



2026  
**WARRANT**

**Acworth**

The inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Road on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, at 10:00 of the clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened and shall close not earlier than 7:00 of the clock in the evening; and you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Articles 02 through 15 shall commence at 7:00 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before 2/18/2026, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting at 13 Town Hall Rd, at the Post Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

| Name              | Position              | Signature         |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Kathi Bradt       | Selectman, Chair      | KATHI BRADT       |
| Jim Jennison      | Selectman, Vice Chair | James Jennison    |
| Ryanne Schoonover | Selectman             | Ryanne Schoonover |



**Article 01 Election of Officers**

To Vote by Non-partisan Ballot for the following Town Officers

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| Selectmen: 1 for 3 Years             | Library Trustees: 2 for 3 Years            |
| Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year          | Cemetery Trustees: 1 for 3 Years           |
| Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year              | Planning Board: 1 for 2 Years              |
| Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year          | Planning Board: 2 for 3 Years              |
| Moderator: 1 for 2 Years             | Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Years            |
| Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year | Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 Years |

**Article 02 Empower the Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

**Article 03 Apply for TANs**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**Article 04 Fund the Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,526,381 for general municipal operations with \$100,000 to come from unassigned fund balance (This amount represents partial FEMA reimbursement funds received in 2025) This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No; 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4:Yes, 1:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

**Article 05 Long-Term Lease/Purchase of Truck**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of up to \$168,000, payable over a term of five (5) years, to finance the purchase of a truck to replace the Highway Department's 2018 Dodge 5500, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,600 for the first year's payment under the lease/purchase agreement, with those funds to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes 0:No, 1:Absent (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4:Yes, 1:No, 1:Absent). (3/5 ballot vote required)

**Article 06 Paving Cold Pond Road**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500,000 to pave Cold Pond Road with \$200,000 to come from unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

**Article 07 Forest Road Bridge Replacement**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,750,000 for the purpose of replacement of the bridge on Forest Road over Great Brook (Federal Project X-A005(517) NHDOT Project #44523). \$1,400,000 (80%) of said funds to come from Federal Bridge Aid Program; and \$350,000 (20%) of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by 2031, whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)



**Article 08 Fund the Fire Truck CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

**Article 09 Fund the Highway Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent) (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required). Majority vote required

**Article 10 Fund the Bridge CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 10,000 for the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

**Article 11 Fund the Revaluation CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

**Article 12 Fund the Building and Grounds CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in 2019. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

**Article 13 Modify Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Service-connected total disabled veteran tax credit from \$1,400 to \$1,700 pursuant to RSA 72:35. The optional tax credit for service-connected permanent and total disability shall replace other veteran credits in its entirety and not be in addition to. (Majority vote required)

**Article 14 Adopt All Veterans Tax Credit**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$300 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 15 Other Business**

To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.