

**WARREN, NH
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2026**

Moderator Robert Giuda called the meeting to order and opened Town Meeting at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short moment of thanks and reflection. Janice Sackett was recognized for her long service to the town.

Motion made by Charles Chandler, Seconded by Donald Bagley to recess Warren Town Meeting and open the deliberative session of the Warren School District Meeting at 9:03am. All in Favor

Warren Town Meeting returned from recess and was called to order by Moderator Giuda at 11:15 am.

Moved by Charles Sackett, Seconded by Charles Chandler to grant permission for Warren Town Administrator, Austin Albro to speak during the Town Meeting and to answer any questions that may arise.
All in Favor

Moderator Giuda made a motion re-arrange the order and skip to Warrant Article 3 and Warrant Article 4 to begin voting and return to regular Warrant Article order at the conclusion of the vote. Seconded by Arthur Heath. All in Favor.

The inhabitants of the Town of Warren in the County of Grafton 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 10, 2026

Location: Warren Town Hall

Details: Polls open at 9:00am and will stay open until at least 7:00pm

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

Date: March 10, 2026

Location: Warren Town Hall

Details: Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Warren Town Hall beginning at 9:00am

Article 01 Election of Town Officials

To bring in your votes to elect all town officers which appear on the official ballot for the ensuing year, as follows:

Selectboard: 3 year term

Moderator: 2 year term

Treasurer: 1 year term
Chief of Police: 1 year term
Planning Board: 3 year term
Planning Board: 3 year term
Cemetery Trustee: 3 year term
Library Trustee: 3 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds: 3 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist: 6 year term

Article 02 Hear and Accept Reports

To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers and to vote on any subject relating thereto.

Moved by: Donald Bagley
Second: Arthur Heath
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 03 Highway Garage Construction

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for the construction of a new Highway Department Garage, \$200,000 will come from the Capital Reserve for this purpose, further to authorize the issuance of not more than \$900,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the building is complete or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required).

Motion to Table by: Peter Boncek
Second by: Charles Chandler
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Tabled

Article 04 Public Safety Building Construction

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,265,000 for the purchase of land and for construction of a new Public Safety Building, \$165,000 will come from the Capital Reserve for this purpose, further to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the

Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the building is complete or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required).

Motion to Table: Peter Boncek

Second: Charles Sackett

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Tabled

Arthur Heath made a motion to re-arrange the order and skip to Warrant Article 26 to allow EMS Chief Pierce to make a presentation without delay and return to regular Warrant Article order at conclusion of the vote. Second by Jeremy Hair. All in Favor

Article 05 General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$483,174 \$484,674 dollars for the following:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

a. Executive	\$108,701	
b. Elections/Registration	\$30,590	\$32,090
c. Financial Administration.....	\$36,637	
d. Tax Collector	\$24,808	
e. Assessing Services	\$24,000	
f. Legal Expenses	\$7,500	
g. Personnel Admini.....	\$47,002	
h. Planning Board	\$601	
i. Buildings & Ground.....	\$103,029	
j. Insurance	\$80,055	
k. Cemeteries	\$20,000	
l. Town Clock	\$250	
m. Contingency Fund	\$1	

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Charles Chandler

Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$484,674 dollars. Increasing (b) Elections and Registrations by \$1,500 for the purchase of a computer for town clerk transactions.

Moved by: Suzanne Flagg

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Discussion: None
Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 06 Advertising and Regional Associations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,196 for the following:

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- a. Advertising \$500
- b. NHMA \$1,230
- c. North Country Council \$870
- d. Pemi-Baker Solid Waste \$816
- e. NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials..... \$20
- f. NH Tax Collectors Assn. \$20
- g. NH Town Clerks Assn. \$40
- h. NH Health Officers Assn. \$50
- i. NHGFOA \$70
- j. Baker River Watershed Assn. \$350
- k. NH Local Welfare Admin Assn..... \$30
- l. NH Assn. Chiefs of Police \$200

Moved by: Charles Chandler
Second: Sheila Foote
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 07 Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$421,676 for the following:

PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Police Department \$87,108
- b. Fire Department \$330,716
- c. Emergency Managem..... \$3,501
- d. Animal Control \$1
- e. E-911 \$350

Moved by: Arthur Heath
Second: Peter Boncek
Discussion: Fire Department line item includes fees charged for Plymouth ambulance calls to Warren.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 08 Highways and Streets

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$218,219 for the following:

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

- a. Administration \$69,414
- b. Highways and Streets..... \$60,001
- c. Bridges \$5,100
- d. Vehicles & Equipmen..... \$48,703
- e. Sub-contracted Work..... \$25,000
- f. Street Lights \$9,000
- g. Equipment Rental \$500
- h. Mileage \$500
- i. Other \$1

Moved by: Donald Bagley
Second: Peter Boncek
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 09 Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,272 for the following:

SANITATION

- a. Transfer Station Administration \$49,521
- b. Recycling \$10,320
- c. Solid Waste Collection/Compac..... \$27,130
- d. Tires \$1,200
- e. Monitoring \$2,100
- f. C&D Tonnage/Trucking \$1

Moved by: Charles Chandler
Second: Arthur Heath
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Move by Charles Chandler, Second by Donald Bagley to vote on Warrant Article 10 after voting on Warrant Article 24 and Article 25.

