

**Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
March 9 & 13, 2010**

SS: State of New Hampshire

Merrimack County

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton, in the County of Merrimack, in the said State, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 beginning at 7:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To chose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated:

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term each
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
1 Budget Committee	1 Year Term
3 Budget Committee	3 Year Term each
1 Library Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	1 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

Article 2: To see what action the Town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board (4-0) for the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend *Section XV, 15.8.3 Variances* by replacing the criteria required to demonstrate an "unnecessary hardship" with the new statutory definition RSA 674:33, I (b), effective January 1, 2010. *(Recommended by the Planning Board).*

Yes _____ No _____

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board (4-0) for the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend *Section XV, 15.38.3 Variances* by omitting language with respect to decisions of the Board of Adjustment being based on evidence presented, rather than allegations contained in the application. *(Recommended by the Planning Board).*

Yes _____ No _____

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board (4-0) for the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section XVII, Floodplain Development Ordinance by updating the effective date of the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps so that all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its “Flood Insurance Study of the County of Merrimack, NH” dated April 19, 2010, together with the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated April 19, 2010, are declared to be part of the Hopkinton Floodplain Development Ordinance. This amendment is necessary in order for Hopkinton to remain enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). *(Recommended by the Planning Board).*

Yes _____ No _____

Article 3: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday in March?

(3/5 Ballot Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article (3-1).

Yes _____ No _____

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You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to act upon the following subjects:

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the engineering, design and installation of a community well on the east Penacook Road and the construction and engineering required to connect the homes in the areas to the well, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

(2/3 Ballot Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this article (6-2).

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Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$ 1,041,158 for General Government Operations.

(Majority vote required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$ 981,462 (3-1)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (5-3)).

<u>General Government Functions</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>
Executive	\$ 224,951	\$ 224,951
Election, Registrations, Vital Stats. & Tax Coll.	250,000	250,000
Financial Administration	112,754	112,754
Assessing	57,458	57,458
Legal	35,000	35,000
Personnel Administration	83,696	24,000
Planning & Zoning Departments	108,294	108,294
Cemeteries	44,349	44,349
Insurance	122,656	122,656
Economic Development Committee	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,041,158	\$ 981,462

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to support the Board of Selectmen’s recommendation to change the Fire Chief position from part-time to full-time. The Fire Chief shall be appointed for an indefinite period of time and the tenure of the office shall depend upon good conduct and efficiency.

(Majority Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (3-1).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$ 1,420,141 for Public Safety Operations.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(Budget Committee recommends this article (5-2 with 1 abstention)).

<u>Public Safety Operations</u>	<u>Budget Committee and Selectmen</u>
Police Department	\$ 663,119
Animal Control	7,084
Ambulance	525,953
Fire Department	215,209
Rescue Squad	8,775
Emergency Management	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,420,141

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$2,007,924 for Public Works Operations.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends \$ 2,057,924 (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (5-4)).

<u>Public Works Operations</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>	<u>Selectmen</u>
Highway Administration	\$ 541,636	\$ 541,636
Highways & Streets	526,268	556,268
Buildings & Grounds	212,082	222,082
Street Lighting	1,650	1,650
Transfer Station Operations	568,161	578,161
Landfill Maintenance & Monitoring	50,700	50,700
Sewer Department	<u>107,427</u>	<u>107,427</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,007,924	\$ 2,057,924

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$ 124,699 for Health and Human Services Operations.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (8-0)).

<u>Health & Human Services Operations</u>	<u>Budget Committee and Selectmen</u>
Community Action Program (CAP)	\$ 5,552
Human Services Administration	64,147
Human Services Vendors	<u>55,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 124,699

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$ 125,421 for Recreation Operations.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (3-1)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (6-2)).

<u>Recreation Operations</u>	<u>Budget Committee and Selectmen</u>
Recreation Department	\$ 122,671
Patriotic Purposes	<u>2,750</u>
TOTAL	\$ 125,421

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$ 277,906 for the Hopkinton Library.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (8-0)).

Library Operations

Hopkinton Library
TOTAL

Budget Committee and Selectmen

\$ 277,906
\$ 277, 906

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$ 1 for Conservation.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (8-0)).

