

Special Town Meeting Warrant

As this is something that I have never been involved in, I would like to explain what we are doing and how we got there.

Due to much public concern, we are having a Special Town Meeting Warrant in order to have the public vote to adopt two Amendments to the Town of Carroll Zoning Ordinance.

We started out by working with the Town Attorney on how to write the Amendments. After we had those put together Ben Jellison contacted the Attorney General's office to find out what we needed to do next. Ben said that the fact that this was for the Planning Board than they would have to accept the Amendments and schedule a Public Hearing with a fourteen-day notice (not counting the day posted or the day of the meeting) to go over the Amendments. If the Planning Board voted to accept with no changes than this public meeting it considered that Deliberative Session.

Ben said we needed to find out from legal about the Supervisors of the Check List, and etc. So, we reached out to the NH Municipal Ass., related RSA's and the town lawyer.

So, from there if the public meeting with the planning board is accepted with no changes, that on the 21st of April at the Selectman's meeting the Selectboard with vote to accept the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting and sign that. This will be put in a local paper by Friday the 24th of April and will be printed on April 29, May 6, and May 13th, plus posted in no less that two locations in the Town of Carroll.

According to NHMA this is delivered to the Town Clerk and on the fifth Tuesday and set date for the special town meeting (vote). So, working with those figures we are setting up for vote for May 26, 2026. It was also stated that the Supervisors of the Check list would have to sit 6 to 13 days prior to the special town meeting (RSA 669:5). So they are sitting Saturday May 16th from 11 to 11:30 AM. But do not have to be there the day of voting.

The Town Clerk ^{will} print the ballots and have them ready for the 26th of May. We will not be using the voting machine, but the ballot box and the votes will need to be hand counted. The time decided for the voting had to be 8 hours it was thought 11AM to 7PM, as the regular hours for the town meeting voting.

The Selectboard members are required to be there all day or find an alternate for them.

This special voting it not part of the amounts put in the budget for the Elections, so the Selectboard needs to approve the extra cost for this vote.