



Meredith

**THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF MEREDITH IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP IN THE STATE
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next; March 8, 2022, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1 through Article 7; and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 8 through 22: :

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 22, 2022, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting, the Town Hall, the Post Office and the Library and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Jonathan James	Chairman of the Board	<i>Jonathan D. James</i>
Nathan Torr	Vice-Chairman	<i>Nathan Torr</i>
Jeanie Forrester	Board Member	<i>Jeanie Forrester</i>
Lynn Leighton	Board Member	<i>Lynn Leighton</i>
Michael Pelczar	Board Member	



Article 01 Elected Positions

To bring ballots for: Board of Selectman - Two (2) For Three (3) Years; Library Trustee Two (2) For Three (3) Years; Moderator One (1) for two (2) years; Supervisor of the Checklist One (1) for six (6) years.

Article 02 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2

Are you in favor of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Meredith Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V- Establishment of District and District Regulations, D-6 Commercial Route 3 South to provide that properties served by Class 1 Utilities (municipal water and sewer) have a required minimum area/net density of 10,000 SF.

Article 03 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 3

Are you in favor of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Meredith Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article VII- Board of Adjustment, A. Special Exception to eliminate the requirement that an applicant obtain a written approval from the Planning Board prior to seeking a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Article 04 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 4

Are you in favor of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Meredith Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the definition of Setback to be "the minimum required distance from a property line to the nearest part of a building or structure" and to remove the requirement that a non-residential or multi-family property owner obtain a special exception to permit parking within a setback.

Article 05 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 5

Are you in favor of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Meredith Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article VIII- Definitions to remove the definitions of Net Floor Area, Off Lot, Off Premise, Off Street, Off Street Parking, and On Premise.

Article 06 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 6

Are you in favor of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Meredith Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article VII- Board of Adjustment, B. Special Exception – Specific, 1. Accessory Apartments a. to replace the term of net floor area with the term square footage.



Article 07 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 7

Are you in favor of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Meredith Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend various provisions to define and allow Short Term Rentals as an accessory use to single family dwellings by Special Exception in the Forestry and Conservation District, the Forestry and Rural District, the Meredith Neck District, the Residential District, the Shoreline District, the Commercial Route 3 South District, the Central Business District, and the Commercial District-Meredith Center and to establish the criteria which must be met before a special exception may be issued.

Article 08 Municipal Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,767,907.60 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 09 Waterfront Infrastructure ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 10 Main Street Rehabilitation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Main Street Rehabilitation ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 11 Dept of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 12 Discontinuance of Water Systems Improvement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Water Systems Improvement ETF created in 2001. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately \$252,085), is to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)



Article 13 Dept of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$252,085 to be added to the Department of Public Works ETF previously established. These funds would be from the discontinuance of the Water Systems Improvement ETF. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. If warrant article 12 fails, this article will be null and void. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 14 Open Space Conservation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,800 for the purpose of open space/conservation and placing said amount into the Open Space Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 15 Veterans Memorial

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$250,000 for the Veterans Memorial. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Veterans Memorial is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 16 Playground at Prescott Park

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 for the playground at Prescott Park. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the playground at Prescott Park is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This money will be used as funds to offset future fundraising. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 17 Electric Power Purchase Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into electric power purchase agreements with solar installers, who will install, own and maintain one or more solar systems on Town owned buildings or land, and to grant leases and easements for access to the locations of these systems as required. The Town will then purchase green power generated by the solar arrays located on Town property and will have the option to purchase any solar arrays located on Town property in the future. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)



Article 18 Modify Elderly Exemption Level

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b II, the elderly exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemptions from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for ages 65 – 74, \$55,000 to \$70,000 for ages 75 - 79 and \$75,000 to \$90,000 for age 80 years and older. This change would take effect on April 1, 2022. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Modify Disabled Exemption Level

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37-b III, the disabled exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$75,000 to \$90,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2022. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 20 Modify Income Limit for Married Couples

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b II, the elderly exemption and RSA 72:37-b III, the disabled exemption, to increase the income limit for married couples from \$33,000 to \$35,000. This change would take effect April 1, 2022. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 21 Disposal of Town Land - Bear Island

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of a parcel of land on Bear Island known as map I07 lot 6 on such terms and conditions as they may negotiate. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Article 22 Road Discontinuance - Blackey Road

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue approximately 400' of Blackey Road as a public roadway. This road is a portion of the old Route 104 that is no longer in use and divides two pieces of property owned by B&E Island View Investments, LLC, R02-27 & 28.

B&E Island View Investments is a New Hampshire owned company in good standing which is entirely owned by New Hampshire residents. B&E intends to use the property for commercial development purposes.

The portion of road to be discontinued starts at the Southwest Corner of R02-28, and the Southwest Corner of R02-27. These two corner locations are across from each other separated by this portion of Blackey Road. B&E wishes to discontinue this portion of Blackey Road that is approx. 400 feet long ending at the new Route 104. The intent of B&E is to have the two parcels merged.

No public access issues or transportation changes will result from this proposal. This portion is presently abandoned, overgrown and unpassable by vehicles. (submitted by petition).