All in Favor

Article 10 Non-profits/Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,185 \$22,185 for the following:

NON-PROFITS / HEALTH

a. Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS)	\$4,500
b. Warren Wentworth Food Pantry	\$1,000
c. Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$2,750
d. Tri-County CAP	\$1,650
e. Warren Historical Society	\$3,000
f. Transport Central	\$500
g. Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice	\$4,113
h. Willing Worker's Society	\$5,000 \$0
i. Court Appointed Advocates	\$1,000
j. Voices Against Violence	\$3,172
k. Mid-State Health	\$500

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Amendment: Reduce line item (h) Willing Worker's Society to \$0

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 11 Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,001 for the following:

WELFARE

a. Direct Assistance	\$1
b. Vendor Payments	\$5,000

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 12 Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,731 for the following.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

- a. Parks and Recreation \$7,101
- b. Library \$42,780
- c. Patriotic Purposes: Old Home Days..... \$9,200
 Flags..... \$650

Moved by: Donald Bagley
Second: Shirley McCartin
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 13 Conservation/Debt Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,667 for the following:

CONSERVATION

- a. Care of Trees \$1

DEBT SERVICE

- a. Principal – Bonds & Notes..... \$12,911
- b. Interest – Bonds & Notes \$4,753
- c. Interest on TAN \$1
- d. Other Debt Service \$1

Moved by: Charles Chandler
Second: Richard Spaulding
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 14 ETF/CRF Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,000 to be placed into the following funds. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

- a. Fire Truck CRF \$5,000
- b. Highway Building Fund CRF \$5,000
- c. Highway Equipment CRF \$5,000
- d. Police Cruiser CRF \$5,000

e. Missile CRF	\$800
f. Bridges CRF	\$2,500
g. Town Hall CRF	\$2,000
h. Paving Fund ETF	\$25,000
i. Major Road Projects ETF	\$10,000
j. Fire Department/Pub Safety CRF.....	\$5,000
k. Dam Maintenance ETF	\$1,000
l. Veteran's Memorial ETF	\$200
m. Fire Department SCBA	\$5,000
n. Joseph Patch Library ETF	\$500

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Donald Bagley

Amendment: Increase line item (j) Fire Department/Pub Safety CRF to \$200,000

Moved by: Victoria Berger

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: Current building is unsafe, yearly amount contributed to CRF has not kept up with projected building construction costs

Disposition of Amendment: Amendment withdrawn

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 15 Fire Department Fund Deposit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,769 to be added to the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2025, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the 2025 fire department budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Shirley McCartin

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 16 Emergency Management Fund Deposit

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,906 to be added to the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2025, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the 2025 emergency management budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Moved by: Richard Spaulding
Second: Justin Monninger
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 17 Cemetery Fund Deposit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,004 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2025, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the 2025 cemetery budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Moved by: Donald Bagley
Second: Richard Spaulding
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 18 Library Fund Deposit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,536 to be added to the Joseph Patch Library Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2025, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the 2025 library budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Moved by: Shirley McCartin
Second: Lucinda Hope
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 19 McVetty Town Forest Maintenance

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of rebuilding structures within the McVetty Town Forest.

Moved by: Donald Bagley
Second: Shirley McCartin
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 20 Gravel Road Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for road maintenance, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance, representing the unspent portion of the 2025 Highway Department operating budget.

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Jeremy Hair

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 21 Employee Longevity Stipends

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to provide a longevity bonus of \$5,000 each to the town's 3 full time employees in lieu of retirement benefits. This article does not include the Chief of Police who is required to participate in the New Hampshire Retirement System.

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 22 Perform Cyclical Revaluation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of performing the cyclical property revaluation and authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000 from the Revaluation Trust Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$20,000 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 23 Landfill Monitoring Well

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for the purpose of drilling a new monitoring well at the Warren Transfer Station and authorize the withdrawal of \$9,500 from the Landfill Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Moved by: Charles Sackett
Second: Justin Monninger
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 24 Accept Willing Workers Hall

To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of the former Willing Workers Hall, located at 1381 NH Route 25, Tax Map 205, Lot 007, from The Willing Workers Society, said gift to be accepted at no cost to the Town and free and clear of all liens and encumbrances; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any documents necessary to complete the acceptance of said gift.

