



Article 01 Election

To choose all necessary Town officers and act on all other matters as listed on the official ballot.

Article 02 Steep Slopes

Are you in favor of amending the Surry Steep Slopes Ordinance B. Definitions to change the definition of a steep slope to a slope of 15 percent or greater; to change the definition of the Steep Slope District to areas which have a slope of 15 percent or more; and to change D. Regulations 1. To read: "Any of the following that is located on a slope of 15 percent or greater"?

This amendment changes any reference to steep slopes being 20 percent or greater to 15 percent or greater.

Article 03 Zoning

Are you in favor of amending Article VII F. 5. of the Surry Zoning Ordinance to read: "The ADU shall be provided a minimum of 1 off-street parking space"?

This amendment reduces the required parking from two spaces to one space as required by NH RSA 674:16, VII.

Article 04 Zoning

Are you in favor of amending the Surry Zoning Ordinance Article V Table of Use Regulations, A. Residential Use 3. Multi-Unit Dwelling, to permit Multi-Unit Dwellings in the Commercial/Industrial Zone?

This amendment allows a previously not permitted use in the Commercial/Industrial Zone in order to comply with NH RSA 674:80, I.

Article 05 Zoning



Are you in favor of amending the Surry Zoning Ordinance Article XV, Codes, A, by adopting the New Hampshire State Building Code in full, as required by NH RSA 155-A, including all model codes incorporated by reference and as amended by the State Building Code Review Board?

The current code referred to in Article XV, A lists only one part of the State Building Code. NHRSA 155-A:2 states that all buildings, components and structures constructed in New Hampshire shall comply with the state building code and state fire code. NH RSA 155-A, IV lists the International Codes that are incorporated into the state building code by reference.

Article 06 Zoning

Are you in favor of amending Surry Zoning Ordinance Article XV, Codes, B by adopting the New Hampshire State Fire Code as defined in NH RSA 153:1, VI-a including NFPA 1(Fire Code) and NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code) as amended by the State Fire Marshal?

The current Article XV, B refers to the Life Safety code only and applies only to public, commercial and multi-family dwellings. NH RSA 155-A:2 states that all buildings, components and structures shall comply with the state building code and state fire code.

Article 07 Zoning

Are you in favor of amending the Surry Zoning Ordinance Article IX, Administration, Enforcement and Penalty, D. to read: "The building inspector shall have the authority to accept and review building design documents, issue any and all building permits, perform inspections as may be necessary to assure compliance with the state building code and issue any certificates of occupancy. The Board of Selectmen shall establish a schedule of reasonable fees for building permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy. The Board of Adjustment shall serve as the building code board of appeals to which decisions of the building inspector can be appealed. A building permit shall become void if work has not



commenced within one year. The permit may be renewed or reissued by the building inspector if construction is expected to continue and the project remains in compliance with this ordinance and the state building code. No building permit shall remain valid for more than 3 years from date of issue unless renewed”?

The current Article IX D. does not give the building inspector the authority to issue building permits which are currently issued by the Selectmen. The reference to fees and length of validity for permits are currently in Article IX, B. This amendment brings the ordinance into compliance with NH RSA 155-A:3 and provides for construction delays up to 3 years.

Article 08 Zoning

Are you in favor of amending the Surry Zoning Ordinance Article IX, Administration, Enforcement and Penalty, B. to read: “The Board of Selectmen shall issue any and all sign permits requested when such is in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. The Board of Selectmen may make a reasonable charge for such permits. All such permits shall be valid for a period of not exceeding one year”?

This amendment removes the issuance of building permits from the Selectmen’s office and brings the ordinance into compliance with NH RSA 155-A:3.

Article 09 Reports

To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 10 Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$678,567 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)



Article 11 Fund Fire Truck CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to place into the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for the future purchase of a fire truck. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 12 Fund Fire Equip CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to place into the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2018 for the future purchase of fire equipment. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 13 Fund Prop Reval CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to place into the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve fund established in 2001 for a future property revaluation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 14 Fund Fut Cem CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to place into the Future Cemetery Capital Reserve fund established in 2023 for future cemetery space. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 15 Fund Bridge CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to place into the Bridge Capital Reserve fund established in 2023 for the future maintenance, construction or reconstruction of town bridges. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).



Article 16 Fund Highway Equip CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to place into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 1992 for the future purchase of highway equipment. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 17 Fund Town Bldg Main ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to place into the Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established in 2018 for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the town hall, library, fire station and highway garage. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 18 Increase Permit Fees

To see if the Town will vote to change the present permit fee schedule adopted March 14, 2002 and amended March 10, 2022, consisting of \$5.00 per hundred square feet of non-living space, \$10.00 per hundred square feet of living space and a minimum fee of \$25.00 per permit, to a fee of \$0.20 per square foot for residential construction, \$0.30 per square foot for commercial construction, and a \$60 minimum fee for all permit types. (Majority vote required).

Article 19 By Petition

BY PETITION: New Hampshire thrives when state funding fairly supports local communities. Therefore, the residents of Surry are asked: To see if the Town will call on the New Hampshire Legislature to protect local taxpayers by ensuring adequate state revenues for essential services, and by avoiding policies that shift costs onto local property taxpayers?

This question arises because recent state budgets have reduced or eliminated key revenue sources, forcing towns and counties to raise property taxes to maintain education, healthcare, county nursing homes, public safety, and infrastructure. These shifts burden working



families, strain local budgets, limit flexibility, and undermine long-term prosperity. A state budget that prevents cost-shifting and restores municipal revenue sharing eases the tax burden on local property taxpayers and strengthens communities.

Be it further resolved that the Select Board/Town Council shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the General Court representing Surry within 30 days.

Article 20 Other Business

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