

**HEBRON TOWN MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**  
**37 GROTON ROAD**  
**To Act on Warrant Articles 4 - 13**

Town Meeting is a time-honored tradition in New Hampshire to discuss town matters, voice opinions, and to approve or modify town budgets and warrant articles. Hebron has a strong history of residents participating in this time-honored tradition since the first town meeting in 1792.

Registered voters who are on the town's voter checklist as of May 14, 2024 will be eligible to vote at this year's town meeting. No new voter registrations can be accepted at Town Meeting. If you need to register to vote, please see the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk on or before May 14.

***Check-In Procedure When Arriving at Town Meeting:***

- Registered voters will check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist who will be located at the front of the building/entrance to the apparatus bays.
- Please be prepared to provide photo identification to the Supervisors of the Checklist.
- The Supervisors of the Checklist will provide the voter with a yellow voter card to be used for any warrant articles voting that require a hand count and a colored YES/NO tear ballot to be used if a secret ballot is requested.

***Article 4 – Potential Withdrawal from the Newfound Area School District:***

The first article to be voted on at this year's town meeting will be Article 4 to see if the Town of Hebron will adopt the provisions of House Bill 349 to withdraw from the Newfound Area School District/SAU #4 as of June 30, 2025, and to form a separate cooperative school district effective July 1, 2025. A majority vote is required on this article. More information about Hebron's potential withdrawal from the Newfound Area School may be found by **visiting the town's website at [www.hebronnh.gov](http://www.hebronnh.gov) and selecting the "HB349" link from the homepage menu**. This link will bring you to the Steering Committee's webpage which contains meeting minutes, documents explaining the withdrawal process, and the articles of incorporation for the potential new school district.

At the conclusion of Town Meeting, please turn in your yellow voter cards at the Supervisors of the Checklist table.

**Please bring your town report with you to the meeting (mailed to registered voters)**  
**See you at Town Meeting on May 16!**

Roger Larochelle, Town Moderator and Tracey Steenbergen, Town Clerk

## **HEBRON TOWN MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE**

As provided by RSA 40:4, the Moderator may establish the rules to be used at Town Meeting. The only legally-binding rule is that the voters can overrule the moderator by a simple majority. Any voter can request at any time a "Point of Order" or clarification of a rule.

The Moderator will use the following general Rules of Procedure for the Meeting:

1. Only registered voters are entitled to speak and vote at Town Meeting. If you are not a Hebron registered voter, please sit in the back as available. A non-voter can speak, but only if a majority approves.
2. All discussion must go through the Moderator. Just raise your hand until you are called upon. Please use the microphone and identify yourself. While most of us know each other, it's important that our Town Clerk correctly identifies you in the minutes.
3. Each warrant article will be read and needs to be moved and seconded prior to discussion. Typically, Selectmen will speak to the articles recommended by the Select Board. Once on the floor, please keep your questions, comments, and answers brief and concise. In fairness to all, the Moderator will call first on the people who haven't already had a turn.
4. In the interest of time at the beginning of the meeting, the Moderator will entertain a motion to waive the reading of the entire Warrant.
5. While a motion is under discussion, a voter can offer an amendment, in writing with your name. No more than one amendment will be on the floor at any one time.
6. After discussion on the motion, the article or amendment will be read prior taking to a voice vote. If the voice vote is too close for the Moderator to determine a majority, we will vote by raising one hand, high in the air, please. Be patient as we take a hand count and don't move from your seat. The Supervisors of the Checklist will count votes in their assigned section of the room. A tie vote will prompt a secret ballot.
7. Other than those cases where a secret ballot is required by law, secret ballots are allowed at the Moderator's discretion or if requested in writing prior to the article coming on the floor by at least five voters who are physically present [RSA 40:4-a].
8. Motions to "Call the Question" to limit debate requires a 2/3 vote to pass. Voters who have made the Moderator aware of their interest to speak will still have an opportunity to speak. The Moderator shall have the right to refuse to recognize a motion to "Call the Question", if voters have not yet had an adequate opportunity to discuss an issue
9. A majority vote is required for reconsideration of a previous vote. Limiting reconsideration of one or a group of articles shall also require a majority vote.
10. The Moderator will only accept a motion to "pass over" an article if another article addresses the same question, and then only to clarify the articles being considered. The motion to "pass over" is not subject to debate and requires a majority.
11. Any rule or ruling the Moderator makes can be overruled by majority vote.