Moved by: Richard Spaulding
Second: Charles Chandler
Discussion: There are a few more interior renovations that need to be completed before the Willing Workers Hall will be open for community events. The Hall could be considered as the new Food Pantry location.
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 25 Willing Workers Hall Maintenance Costs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from taxation for annual operating and maintenance expenses associated with the former Willing Workers Hall, located at 1381 NH Route 25, Tax Map 205, Lot 007, contingent upon the Town's acceptance of said property.

Moved by: Charles Chandler
Second: Richard Spaulding
Discussion: None
Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 26 Relative to Discussions of EMS Village District

To see if the Town is in favor of discussing with neighboring towns the creation of an ambulance/EMS village district under RSA 52:1, I(n). This is a nonbinding article to give the Select Board direction.

Moved by: Jeremy Hair
Second: Donald Bagley
Discussion: Moved by Jeremy Hair, Seconded by Charles Chandler to grant permission for Plymouth EMS Chief, Kevin Pierce to speak during the Town Meeting and to answer any questions that may arise.

All in Favor

Chief Pierce explained the concept of a multi-community (six town) EMS system.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 27 Modify Elderly Exemptions

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Warren, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$36,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$49,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$71,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Moved by: Charles Sackett

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 28 Modify Service Connected Total Disability Credit

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$1,200 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property?

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Michael Benson

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 29 Pre-Payment of Taxes

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes in accordance with RSA 80:52-a, and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of property taxes prior to notice of the amount of taxes assessed, and to credit such payments toward the taxes eventually assessed against the property; further to require that the Tax Collector provide such bond as required by the

Commissioner of Revenue Administration; and to provide that no taxpayer shall be allowed to prepay property taxes more than two (2) years in advance of the due date, and that no interest shall accrue to or be paid to the taxpayer on any such prepayment, including any portion later subject to rebate or refund.

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Jeremy Hair

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 30 Food Pantry Support

To see if the Town is in favor of allowing the Select Board to consider the limited use of Town owned facilities to support the Warren Wentworth Food Pantry's continued presence in the Town of Warren as an independent organization, without the Town assuming responsibility for its operation or management. This is a nonbinding article to give the Select Board direction.

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Ashley Clark

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 31 Sale of Town Property to Habitat for Humanity

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with RSA 41:14-a, to negotiate the potential sale of Town owned property identified as 287 NH Route 25, Map 244, Lot 034, to Habitat for Humanity, for purposes consistent with the organization's mission, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town. This is a nonbinding article to give the Select Board direction.

Moved by: Justin Monninger

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: Moved by Justin Monninger, Seconded by Charles Chandler to grant permission for Habitat for Humanity Representative, Frank McClain to speak during the Town Meeting and to answer any questions that may arise.

All in Favor

Frank explained plans and processes for purchasing and renovation or rebuilding of the town owned property collectively known as "The Annex" as a Habitat for Humanity built residence

Amendment: To sell the property for \$100 to Habitat for Humanity if Warren families have first chance at purchasing the home.

Moved by: Theresa Corless

Second: Charles Chandler

Disposition of Amendment: Failed

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 32 Petitioned Article - Land Purchase for Public Safety Building

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to acquire a certain tract of land known as Map 240, Lot 138; for the future construction of a public safety building. This article was submitted by petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Failed

Article 33 Conduct any other business

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

Donald Bagley thanked Selectmen and volunteers for their service to the town. Sheila Foote recommended moving School and Town meeting to Warren Village School building if large attendance at the meetings continue.

Motion to Adjourn made at 2:40pm

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: None

All in Favor

Warren Town Meeting Results of Voting on March 10, 2026

Selectboard – 3 years:

Shirley McCartin 94

Peter Boncek 70

Christina Hytinen 30

Treasurer – 1 year:

Sheila Foote

Chief of Police – 1 year:
John Semertgakis

Planning Board – 3 years:
Jay Johnson

Planning Board – 3 years:
Thomas McGuy

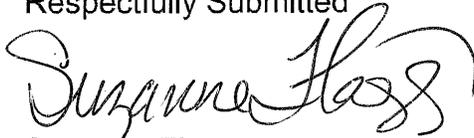
Cemetery Trustee – 3 years:
Marlene Wright

Library Trustee – 3 years:
Donna Campbell

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years:
Heather Sackett

Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years:
Maria Sanders

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Flagg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Suzanne Flagg
Warren Town Clerk