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To the inhabitants of the Town of Northwood in the County of Rockingham in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the **Auditorium** of **Coe-Brown Northwood Academy**, 907 First NH Turnpike, in said Northwood on **4, February, 2017 at 9:00 AM** to participate in the **First Session** of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered Two (2) through Twenty one (21). The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

Second Session: The Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "First Session" will be held at the **Parish Center at St. Joseph's Church**, 844 First NH Turnpike, in said Northwood on **Tuesday 14, March, 2017**. The polls will be open from **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**.

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Article 1: ELECTIONS

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

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 **three million six hundred forty eight thousand one hundred sixty two dollars (\$3,648,162.00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **three million five hundred seventy five thousand two hundred ninety eight dollars (\$3,563,285)** 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. **(Tax impact 0.29) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10/1)**

Article 3: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$56,912)** for the third of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the new pumper truck, and to fund the payment by withdrawing the sum of **fifty six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$56,912)** from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement was approved at the 2016 Town Meeting and does not contain an escape clause. **(No Tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11/0)**

Article 4: AMBULANCE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **forty eight thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$48,617)** for the fifth of five annual payments on a five year lease on Ambulance 1 and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of **forty eight thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$48,617)** from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement was approved at the 2013 Town Meeting and does not contain an escape clause. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11/0)**

Article 5: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500)** to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. **(Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10/0/1)**

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Article 6: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **XXXXX dollars (\$XXXXX)**, to be placed in the following existing expendable trust funds created under RSA 31:19 –a. These amounts represent the amount of user fees deposited in the general fund in 2016 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of \$ XXXXX from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2016. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)**

Cable Expendable Trust Fund \$ XXXXX	Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund \$ XXXXX
Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund \$ XXXXX	

Article 7: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five hundred dollars (\$500)** to be deposited into the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund to support efforts to recognize the town's 250th anniversary. **(Tax Impact: Less than \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11/0)**

Article 8: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **XX,XXX dollars (\$XX,XXX)**, to be placed in the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Lagoon Special Revenue Fund held by the Northwood Treasurer. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Recommended by Budget Committee)**

Article 9: PROVIDING TAX CREDITS TO ALL VETERANS

To see if the Town will vote to expand the standard \$ 250 veterans tax credit to all veterans who served not only during war time, but also to those who served for at least 90 days of active service at any time and were honorably discharged or separated from service. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0)**

Article 10: RED LISTED BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **eighty four thousand dollars (\$84,000)** to deposit into the Red Listed Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. This fund was established in 2016 to support the replacement of failing bridges in Northwood. **(Tax Impact 0.18) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11/0)**

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Article 11: VESTED BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. **(Tax Impact: \$.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11/0)**

Article 12: APPOINTING AGENTS TO EXPEND

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the previously established Police Equipment Reserve Fund. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0)**

Article 13: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be used for the construction, reconstruction, and/or resurfacing of Town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts as recommended by the Highway Advisory Committee. **(Tax Impact: 0.22) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11/0)**

Article 14: INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund per RSA 31:19 to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species, including milfoil into Northwood ponds and lakes that are not currently infested with invasive aquatic species such as milfoil and to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven thousand dollars (\$7,000)** to be deposited into the fund. Furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. **(Tax Impact: less than .02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10/1)**

Article 15: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT AND CONTROL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and Control Expendable Trust Fund. **(Tax Impact: .02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10/1)**

Article 16: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to create the *Northwood West* Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, with a total area of approximately 302 acres, encompassing an area beginning just east of Main St., north of First NH Tpk., west of the intersection of Kelsey Mill Rd. and First NH Tpk., and south of the Eversource utility easement, pursuant to RSA 162-K:5. The boundaries of said TIF District are depicted on the map titled *Northwood West TIF District*, dated 10/13/2016, and on file with the Town of Northwood Town Clerk. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2/0)**

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Article 17: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ADVISORY BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to create an Advisory Board for the *Northwood West* Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) pursuant to RSA 162-K:14, to be appointed and removed under the discretion of the Northwood Board of Selectmen. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2/0)**

Article 18: SPECIAL DUTY REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will add the following language, which was omitted by error, to the previously established Special Duty Revolving Fund; Insert "These funds may be expended for all costs related to police special details, for the maintenance and replacement of police vehicles, and for police special duty related equipment. Furthermore to make only the Board of Selectmen Agents to expend from this fund **(No Tax Impact) (2/3 vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0)**

Article 19: TO REMOVE THE SCENIC ROAD DESIGNATION OF SHERBURNE HILL ROAD

To see if the Town of Northwood will vote to rescind the Scenic Road designation of Sherburne Hill Road pursuant RSA 231:157. **(No Tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Petition warrant article)**

Article 20: BOAT RAMP RECONSTRUCTION AT MARY WALDRON BEACH

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty one thousand dollars (\$61,000)** to be used in the repair of the beach area, beach parking area and rebuild the boat ramp at the Mary Waldron Town Beach. **One time tax impact, if approved. (Tax impact: 0.13) (Petition warrant article) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 4/7)**

Article 21: OTHER BUSINESS

To transact any other business that can legally come before this meeting.