

MERRIMACK VILLAGE DISTRICT

Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Merrimack Village District in the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the **Cafetorium** of the **Merrimack Middle School at 31 Madeline Bennett Lane** in said District on the 31st day of March 2020 at 7:00 PM to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1: To choose two (2) Commissioners for a three-year (3) term of office.

The purpose of this article is to allow you to vote for your choice of a candidate for office. If you would like to vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot, simply write in the candidate's name of your choice in the space provided on the ballot. (Written ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 2: To choose one (1) District Clerk for a three-year (3) term of office.

The purpose of this article is to allow you to vote for your choice of a candidate for office. If you would like to vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot, simply write in the candidate's name of your choice in the space provided on the ballot. (Written ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 3: To choose one (1) Moderator for a two-year (2) term of office.

The purpose of this article is to allow you to vote for your choice of a candidate for office. If you would like to vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot, simply write in the candidate's name of your choice in the space provided on the ballot. (Written ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Merrimack Village District, acting pursuant to RSA 33:3-a(II), vote to modify the previously approved warrant articles# 2 and 3 (approved March 26th, 2019) so that the PFAS treatment program for wells #2, #3, #7, and #8 will be considered as one project allowing funding to be used for any of the wells so that financial awards from NHDES can also be applied to any of the wells, to include the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan (DWSRF) of \$6,500,000, the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) loan of \$6,264,500, and the DWGTF grant of \$1,450,000. MVD contribution from capital reserves \$285,500 totaling \$14,500,000. *(2/3 ballot vote required; polls must remain open for at least one hour)*

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (4-0-0)

Reviewed by the Department of Revenue Administration

The purpose of this article would allow the MVD to maximize the offered funding and to use grant/loan proceeds on its various wells as needed. This article is a supplement to the existing authorization and does not replace the previous articles.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Merrimack Village District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million one hundred seventeen thousand thirty-six dollars (\$4,117,036) for general municipal operations for the 2020-2021 fiscal year with said sum to come from water related charges. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (4-0-0)
Reviewed by the Department of Revenue Administration

This is the operating budget warrant article. This article funds the operation of the District for the year beginning July 1, 2020 ending June 30, 2021 for all departments; Administration, Distribution, Treatment, Debt Services and Insurance/Benefits.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Merrimack Village District vote to establish a contingency fund, pursuant to RSA 52:4-a, by raising and appropriating the amount of twenty thousand (\$20,000) to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the fiscal year 2020-2021 with said funds to come from water fees? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (4-0-0)
Reviewed by the Department of Revenue Administration

*RSA 52:4-a states:
“Every village district annually by an article in the warrant may establish a contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year. Such fund shall not exceed one percent of the amount appropriated exclusive of capital expenditures and amortization of debt by such village district during the preceding year. A detailed report of all expenditures from the contingency fund shall be made annually by the commissioners and published with the report.”*

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Merrimack Village District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$215,750) under provisions of RSA 35:1, I and II to add to the District’s “System Development Capital Reserve” fund for the future system expansion and improvement of the existing system? This sum to come from the fiscal year 2018-2019 surplus fund balance; these are the system development charges collected during the 2018-2019 budget year. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (4-0-0)
Reviewed by the Department of Revenue Administration

The MVD's Board of Commissioners adopted a System Development Charge (SDC) on August 19, 2008. This charge is applied to "new" customers and those existing customers who increase their water service demand beyond 20% of their current or prior use. The charge can best be described as a "buy-in" fee to achieve an equal equity position with the existing customers. This one-time payment will cover their share of the value of the existing infrastructure. Fire service entrances are not subject to the SDC. The "System Development Charge Use of Funds" policy (08-02-B) was approved by the BOC on 10/27/08.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Merrimack Village District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) under provisions of RSA 35:1, I and II to add to the District's "Equipment and Facilities Capital Reserve" fund for associated costs with existing storage, transmission and production of water? This sum to come from surplus fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (4-0-0)
Reviewed by the Department of Revenue Administration

The purpose of this article is to use a portion of the revenue surplus to be set aside for future use in the District's Equipment and Facilities capital reserve fund. Should an emergency arise in future years, for which there was no appropriation, or should there be the need for an unforeseen special piece of machinery in a pump station, for example, the Board of Commissioners would have these funds available for such purposes. This fund was established by the March 26, 1996 annual meeting.

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