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**Sample Ballot & Voting Information Enclosed**

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to provide this sample ballot and informational pamphlet to assist voters in making up their minds on the important questions appearing on the Official Ballot for the Second Session of the 2007 Town Meeting.

Voting on the Official Ballot will take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Center Woods Elementary School on Center Street in Weare.

This pamphlet contains a statement of the Articles as they appear on the Official Ballot together with the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen for each article that concerns an appropriation of tax dollars. Opposite Articles 12 – 40 you will see a brief statement of purpose of the associated article. Traditionally, the Finance Committee has included their recommendations; however, this year the committee did not have a quorum so their recommendations are not included.

The sample ballot before you identifies the offices that are voted on this year and the candidates for each office. If you wish to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, please be sure to follow the directions for writing in the candidate's name and completely fill in the OVAL on the Official Ballot.

Articles 2 – 11 concern zoning and land use matters and carry the Planning Board's recommendations and explanations.

On Monday, March 12, the Board of Selectmen will host an informal coffee hour from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. in the Town Offices, and a televised call in program from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. to answer your Town Ballot questions. You may call 529-7575 or 529-7576 between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. that evening with your questions. You may also e-mail your questions ahead of time to [TA@weare.nh.gov](mailto:TA@weare.nh.gov)

Additional information and answers to specific questions not covered in this pamphlet may be requested at the Selectmen's office at 529-7525/7535.

Specific questions regarding the school ballot should be addressed to the SAU 24 office at 428-3269.

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You can get more information about the Town of Weare by visiting

**[www.weare.nh.gov](http://www.weare.nh.gov)**

**Sample Ballot  
Annual Town Election  
Weare, New Hampshire  
March 13, 2007**

**For Selectman  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Wendy F. Clark  
(Write-in)

**For Cemetery Trustee  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Janet Brown  
(Write-in)

**For Selectman  
Two Year Unexpired Term  
Vote for One**  
Heleen Kurk  
(Write-in)

**For Trustee of Trust Fund  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Wilbur C. Beaupre  
(Write-in)

**For Town Clerk  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Evelyn M. Connor  
(Write-in)

**For Board of Fire-Wards  
Non-Member Fire Dept.  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Timothy Maskiel  
(Write-in)

**For Treasurer  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Donald Thomson  
(Write-in)

**For Board of Fire-Wards  
Member Fire Dept.  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Scott Dinsmore  
(Write-in)

**For Checklist Supervisor  
Six Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Margo C. McLeod  
(Write-in)

**For Library Trustee  
Three Year Term  
Vote for One**  
Terri Wahnowsky  
(Write-in)

This has been provided for your convenience when you go into the voting booth.

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## *2007 Zoning Amendment Explanations (Article 2 through Article 11)*

This handout is merely an effort to try to explain the zoning ordinance changes that are being proposed. Below you will find first, the article as they will be appearing on the ballot; second it will be followed by the explanation shown in italics; and third some are followed by more explanation showing how the current article reads, with bold items as items that are being added and the strikethrough items as ones that are being deleted.

### ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 2**, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To propose (a) increasing the minimum lot size to 5 acres and the minimum frontage requirement to 250 feet in the RA zone and (b) providing a 20% “density bonus” for cluster developments in the RA zone? **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*The proposal is to increase the frontage in the RA (Rural Agricultural) Zone from the current 200 feet to 250 feet and to increase the acreage from the existing slopes and soils requirement (which is approximately around 2 acres) to 5 acres. To accomplish this it requires several changes to other sections of the zoning ordinance. The following is the detail of the changes with any proposed additions being done in **bold** and any deletions are done with ~~strikethrough~~. In some places the newly worded article or section is shown first, followed by the current wording immediately underneath so that you have an idea of how it would read.*

I. Amend Article 14:

(a) Amend section 14.1 to read: LOT SIZE REGULATIONS: Land on ~~Class V~~ streets with gravel surface ~~which are maintained by the Town~~, may be subdivided with a minimum lot size of 10 acres. Land on ~~Class V~~ streets with a paved surface shall follow the lot size table in Article 14.2, **except land in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District which shall be governed by section 14.3.**

(b) Amend the first sentence in section 14.2 to read: This ~~article~~ **section 14.2** shall apply: (a) to any use in the Residential (R) District ~~and in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District~~ and (b) to any use involving housing (but excluding hotels and other housing for transients) in the Commercial (C) District and in the Industrial (I) District.

(c) Add section 14.3: **(currently there is no section 14.3)**

14.3 This section applies to the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District.

14.3.1 In the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, the minimum lot size shall be 217,800 square feet (5 acres), and must meet the requirements of table 1-1.

14.3.2 Where condominiums or duplexes are proposed in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, the requirements of this section 14.3 shall apply for each dwelling unit. For the purposes of this section, a dwelling accessory attached apartment (in-law apartment) shall not be considered a separate dwelling unit.

14.3.3 Where a cluster development is proposed in the Rural/Agricultural (RA)

District, a yield plan shall be presented to demonstrate the maximum number of conventional lots achievable, which shall be increased by 20% (rounded to the nearest whole number) and shall then be the number of cluster dwelling units allowed.

