

SELECT BOARD REVIEW OF CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLES

MEETING DATE: 01/20/2026

REQUESTED BY: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

ISSUE:

The Town received four (4) Citizen Petition Warrant articles for inclusion on the 2026. The primary petitioner for each petition article was invited to present the articles to the Select Board.

- Petition Article Seeking to Raise the Income Limit for the Elderly Tax Exemption (RSA 72:39-a)
- Petition Article Proposing Fund Balance Limitation
- Petition Article Proposing Restriction on Retail Sales of Nonregulated Intoxicating Substances; Kratom products, Hallucinogenic plants and fungi, and Poppers
- Petition Article Proposing Restriction for Retail Access to Nonregulated and Intoxicating Cannabis or Marijuana Products; Age Restriction, Packaging and Labeling Requirements, and Product Testing Requirements

PRIMARY PETITIONER (HB228, 2025 Chaptered Law 173 – Attached)

A 2025 law change provides for a Primary Petitioner and allows them 10 minutes to introduce the warrant article at the ballot determination session (“deliberative session”).

RECOMMENDATION:

Allow the primary petitioner to present the article and ask questions. The Select Board will review the 2026 Warrant later in the meeting and can vote to **Recommend/Not Recommend** the articles as submitted.

ATTACHMENT:

- HB228, 2025 NH Chaptered Law 173
- Redacted Petition Articles certified by Goffstown Supervisors of the Checklist