

Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire Information regarding submitting a Citizen Petition Warrant Article

The Town of Londonderry *strongly recommends and encourages* you to bring your warrant article to Town Hall to have the warrant article reviewed, in order to obtain an opinion on whether it will be permissible per the Department of Revenue Administration standards. It is recommended this is done prior to soliciting any signatures, as any change to the language of the article will invalidate the signatures already collected. This service will be provided to on behalf of the town at no charge to the petitioner.

New Hampshire RSA 39:3 requires that petition articles must have at least **25 signatures of registered voters in the Town of Londonderry** in order to be included on the ballot. All names and signatures will be reviewed by the Town Clerk to verify that signers are registered voters in the Town of Londonderry. The deadline for petition warrant articles with the signatures of 25 Town of Londonderry registered voters, is the **close of business (5:00 p.m.) Tuesday, January 10, 2023** (per RSA 40:13 II-a (b)).

The Town Council will include any petition warrant articles that have at least 25 verified signatures at the public hearing on the budget which is scheduled for **Monday January 16th**, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place at the Londonderry Town Hall, Moose Hill Council chambers (268 B Mammoth Road, Londonderry NH). The Town Council and Budget Committee will vote in favor of or against all warrant articles including petition warrant articles at this meeting (Note: The Budget Committee only votes on warrant articles requiring an appropriation). The Petitioner(s) are requested to attend this meeting and any potential future budget meetings. This includes the Annual Deliberative Session meeting which is scheduled for **Saturday**, **February 11th**, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium (295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry NH). The attendance of the petitioner(s) is requested so the petitioner(s) can speak on behalf and support their petition article.

Petition articles must be submitted to the Town Clerk/Town Manager's Officer prior to the deadline of Tuesday January 10, 2023 in order to be considered for the Annual Town Meeting.

Dates to Remember:

- January 10, 2023 (Tuesday) Deadline to submit Citizen Petition with at least 25 signatures of register voters from the Town of Londonderry.
 - Signatures will be reviewed by the Town Clerk to verify the signers are registered voters of Londonderry.
 - Must be submitted with signatures by 5:00 p.m. to the Town Clerk or Town Manager's office at Londonderry Town Hall (268 B Mammoth Road, Londonderry NH).
- **January 16, 2023** (**Monday**) Public Hearing regarding the Town's budget and Town warrant articles including any petition articles.
 - o The Town Council will vote in favor or against the Town warrant articles.
- February 11, 2023 (Saturday) Town's Deliberative Session
 - Meeting will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium (295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry NH).
- March 14, 2023 (Tuesday) Ballot Voting for Registered Voters
 - o Ballot Voting will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium (295 Mammoth Road, Londonderry NH).

Please note that at least one petitioner should attend the budget meetings, including but not limited to the public hearing on January 10th and the Deliberative Session on February 1th. This will allow the petitioner to answer any questions that may be asked on the petition article and speak on behalf of the petition article.

If you have any questions regarding the process please reach out to the Town Clerk or Town Manager's office and they will be happy to assist you.