- II. Amend section 18.2.1 by replacing the first three sentences with the following: “Frontage: All lots less than 10 acres in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District must have a minimum of 250 feet of frontage, and all lots less than 10 acres in the Residential (R) District must have a minimum of 200 feet of frontage. All lots of 10 acre or more must have a minimum of 50 feet of frontage on a paved Town road or, if on a gravel road, 250 feet of frontage if in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District or 200 feet of frontage if in the Residential (R) District. Where the frontage of a proposed lot can be measured on paved and gravel road surfaces, the paved surface frontage must be at least 250 feet if in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District or 200 feet if in the Residential (R) District, and the driveway entrance must be on the paved surface in order to qualify for the minimum lot size as defined in Article 14.

**This is currently how section 18.2.1 reads:**

Frontage: All lots less than 10 acres must have a minimum of 200 feet of frontage. All lots in excess of 10 acres must have a minimum of 50 feet of frontage on a paved Town road or 200 feet of frontage on a gravel road. Where the frontage of a proposed lot can be measured on paved and gravel road surfaces, the paved surface frontage must be at least 200 feet and the driveway entrance must be on the paved surface in order to qualify for the minimum lot size as defined in Section 14.2. Newly proposed lots that must use some or all of the frontage on a gravel road for a minimum frontage requirement or driveway access from a gravel road will be required to have a minimum of 10 acres

- III. Amend Article 27.3.3 by adding the following sentence: “A 20% density bonus will be allowed for cluster developments in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, as set forth in Article 14.3.4.

**This is currently how section 27.3.3 reads:**

The maximum number of dwelling units per cluster development shall be determined by the maximum number of non-cluster lots that could be subdivided in accordance with the requirements of Article 14.2 Table 1-1 and all other requirements in this ordinance and the Town of Weare Subdivision Regulations for non-cluster subdivision. The applicant shall present a yield plan to demonstrate the number of conventional lots achievable.

- IV. Amend section 30.4.1 by adding a new sentence: “This doubling shall not apply to the minimum lot size requirement in section 14.3.

**This is currently how section 30.4.1 reads:**

Individual lots: The area requirements shown in Table 1-1 Article 14, shall be doubled within the Rural Conservation District.

- V. If any portion of this warrant article be determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the other portions shall remain in effect, and for this purpose the provisions of this warrant article are severable.

*This section is merely informing voters that in the event some or all of the above changes are challenged and deemed invalid or unenforceable; only those portions deemed that would be unenforceable and not the entire article of changes.*

### ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To remove the sentence that reads “Any residential use shall conform to the requirements of Table 1-1.” from Articles 24.5.1 and 25.5.1? **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*The reason for removing this sentence in the Commercial Zone and Industrial Zone is because residential homes are no longer allowed in the Commercial and Industrial zones. The change is being made to try to clean up the article so there is less confusion.*

**This is currently how section 24.5.1 reads:**

The minimum lot size for any permitted commercial use shall be two (2) acres. Any residential use shall conform to the requirements of Table 1-1.

**This is currently how section 25.5.1 reads:**

The minimum lot size for any permitted industrial use shall be two (2) acres. Any residential use shall conform to the requirements of Table 1-1.

### ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To add a new Article 34 entitled “Sign Ordinance?” **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*There currently is not a section in the Zoning Ordinance for signs. This would be adding a new section creating one.*

34.1 SIGN ORDINANCE

34.2 PURPOSE: To further regulate signs in all districts. It is intended that the provisions of this article supersede those in any other article where the provisions may be in conflict.

34.3 ILLUMINATION STANDARDS: The illumination of any sign shall be from a steady or continuous, non-flashing, white light from exterior light sources only.

34.3.1 Internally lit signs, including animated, changing message or moveable letter signs, and signs containing reflective and/or phosphorescent surfaces, are not allowed.

34.3.2 Any sign related to a business or profession or to a commodity or service sold or offered may be illuminated during business hours only.

34.3.3 During the Christmas season only, holiday displays containing illuminated bulbs or strings of lights that flash or change but do not contain a message are allowed in connection with a sign.

34.4 PROHIBITED SIGNS: The following signs are not allowed:

34.4.1 Any sign unrelated to a business or a profession conducted, or to a commodity or service sold or offered, on the premises where the sign is located. This shall not apply to signs providing location directions.

- 34.4.2 Any sign erected on or above any part of the roof of the building, including any message or symbol on any roof of a building or design in any roofing material. This prohibition shall not apply to a sign that is mounted on, and is parallel to and does not protrude beyond the edges of a vertical wall.
- 34.4.3 Signs attached to utility poles, trees, rocks or other parts of a natural landscape.
- 34.5 This article does not apply to signs legally in place before the effective date of this article.
- 34.6 This article is repealed as of April 1, 2008.

#### ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 5**, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To repeal Article 15-A referred to as the Planning Board’s Growth Management Ordinance, in its entirety? **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*This Growth Management Ordinance article was proposed by the Planning Board and passed by the voters at the March 2005 Town Meeting. On the same warrant was a citizens Growth Management Ordinance that also passed. The stricter of the two ordinances is that one that is being enforced, which is the citizen’s Growth Management Ordinance. Therefore to avoid confusion the Planning Board is asking to remove this article from the ordinance.*

#### ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 6**, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To add two sections, 28.9 entitled *Buffers* and 28.9.1 entitled *Exceptions* to Article 28 which will read: *Buffers*: A buffer of native vegetation with no ground disturbance allowed except for planting shall be maintained within 25 feet of all jurisdictional wetlands. In forested areas no more than 50 percent of the basal area shall be removed in any 10 year period. *Exceptions*: Buffer distances are not required within the right of way for any proposed class V or higher road or any related Class V road construction and/or maintenance activities. This section does not apply to any forest management or agricultural activity? **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*This language would add further protections to wetlands and surface waters from development.*

#### ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 7**, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend the flood plain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program? **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*The following are the details of amendments are as follows:*

1. Replace the last sentence of Article 31.3.2 with the following sentence: The area is designated as Zones A or AE on the Flood Insurance Rate Map.
2. To add the words “or storage of equipment or materials” to the end of the sentence in Article 31.3.7.

3. To add the sentence, “This includes manufactured homes located in a manufactured home park or subdivision.” to Article 31.3.20.
4. To add the words “more than 1 designated height” to the first sentence and delete the last sentence in Article 31.3.24.
5. To add Article 31.3.20.1 to read as follows: “Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.”
6. To add Article 31.3.31 to read as follows: “Violation means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community’s flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44CFR sub section 60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.
7. To delete Article 31.3.1 in its entirety.
8. To revise Article 31.2 to reflect the new map and study date.
9. To revise Article 31.9.4 to read: “Until a Regulatory Floodway is designated along watercourses, no new construction, substantial improvements, or other development (including fill) shall be permitted within Zone AE on the FIRM, unless it is demonstrated by the applicant that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.
10. To delete Articles 31.10.1.3 and 31.10.2.4.4 in their entirety.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 8**, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article 30-A.3.1.1 to read as follows: The board finds that any proposed structure in the proposed development (a) is more than 600 feet from the centerline of Mt. Dearborn Road and (b) will be sited or screened by vegetation so as not to be visible from any point on Mt. Dearborn Road throughout the year and (c) meets all relevant requirements of 6.1.4, **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*This amendment lowers the setback and screening requirements of the overlay district.*

#### **ARTICLE 9**

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 9**, as received by petition: To amend the Town of Weare Zoning Map by modifying the zoning of 7.5 +/- acres, Tax Map 404 Lot 171; and 57.5 +/- acres, Map 407 Lot 39, said parcels being located on Buckley Road, to change from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Residential (R)? (By Petition) **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*This was a petition presented to the board by the property owners asking to change the zoning of the parcels.*

#### **ARTICLE 10**

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 10**, as received by petition: To amend the Town of Weare Zoning Map by modifying the zoning of 35.4 +/- acres, Tax Map 412 Lot 12 (Sub 1); and 2.67 +/- acres, Map 412 Lot 12 (Sub 2), and 2.55 +/- acres, Map 412 Lot 12 (Sub 3); and 2.49 +/- acres, Map 412 Lot 12; said parcels being located on Colby Road, to change from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Residential (R)? (By Petition) **(Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*This was a petition presented to the board by the property owners asking to change the zoning of the parcels.*

#### **ARTICLE 11**

Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 11**, as received by petition: In order to preserve open space and our rural character, as well as reduce property taxes, shall the Town vote to amend its zoning ordinance (a) to increase the minimum lot size in the Rural/Agricultural District to 5 acres and the minimum frontage requirement to 250 feet, while (b) providing a 10% density bonus for cluster developments? (By Petition) **(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)**

*This amendment is a petition article very similar to Article 2. The most notable differences are the percent of density bonus for cluster subdivisions, the rounding method for that density calculation and language that would exclude wetland soils from the lot size calculation. The full text of the amendment is as follows:*

(1) Amend Article 14:

(a) Amend section 14.1 to read: “Lot Size Regulations: Land on Class V streets with gravel surface which are maintained by the Town may be subdivided with a minimum lot size of 10 acres. Land on Class V streets with a paved surface shall follow the lot size table in section 14.2, except land in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District which shall be governed by section 14.3.”

(b) Amend the first sentence in section 14.2 to read: “This section 14.2 shall apply (a) to any use in the Residential (R) District and (b) to any use involving housing (but excluding hotels and other housing for transients) in the Commercial (C) District and in the Industrial (I) District.

(c) Add section 14.3:

“14.3 This section applies to the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District.

“14.3.1 In the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, the minimum lot size shall be 217, 800 square feet (5 acres).

“14.3.2 Where condominiums, duplex or multi-family housing is proposed in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, the requirements of this section 14.3 shall apply for each dwelling unit. For the purposes of this section, a dwelling accessory attached apartment (in-law apartment) shall not be considered a separate dwelling unit.

“14.3.3 For purposes of calculating the maximum number of dwelling units in a conventional or cluster development in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, the entire area used to calculate size must be non-wetlands soils.

“14.3.4 Where a cluster development is proposed in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, a yield plan shall be presented to demonstrate the maximum number of conventional lots achievable, which shall be increased by 10% (rounded to the nearest lower whole number) and shall then be the number of cluster dwelling units allowed.