Conservation

Conservation Commission
TOTAL

Budget Committee and Selectmen

\$ 1
\$ 1

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee’s recommended amount of \$ 359,902 for payment of Principle and Interest of long term debt.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (8-0)).

Long-term Debt & TAN Interest

Principle – Bonds and Notes
 Interest – Bonds and Notes
 Interest – TAN
TOTAL

Budget Committee and Selectmen

\$ 251,432
 106,470
2,000
\$ 359,902

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 209,500 to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve funds as follows:

Capital Reserve Accounts

Public Works Vehicles and Equipment
 Fire Department Vehicles and Equipment
 Transfer Station Equipment
 Police Cruiser and Accessories Equipment
 Library Replacement Building Systems
 Town Hall Renovations
 Sludge Removal
 Police Radio Equipment Replacement

Amount
 \$ 70,000
 65,000
 27,500
 18,000
 12,000
 5,000
 5,000
7,000
\$ 209,500

TOTAL

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (5-3)).

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35: 1 for the purpose of expansion of the Highway Garage, raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 to be placed in the fund, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (7-1)).

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance/Defibrillator Capital Reserve Fund created in 2002. Said funds are presently \$ 0.00

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Non Capital Hardware/Software Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000. Said funds, presently \$ 400.00 with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town’s General Fund.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (8-0)).

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,000 in the interest of public health and safety to provide winter plowing and sanding on the following roads during the winter months:

South Shore Drive	1500 feet
Ridge Lane	900 feet
Rolfe Pond Road	2000 feet
Salachar Road	500 feet
Perch Lane	700 feet
Sparrow Lane	1000 feet
Robin Lane	400 feet
Loop Road (off Spring Street)	800 feet

This action shall in no way be interpreted as changing the status of these roads from “private” to “public” roads. It is the general policy of the Town that no work will be done on any private or Class VI highway.

Submitted by Petition.

(Majority Vote Required).

(The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0)).

(The Budget Committee does not recommend this article (6-1 with 1 abstention)).

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and implement a mandatory “pay by bag” program and further to adopt the provision of RSA 31:95-c for the purpose of accounting for the sale of designated solid waste bags (and/or coupons and other receipts) as budgeted annually, to be used to offset the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Pay by Bag fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after

a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue.

(Majority Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0).

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw from the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative and to enter into negotiations and agree to such terms and take all actions necessary to accomplish that withdrawal; cease the use of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative and its facilities for disposal of the Town's solid waste as of May 1, 2010; direct the Board of Selectmen to appropriate no further funds for payment to the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative, and direct the Board of Selectmen to remove any appropriation therefore from the annual budget; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a new contract for the removal and disposal of solid waste from the Hopkinton/Webster transfer station with a vendor other than the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative.

(Majority Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0).

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to grant to the Board of Selectmen the discretion to sell either the "Horseshoe Tavern" building, without any land, or to sell the building with sufficient land to make a lot of record, after same is divided from the parent lot, at such time in the future as the Board of Selectmen deem advisable. The building is located at 185 Main Street, Hopkinton and listed in the Town Tax Records at Map 106, Lot 003. The resulting revenue shall be deposited in the general fund.

(Majority Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0).

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell to an abutter at fair market value, an approximately 68 ft. X 32 ft. portion of the property listed in the Town Tax Records as Map 101, Lot 085 as part of a lot line adjustment. Said portion is located to the rear of property listed in the Town Tax Records as Map 101, Lot 080 and between the properties listed in the Town Tax Records as Map 101, Lot 079, and Map 101, Lot 081.

(Majority Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (4-0).

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to rescind any and all authority granted pursuant to Article 7, of the 2003 Warrant, by the voters at the annual Town Meeting that was held in March of 2003.

Submitted by Petition

(2/3 Ballot Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article (3-1).

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article (5-4).

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provision of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?

(Majority Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (3-1).

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provision of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

(Majority Vote Required).

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article (3-1).

Article 26: To hear the reports of agents, officers and committees, heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February, in the Year of our Lord two thousand ten,

Thomas Congoran
Scott Flood
Chris Lawless
Jim O’Brien
George Langwasser

Board of Selectmen, Hopkinton, New Hampshire

Attest:

Thomas Congoran
Scott Flood
Chris Lawless
Jim O’Brien
George Langwasser

Board of Selectmen, Hopkinton, New Hampshire