherwise dispose of buildings, after submitting any such proposed actions to the planning board, the conservation commission, and the historical district commission for recommendations, as may be applicable, and upon receipt of said recommendations, to hold two (2) public hearings on the proposed acquisition, sale, demolition or disposal. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0 Budget Committee 5-0

(Majority vote required)

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Article 05 Demolition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of demolition of the old Barnard School Building located at 3-1 Hilldale Ave, should demolition become necessary and further to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for that purpose to come from the Town Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 06 Cruiser Lease

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 4-year lease agreement in the amount of \$45,483 for the purpose of leasing a 2025 Ford Interceptor Cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,717 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 07 Salt Shed Renovation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Salt Shed Renovation EFT created in 2019. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The fund's account balance as of December 31,2024, was 12,074.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

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Article 08 Town Facilities Maintenance ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,074 to be added to the Town Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. If Article 07 fails, Article 08 is null and void.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 09 Town Facilities Maintenance ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Town Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 10 Town Roads Paving CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Town Roads Paving Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001, under RSA 35:1.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 11 Accessible Voting

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of programming the One-4-all Voting Tablet.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

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Article 12 Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,192 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0

(Majority vote required)

Article 13 Fire Gear

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Fire Gear Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 4-0

(Majority vote required)

Article 14 Fire Dept. Vehicles and Equipment Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicles and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 4-0

(Majority vote required)

Article 15 Fire Dept Building Maintenance

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Fire Department CIP Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0

(Majority vote required)

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Article 16 Cemetery Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Cemetery Maintenance and Restoration Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 17 Documents Preservation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Documents Preservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 5-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 18 Recreation Areas

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be added to the Recreation Areas Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommendations: Selectmen 3-0, Budget Committee 4-0
(Majority vote required)

Article 19 To transact any other business.

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