(2) Amend section 18.2.1 by replacing the first three sentences with the following: “Frontage: All lots less than 10 acres in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District must have a minimum of 250 feet of frontage, and all lots less than 10 acres in the Residential (R) District must have a minimum of 200 feet of frontage. All lots of 10 acre or more must have a minimum of 50 feet of frontage on a paved Town road or, if on a gravel road, 250 feet of frontage if in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District or 200 feet of frontage if in the Residential (R) District. Where the frontage of a proposed lot can be measured on paved and gravel road surfaces, the paved surface frontage must be at least 250 feet if in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District or 200 feet if in the Residential (R) District, and the driveway entrance

must be on the paved surface in order to qualify for the minimum lot size as defined in Article 14.

(3) Amend Article 27.3.3 by adding the following sentence: “A 10% density bonus will be allowed for cluster developments in the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District, as set forth in Article 14.3.4.”

(4) Amend section 30.4.1 by adding a new sentence: “This doubling shall not apply to the minimum lot size requirement in section 14.3.”

(5) Amend section 30.4.3 by replacing it with the following: “All other setback and distance requirements shall be the same as those in the Rural/Agricultural District, except that the frontage requirements in section 18.2.1 as they apply to the Rural Conservation Overlay District shall be a minimum of 200 feet in each instance in that section where there appears a minimum of 250 feet.”

(6) It is the intent of this warrant article to make certain changes to the Rural/Agricultural (RA) District but to make no changes to the Rural Conservation Overlay District, and this warrant article shall be so interpreted.

(7) If any portion of this warrant article be determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the other portions shall remain in effect, and for this purpose the provisions of this warrant article are severable.  
(By Petition)

### Article 12: (Operating Budget)

After including the items the Town voted to adopt last year that must be reflected in this year's budget, the selectmen are requesting a 3.2% increase beyond that. This represents an increase of \$134,956 or a \$.15 per thousand anticipated tax impact. The budget reflects inflationary increases in fuel, heat, electricity, oil and postage to allow the town to continue to provide next year the same services it is providing now. The budget also includes a 3.5% salary increase for employees. In addition, there is an increase in the legal line for land use issues and contract negotiations; office and maintenance supplies; custodial needs; mileage and roadside mowing.

### Article 13: (Capital Improvement Program)

This article continues the funding of the Town's Capital Improvement Program. It forecasts major Town expenditures for fire, highway, police and other essential equipment and services. It allows the Town to buy what is needed without a great deviation in our property taxes. It ensures that necessary services and facilities that meet the community's needs are provided for in accordance with the financial capabilities of the Town. A complete copy of the plan is available at the Town Offices.

## ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Four Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$4,345,078.00). Should this article be defeated, the Default budget shall be Four Million Two Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$4,210,122.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Anticipated tax impact= \$ 2.08

(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

## ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$330,334.00) to be added and allocated to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds as shown in the chart below.

Cemetery Construction Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Communication Fund	\$ 15,000.00
Library-Computer Replacement Fund	\$ 2,434.00
Highway Truck & Equipment Fund	\$ 115,000.00
Transfer Station Equipment Fund	\$ 35,000.00
Recreation Field & Development Fund	\$ 6,000.00
Police Communication Fund	\$ 46,900.00
Police Cruiser Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Computer System Fund	\$ 15,000.00
Government Buildings & Maintenance Fund	\$ 20,000.00

(All the items listed are part of the Town's Capital Improvement Program)

Anticipated tax impact = \$ 0.37

(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Article 14: (Fire Department Forestry Truck)

The Board of Fire Wards along with the Chief has reviewed the needs of the forestry truck and has come up with preliminary specifications to replace the unit. At this time the department is making attempts to purchase a used truck to lower the cost. The present truck is a 1988 model and is unreliable. We have had to have it towed at least three times this past year, leaving the community unprotected for brush fires several times. We have had to rely on mutual aid to cover these incidents. This vehicle will also be utilized to tow the town rescue boat, respond to minor incidents such as trees down and on electric wires, and water problems. Using this vehicle in these capacities prevents us from putting unnecessary mileage on larger fire engines. Using a full size fire truck is difficult to maneuver for incidents that this vehicle can be used for, as well as it not being cost effective. This vehicle will become part of the capital improvement plan.

Article 15: (Highway Department Communications)

The purpose of this account is to establish funding to improve highway department aging radio communications equipment. Our current system dates back to the late 1970's, which means parts for repair difficult to locate. The total cost of this project will be \$35,000.00. However, spread out over a period of three years, we would start out with an initial expenditure of \$20,000.00 in 2007 to cover the costs of a base station, licensing and five mobile units. The balance of \$15,000.00 will be expended over the remaining two-year period for fifteen mobile units.

