

PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL TO INSERT A WARRANT ARTICLE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – JANUARY 9, 2024

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Salem request you to insert in the warrant for the 2024 Town Meeting, the following article:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of _____ for the purpose of _____

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INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING A CITIZEN PETITION

New Hampshire RSA 39:3 requires that petition articles must have at least **twenty-five (25) signatures of registered voters in the Town of Salem** to be included on the warrant. *The RSA also states that the governing body (Town Council) shall insert the petitioned article with only such minor textual changes as may be required.* The Town Clerk will review all names to verify that signers are registered voters. Deadline for petition articles is **close of business (5:00 p.m.) Tuesday, January 9, 2024. (January 5th for warrant articles requiring a bond.)**

The Town Council will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**, regarding petition articles.

The Budget Committee will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024** (Preliminary Discussion) and **Tuesday, January 16, 2024** (Public Hearing & Final Votes) to consider petition articles. Petitioner(s) is requested to attend those meetings, as well as the **Annual Town Meeting Deliberative Session** scheduled for **Saturday, February 17, 2024**, to support the petition article.

Petition articles must be submitted to the Town Council/Town Manager's Office prior to the deadline to be considered for the Annual Town Meeting.

Please note if the petition article includes a cost for the project/item, that amount must be included as part of the language of the petition prior to gathering signatures.

Dates to remember:

- **January 9, 2024** (Tuesday) – Deadline to Submit Citizen Petition to Town Council
(Petition must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. at the Town Manager's Office, Salem Town Hall) *(January 5th for warrant articles requiring a bond.)*
- **January 10, 2024** (Wednesday) - Budget Committee Meeting, Preliminary Discussion on warrant articles.
(Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Town Hall, Knightly Meeting Room, 33 Geremonty Drive)
- **January 16, 2023** (Tuesday) – Town Council Meeting, Public Hearing on Bonds/Notes, Citizen Petition Review/Votes (Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at Salem Town Hall, Knightly Meeting Room, 33 Geremonty Drive)
- **January 16, 2024** (Tuesday) - Budget Committee Meeting, Public Hearing/Final Votes Town & School Warrant Articles (Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Town Hall, Knightly Meeting Room, 33 Geremonty Drive)
- **February 17, 2024** (Saturday) - Deliberative Session (Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Salem High School Auditorium)
- **March 12, 2024** (Tuesday) – Ballot Voting for Registered Voters

Please note that at least one individual should attend the meetings of **January 10th and 16th** as well as the **February 17th** deliberative session to speak on behalf of the petition.

Please direct any questions to Maureen Witley in the Town Manager's Office at 603-890-2120 or by e-mail townmanager@saalemnh.gov