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**Acworth**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, in the County of Sullivan in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Road, Acworth on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March at 10:00 of the clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for voting on Article 01 by use of the official ballot, and shall close not earlier than 7:00 of the clock in the evening; and you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Article 02 through 14 shall commence at 7:00 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 12 at the Town Hall.

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before February 13, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Post Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

| Name           | Position         | Signature  |
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| James Jennison | Selectman, Chair |  |
| Ray Leonard    | Selectman        |  |
| Kathi Bradt    | Selectman        | KATHI BRADT  |
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**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    | Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Years |
| Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year | Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 1 Year  |
| Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year     | Library Trustees: 2 for 3 Years       |
| Local Auditor 1 for 1 Year  | Cemetery Trustees: 1 for 3 Years      |
| Moderator 1 for 2 years     | Planning Board: 2 for 3 Years         |
|                             | Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Years       |

**Article 02 Road Repairs Following the July 10, 2023 Flood**

To see if the Town will vote (1) to raise and appropriate up to \$1,000,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of restoring, repairing, and improving Town roads, including Crane Brook Road, Sam Putnam Road, Forest Road that suffered significant damages during the flash flood of July 10, 2023 (the "Project"); (2) to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) to fund costs of the Project and to authorize Town officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest, maturity, and other terms thereon; (3) to authorize Town officials to apply for, obtain, accept, and expend federal (e.g. FEMA), state, or other aid or grant monies in respect of the Project and to use such monies to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the Project, to prepay such bonds or notes, or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and (4) to authorize the selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The borrowing authority granted by this Article shall be contingent upon the Town first receiving reimbursements from FEMA/State of New Hampshire to fully pay off the amounts borrowed in 2021 for prior flash flood repairs. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Y, 1:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (3/5 ballot vote required)

**Article 03 Long-Term Lease/Purchase of a 10-wheeler**

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 \$300,000, payable over a term of five (5) years, to finance the purchase of a 10-wheeler truck to replace the Highway Department's Ford F550, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the first year's payment under the lease/purchase agreement, with \$20,000 of those funds to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000, \$22,133 to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the one-time highway payment received November 2023), and \$17,867 to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 1:Y, 2:N). (3/5 ballot vote required)

**Article 04 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 05 Apply for TANs**

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

**Article 06 Fund the Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,515,778 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)



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**Article 07      Drainage on Cold Pond Road**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to replace culverts on Cold Pond Road and grader shim the affected areas in anticipation of a pavement overlay of the whole road in 2025. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 0:Y, 6:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 0:Y, 3:N) (Majority vote required)

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**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 Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 09      Fund the Highway Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2000. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 10      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 2020. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**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 previously established in 2010. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 12      Engineering for Forest Road Bridge**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$228,140 for the cost of Engineering Forest Road Bridge replacement with the sum of \$60,000 to come from the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014; \$72,746 to come from unassigned fund balance (this represents the one-time bridge payment of \$54,948 received January 2023, and the one-time bridge payment of \$17,798 received December 2023), and \$95,394 to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Y, 1:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)

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**Article 13      Establish Position of a Building Inspector**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 674:51 and RSA 673:1 (III) to adopt the state building code (RSA 155-A) as the Town's local building code and to provide for the appointment of a building inspector who shall enforce the state building code. The building inspector shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall be compensated according to the level of compensation authorized by the adoption of the annual budget by the Town Meeting.

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**Article 14      Other Business**

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