Article 16: (Library Development/Consultant Fund)

This article would fund a specialist to evaluate the structural safety of the library. It would also enable a specialist familiar with municipal building projects to explore with the citizens of Weare ways to meet the need for more effective library space, and incorporate Weare's vision into a building plan prior to architect selection. Professional guidance is recommended in any building program to control design, construction and future operating costs while getting value and quality for money spent.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to replace the Fire Department forestry truck and any needed equipment to properly outfit the vehicle, with said funds to come from the existing Fire And Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

Anticipated tax impact = \$ 0.00

(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

#### **ARTICLE 15**

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Highway Communication Fund for the purpose of purchasing Highway/ Public Works Department communication equipment including a base station and mobile radios, and raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in this fund, and authorize the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend from this account for its intended purpose.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.02

**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

#### **ARTICLE 16**

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Library Development/Consultant Fund for the purpose of assisting the Library Trustees and volunteer committees through the library development process to come up with the creation of a building plan, and raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$15,675.00) to be placed in this fund, and authorize the Library Trustees as the agents to expend from this account for its intended purpose.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.02

(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

#### Article 17: (Revolving Fund – fee based recycling)

Currently, the Town estimates the cost of disposing items that are fee – based, such as tires and demolition materials. We also estimate the revenues that will be received for these items. The costs and/or revenues can be underestimated, which could allow for a deficit in the budget. If these items are overestimated, we could budget too much. This article will provide an avenue so that it becomes a direct offset. It would directly pay for the item(s) taken in, thus reducing the budget, as well as, the revenue side. It will also give us a more accurate accounting of items for both expenditures and revenues.

#### Article 18: (Road Reconstruction)

This article covers reconstruction and resurfacing work scheduled to be completed during the 2007 season by the Department of Public Works. Of the \$375,000.00, the Town will receive \$222,273.00 from the State of New Hampshire, Highway Block Grant, leaving a balance of \$151,727.00 to be raised by taxation.

#### Article 19: (Town Buildings Needs Assessment)

The purpose of this article is to allow the Town to professionally assess and plan for future Town government buildings and facilities needs and to inform our capital planning (CIP) process. The Town is facing some major projects involving our Town-owned buildings that will have to be dealt with such as repair/replacement of the Stone Building roof and heating system; the Town Hall heating and plumbing systems and overall integrity of the facility; and space requirements and facilities upgrades at the Town Office building. Passage of this article will allow Town Officials to obtain professional guidance in how best to schematically prioritize and address these and other issues pertaining to maintaining adequate Town facilities to serve the public.

### **ARTICLE 17**

Shall the Town establish a Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purposes of facilitating recycling at the Town Transfer Station. All revenues received from fee-based recycled items at the Town Transfer Station will be deposited into this fund, and the money in this fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body, and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. Should this article pass, The Transfer Station Operating Budget would be reduced by \$39,000.00 for fiscal 2007 calendar year.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 18**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) for road reconstruction and resurfacing of roads. Of the \$375,000.00, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars (\$223,273.00) would be received from Highway Block Grant Funds from the State of New Hampshire (Pursuant to RSA 235) with One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$151,727.00) to be raised by taxation.

Anticipated tax impact \$0.17

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 19**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to have a Town Buildings needs assessment conducted to assess, among other things, the current condition of Town facilities, how they are suiting the needs of the community, and to anticipate and plan for the future needs of the Town and how to most efficiently and cost-effectively meet those needs. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the needs assessment is completed or by December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.04

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

#### Article 20: (Part-time Professional Planner)

This article would allow the Town to obtain professional assistance through the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. This planner would: come to the Town Offices one day per week; provide complete plan reviews; attend one land use meeting a month; provide technical assistance on land use issues such as capital improvement projections and draft and update ordinances. This article is not an added position, it is seeking funds for professional assistance to the volunteer board for this year.

#### Article 21: (Police Union Contract)

Two years ago Weare's police officers unionize. Through negotiations a tentative agreement was reached. The amount of \$42,746 includes a 3.5% salary increase (about the same as proposed for other town employees in the proposed budget in Article 12) as well as benefits, clothing

allowance and an educational incentive. This figure also includes a salary raise retroactive for three months in 2006. A copy of the contract may be viewed at the selectmen's office during normal working hours.

#### Article 22: (1 Full-time Police Officer)

The additional officer will bring the Town of Weare closer to meeting the recommendations for a town the size and population of Weare. The **Bartell Manpower Formula** is an excellent source of reference. Calculations are influenced by such factors as number of patrol incidents, incidents per shift, type of incidents, manpower hours required for safety, peacekeeping and professional standards, as well as other variables.

**ARTICLE 20**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, (\$21,600.00) to acquire the services of a part-time professional planner through the Regional Planning Commission’s Circuit Rider Program for one year only?

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.02

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 21**

Shall the Town approve the cost item contained in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the *American Federation of State County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)* Union (police employees) inclusive of the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increase	Year	Estimated Increase
2007	\$42,746.00	2008	\$28,488.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$42,746.00) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The \$42,746.00 sum for 2007 includes salary funding retroactive to October 1, 2006, per the agreement.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.05

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 22**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000.00) for the purpose of hiring one (1) additional full-time Weare Police Officer. The stated amount will cover a nine-month cost of salary, benefits, uniforms, equipment and training. If approved, future funding for this position will be included in the Weare Police Department operating budgets.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.06

**(NOT RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

Article 23: (2 Full-time per diem EMT Positions)

Staffing ambulance personnel during daytime hours has become difficult. The department has had to utilize mutual aid more frequently during these hours. Having two emergency medical technicians during daytime hours will provide a timely response to medical emergencies. This cost represents a half year of service and would double in future years.

