2021 TOWN WARRANT
TOWN of LEMPSTER
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the voters of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Lempster Community School in said Lempster on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 2021 at three thirty (3:30 P.M.) in the afternoon to open the polls for the voting of candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 P.M.) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant. The polls for voting on Article 1 will remain open until 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: *To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.*

ARTICLE 2: *To receive all reports and act thereon.*

ARTICLE 3: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,425,465.00 for the purpose of General Municipal Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

Executive	*$ 91,180.00*
Election and Registration	*71,575.00*
Financial Administration	*16,170.00*
Appraisal of Property	*28,000.00*
Legal Expenses	*20,000.00*
Personnel Administration	*214,850.00*
Planning Board	*15,000.00*
General Government Buildings	*20,000.00*
Cemeteries	*8,500.00*
Insurance Property & Liability-all Depts.	*19,500.00*
Contingency	*24,412.00*
Police Budget	*63,000.00*
Ambulance Service	*12,000.00*
Rescue Squad	*18,850.00*
Fire Department	*60,450.00*
Forest Fire	*6,650.00*
Building Inspection	*2,300.00*
Emergency Management	*3,250.00*
Highway Department	*400,670.00*
Street Lights	*980.00*
Solid Waste	*102,450.00*
Health Officer/ Supplies	*2,100.00*
Animal Control	*3,000.00*
Health Agencies	*8,000.00*
Direct Assistance	*7,000.00*
Parks and Recreation	*2,500.00*
Library	*19,000.00*
Patriotic Purposes	*500.00*
Conservation Commission	*5,100.00*
Bonds and Notes Principal	*157,286.00*
Bonds and Notes Interest	*21,192.00*

ARTICLE 4: *To see if the Town will vote to increase the Town Clerk/Tax Collector hours to 35 per week.*

ARTICLE 5: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be added to the Emergency Communication and Power Generation Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 004) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 6: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be added to the Emergency Response Capital Reserve (CIP 051) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 7: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 055) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 8: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to be added to the Emergency Water Supply System Capital Reserve (CIP 006) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 9: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 to be added the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 10: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be added to the Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 052) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 11: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,500.00 to be added to the Rescue Squad Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 054) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 12: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Complex Capital Reserve (CIP 010) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 13: *Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes with a maximum exemption amount of $5,000.00. The Selectmen recommend this exemption. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 14: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Town Office Information Technology Capital Reserve (CIP 037) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 15: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Town Bridge and Culverts Expendable Trust (CIP 018) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 16: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 to be added to the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 17: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 to be added to the Road Reconstruction and Paving Capital Reserve (CIP 048) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 18: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,250.00 for the purpose of the ninth payment of the lease-purchase of the Highway Department Backhoe (CIP 049). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 19: *To see if the town will vote to establish a Grader Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a grader and to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 20: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,103.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026) previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. These funds came from the sale of two Highway Trucks in 2020. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 21: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $90,000.00 (gross budget) for the purchase of a Highway Utility Truck with dump body and plow equipment, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $70,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The balance of up to $20,000.00 will come from the Highway Department Equipment C/R (CIP 026). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required)*

ARTICLE 22: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 021) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 23: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve (CIP 022) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 24: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be added to the New Cemetery Capital Reserve (CIP 023) previously*

established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 25: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the purpose of supporting Old Home Day events. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 26*: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Lawrence Johnson Estate Expendable Trust (CIP 060) to raise and appropriate $17,655.54 from the timber and forest product sales from the land acquired through the Estate of Lawrence Johnson, which states "All income that is so derived from the premises shall be used to preserve, conserve, restore, and improve public cemeteries within the Town of Lempster and not to be used for general operating expenses which remains the statutory responsibility of the Town. The Cemetery Trustees of the Town of Lempster shall have discretion as to the specific uses for which the income shall be applied". Further to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 27: *To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, intended for use by the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of assessed value of qualifying solar equipment for both existing and future systems, under these statutes. This is a petitioned warrant article. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 28: *Shall the Town vote that any town assets or property up for sale must be offered up for public sealed bid and posted 30 days in advance at location of property and on website. We, the towns people recommend this article. This is a petitioned warrant article. (Majority vote required)*

ARTICLE 29: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this Town Meeting.*

Philip Tirrell, Chairman

Everett Thurber

Mary Grenier

Lempster Board of Selectmen