Article 24: (Cable Franchise Fees)

This article will be funded by the cable franchise fees which the Town receives from Comcast on an annual basis. The funds will be used to purchase updated equipment and to keep the local access channels, Channel 6 and 17 on the air.

Article 25: (Cemetery Improvements – cy pres money)

This article would appropriate \$15,000 for cemetery improvements. This sum to be withdrawn from Cemetery Trust Funds as provided by RSA 31:22a (cy pres), and to designate the Board of Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend. This is part of ongoing improvement, offset by revenues from Cemetery Trusts. There is no tax impact.

Article 26: (Town Forest Fund Expenditure)

This article would allow the town to expend \$80,000 from the Town Forest Account to purchase new town forest land. The Conservation Commission is currently working with Piscataquog Watershed Association (PWA) to purchase 64 acres from Tom Oliphant that would be added to the Chevy Hill Town Forest and this funding would be used to support the project. The Town would own the land and PWA would hold the conservation easement.

### **ARTICLE 23**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$49,850.00) to fund two (2) per diem EMT positions to staff the ambulance 8 hours a day 7 days a week beginning July 1, 2007 for a period of six months. If this Article is approved, future funding for these positions will be included in the Weare Fire Department operating budget.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.06

**(NOT RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 24**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the previously established Community Access TV Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Said amount is the equivalent of a portion of the sum the Town receives each year from the Cable franchise fees.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 25**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for cemetery improvements. This sum to be withdrawn from Cemetery Trust Funds Cy Pres Account.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 26**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the Town Forest Account, said sum to be used in combination with the Conservation Fund for the acquisition of new Town Forest land.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

**(RECOMMENDED)** by Board of Selectmen)

Article 27: (Licensed Forester)

This article would allow the Conservation Commission to contract a licensed NH Forester to develop and implement plans and harvests on town forests. The town forestry program has been dormant over the last three years; the Conservation Commission is planning to more actively manage the town's forests with the intent of improving forest health, manage for increased wildlife diversity, and produce some level of sustainable income.

Article 28: (Purchase Fireworks)

This article provides funding for the annual Patriotic Celebration's fireworks display.

Article 29: (Elderly Exemptions)

In order to have qualified elderly receive the same exemption amounts as last year (before the revaluation), the amounts need to be adjusted keeping the tax impact as it has been in the past.

## **ARTICLE 27**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to allow the Conservation Commission to secure the contracted services of a New Hampshire Licensed Forester to prepare management plans, prepare timber harvests, and provide timber harvest oversight for Town forests, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Town Forest Account.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.00

(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

## **ARTICLE 28**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing fireworks for the 2007 Weare Patriotic Celebration. This warrant article has been designated by the Board of Selectmen as a Special Warrant Article so that the funds, if approved, may not be transferred for any other purposes.

Anticipated tax impact = \$0.007

(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

## **ARTICLE 29**

Shall the Town modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Weare, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: \$70,000.00 for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$90,000.00 for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, and \$300,000.00 for a person 80 years of age or older? To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years prior to April 1st, 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 \$33,000.00 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$44,000.00; and own net assets not in excess of \$80,000.00, excluding the value of the person's residence and land up to 2 acres. (**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Article 30: (Disabled Exemptions)

The State of New Hampshire has raised the minimum amounts allowed for the disabled. The Town must adjust its amounts to reflect this change keeping the tax impact as it has been in the past.

Article 31: (Rescind Provisions of RSA 31:95-c)

Article 32: (Revolving Fund for Police Details)

Articles 31 and 32 go hand in hand. Rescinding Article 31 (a yes vote) and approving Article 32 (another yes vote) will facilitate greater ease in accounting and bookkeeping regarding police details. The approval of these articles is non monetary.

Article 33: (Eastman Conservation Area as Town Forest)

This article legally designates the Charles H. and Ethel Eastman Conservation Area as Town Forest. This designation is used to indicate a town property has manageable forest and ensures that any income from forest management activities is deposited in the Town Forest Account.

### **ARTICLE 30**

Shall the Town modify the Disabled Exemption for any person who is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled to receive a yearly exemption on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate in the amount of \$60,000.00? To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400.00, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$20,400.00; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00, excluding the value of the person's residence and land up to 2 acres.

**(RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 31**

Shall the Town rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 95% of revenues from special police details to expenditures for the purpose of paying the police officers to provide contracted detail service to be replaced with Article 32 if Article 32 passes?

**(RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 32**

Shall the Town establish a Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of funding police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen and no further approval is required by the town meeting to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

**(RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 33**

Shall the Town designate the 608 acre Eastman Conservation Area as Town Forest in accordance with RSA 31:110 to be managed by the Weare Conservation Commission?

**(RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Article 34: (Giving Conservation Commission Authority)

This article gives the Conservation Commission the authority to enter into a conservation easement with a local land trust (PWA) if the Conservation Commission is successful in obtaining the property. A conservation easement is written to protect a property from any further development in the future. Conservation easements generally are written to allow activities (i.e.; walking, hiking, fishing, hunting, and forestry) that are not detrimental to the conservation value of a property.

Article 35: (Conveying of Conservation Easements)

This article would authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to enter into conservation easements for all Town-owned conservation lands or Town Forests to ensure their permanent protection from development.

Article 36: (Weare Historical Society's Use of Stone Memorial Building)

The purpose of this article is to resolve two issues regarding the Stone Memorial Building. First, to clarify that the maintenance of the building is the responsibility of the Town, as has been the practice in recent years (Art. 21 from 1981 gave that charge to the Weare Historical Society). Secondly, to allow the Weare Historical Society to use the Stone Building for preservation of Weare historical artifacts and to lease the building for that purpose.

Article 37: (Authority to Sell Two Lots of Land)

Mildred Hall died three years ago and left the remainder of her estate to the Town of Weare in trust to be used for the benefit of the town. In addition to cash the remainder of the Hall estate included two parcels of real estate in South Weare. One parcel is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre in size, the second parcel is approximately 1 acre. Article 37 authorizes the Selectmen to sell either one or both of these parcels. The proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the Mildred Hall Trust.

### **ARTICLE 34**

If the Weare Conservation Commission can obtain ownership, shall the Town authorize addition of approximately 64 acres obtained by the Weare Conservation Commission from Map 404, Lot 130 to the Chevy Hill Town Forest in accordance with RSA 31:110 to be managed by the Weare Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 31:112, II; to authorize the Conservation Commission to convey certain conservation easements to a qualified land trust such as the Piscataquog Watershed Association or Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests?  
(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 35**

In order to prevent any future development on land intended for conservation, shall the town authorize the Weare Conservation Commission and Weare Board of Selectmen to convey into conservation easements for any town forest and town conservation lands with a qualified land trust such as the Piscataquog Watershed Association or Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests?  
(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 36**

Shall the Town rescind Article 31 adopted at the 1981 Town Meeting which authorized the Weare Historical Society to use the Stone Memorial Building for purposes of storing, preserving and acquiring artifacts pertaining to Weare's history but required the Historical Society to pay the costs of maintaining the Stone Building, and instead to authorize the Weare Historical society to use the Stone Memorial Building for purposes of storing, preserving and acquiring artifacts pertaining to Weare's History with the Town to bear all costs of maintaining the building, thus allowing the Historical society to utilize it for a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year?  
(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

### **ARTICLE 37**

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell two parcels of land along NH Route 114 to which the Town acquired title through the Last Will and Testament of Mildred E. Hall, and to allow the Selectmen to negotiate all aspects of said sale, including the sale price? These parcels are shown as the northerly and southerly tracts of Tax Map 408-190 on a plan entitled "Boundary Line Agreement Plan, Land of SHB Properties, LLC, Russell P. and Carol A. Bernard and Tim and Sheila Savaria, Tax-Map Lots 411-152, 408-168, and 408-190" dated February 16, 2006 and recorded at the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds as Plan 34581.  
(**RECOMMENDED** by Board of Selectmen)

Article 38: (Lake Horace Access)

This is a petitioned article. The Board of Selectmen makes no recommendation on this article.

Article 39: (Establishing a Community Center Fund)

This is a petitioned article. The Board of Selectmen makes no recommendation on this article.

Article 40: (Appointing Police Chief)

This is a petitioned article. The Board of Selectmen makes no recommendation on this article.

### **ARTICLE 38**

In order to provide year round equitable public access to Horace Lake, Public Waters of the State of New Hampshire, managed by New Hampshire Fish and Game for year round trout fishing, shall the Town approve opening either the Chase Park Boat Launch or the old boat launch adjacent to Chase Park for boat launching during ice off conditions and access to the ice during ice on conditions daily from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset and provide reasonable access to parking either in the park or [on] roadside.

(by **Petition**)

### **ARTICLE 39**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict One Hundred Percent (100%) of revenues from *(donations, grants, voluntary fees, and/or fundraisers)* identified for *Community Center purposes*, to expenditures for the purpose of planning, building and operating a Community Center to include kitchen(s), multi-purpose rooms, and recreational facilities? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the *Community Center fund*, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

(by **Petition**)

### **ARTICLE 40**

Shall the elected position of Weare, New Hampshire Chief of Police be discontinued and the position become an appointed position, in accordance with all Town of Weare hiring practice and procedure, and within all requirements of the New Hampshire Police standards and Training Council? If approved, the position shall be appointed at the end of the current elected term, in March 2008.

(by **Petition**)

**John Stark Regional School District - Voters Guide**  
**Please go to the polls and vote on March 13, 2007**

To the voters of Weare,

This guide to the John Stark Regional High School District ballot is provided by the John Stark School Board to help inform you about the articles on which you will be voting.

The John Stark ballot will contain 8 Articles. Of these, Articles 1 and 2 do not appropriate any funds but simply approve the reports of the various committees of the district and set the salaries of the School Board members.

**Article 3 – Operating Budget**

This article presents the 2007-2008 operating budget of the School District. The proposed budget is \$11,879,133 and the default budget is \$11,752,505. The budget represents a 5.8% increase over the 2006-2007 school year, caused primarily by increases in the teacher's salaries in the third year of their three-year contract and by increases in special education costs. The difference between the proposed and default budgets is 1.1% (\$126,628). The items acquired by that additional 1.1% are one additional Art section to correspond with increased student needs, a 4% salary increase for all non-contracted staff, and small increases to the equipment and teaching materials accounts of the various school departments.

**Article 4 – Support Staff 3-Year Contract:**

This article presents the newly negotiated, three year contract with the JS Support Staff Association representing teacher aides, office staff, buildings & grounds staff, and food service staff. The agreement keeps District health care cost the same as they were in the last contract and provides wage increases each year for the 42.4, full-time equivalent positions.

**Article 5 – Re-negotiate Support Staff Contract if Article 4 Fails to Pass:**

This article will allow the District to call a special meeting to consider a re-negotiated contract if article 4 is defeated.

**Article 6 – Water/Waste Water Expendable Trust:**

This article appears every year to direct a certain amount (this year - \$15,000) of any operating budget surplus to an established trust to cover future costs associated with the school's water and waste water systems.

**Article 7 - Land Lease/Purchase Expendable Trust:**

This article appears every year to provide \$1,000 and authorization to pursue land purchases as adjoining properties may come available during the year.

**Article 8 - Buildings and Ground Expendable Trust:**

This article appears every year to direct a certain amount (this year - \$15,000) of any operating budget surplus to an established trust to cover future costs associated with the upgrading, maintenance or development of the school's buildings and grounds.

**Questions?** If you have questions about the budget, there are materials on the SAU website and detailed budgets available at SAU schools or the Town Libraries. This year you may access the annual school district report on line ([www.sau24.org](http://www.sau24.org)) or pick up a copy of the annual report at the Schools, Post Offices, Town Offices or Town Libraries after February 28<sup>th</sup>. You may also contact Board members or administration. Visit our website or call the SAU office at 428-3269 for contact information.

**JOHN STARK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAMPLE BALLOT  
WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
VOTE ~ MARCH 13, 2007**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER (AT LARGE)**

<b>3 year terms</b>	<b>(Vote for two)</b>
James Franciscovich	<input type="radio"/>
Don Gage II	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write in)	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write in)	<input type="radio"/>

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR**

<b>1 year term</b>	<b>(Vote for one)</b>
James D. Gleason	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write in)	<input type="radio"/>

**ARTICLES**

1. Shall the District receive the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers chosen, as printed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO
  
2. Shall the District vote to set the salaries of the School Board and compensation of any other agents of the District as printed in the 2007 – 2008 Budget? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.) (The 2007-2008 amount is included in Article #3, the operating budget.)

YES   
NO
  
3. Shall the District raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special or separate warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,879,133 (Eleven Million, Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand, One Hundred Thirty Three Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,752,505 (Eleven

Million, Seven Hundred Fifty Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Five Dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO

4. To see if the John Stark School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the John Stark Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase</b>
2007-2008	\$58,077 (Fifty Eight Thousand, Seventy Seven Dollars)
2008-2009	\$47,149 (Forty Seven Thousand, One Hundred Forty Nine Dollars)
2009-2010	\$49,582 (Forty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty Two Dollars)

And further raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,077 (Fifty Eight Thousand, Seventy Seven Dollars) for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO

5. Shall the District, if Article #4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #4 cost items only? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO

6. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate 50% of any surplus remaining at the close of the current fiscal year, up to \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Expendable General Fund Trust as established in 1996 for the purpose of upgrading, repairing and maintaining the water and septic systems at the school, or to take any other action in relation thereto? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.)

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7. Shall the District authorize the School Board to continue to investigate a negotiated land lease, transfer, sale and/or purchase for the purpose of septic, wells and athletic fields and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) for any expenses related to the above, or to take any other action in relation thereto? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE

SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.)

YES



NO



8. Shall the District raise and appropriate 50% of any surplus remaining at the close of the current fiscal year, up to the amount of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the John Stark School District Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund as established in March 2003, for the purpose of providing for any future upgrading, maintenance or development of the grounds or fields? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.)

YES



NO



**WEARE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAMPLE BALLOT  
WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>3 year term</b>	<b>(Vote for one)</b>
Marjorie Burke	<input type="radio"/>
_____ (Write in)	<input type="radio"/>

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**ARTICLES**

1. Shall the District receive the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen, as printed in the Annual Report? (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO

2. Shall the District vote to set the salaries of the School Board and the compensation for any other officers of the District as printed in the 2007-2008 Budget? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.) (The 2007-2008 amount is included in Article # 3, the operating budget.)

YES   
NO

3. Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special or separate warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,931,990 (Eleven Million, Nine Thousand Thirty One, Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,729,096 (Eleven Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand, Ninety Six Dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO

4. To see if the Weare School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Weare Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated Increase</b>
2007-2009	\$57,621 (Fifty Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty One Dollars)
2008-2009	\$67,271 (Sixty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy One Dollars)
2009-2010	\$81,716 (Eighty One Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixteen Dollars)

And further raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,621 (Fifty Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty One Dollars) for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.)

YES  
NO

5. Shall the District if Article #4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #4 cost items only? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO

6. Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,900 (Seventeen Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars) to purchase additional technology equipment? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO

7. Shall the District raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) of any surplus remaining at the close of the current fiscal year, to be added to the School Building Repair Expendable Trust Fund, previously established in March 2001, for the purpose of major building repairs and improvements? (THIS WARRANT ARTICLE IS SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #3, the operating budget.) (Majority vote required.)

YES   
NO