

# **Town of Hopkinton New Hampshire Warrant 2018**

To the inhabitants of the TOWN OF HOPKINTON in the county of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

**BALLOT VOTING:** You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, beginning at 7:00 a.m. to act on Article 1, the election of officers.

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

**DELIBERATIVE (DISCUSSION) MEETING:** You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. to act upon Articles 2 to 14.

## **Article 1: Election of Officers**

To choose all necessary town officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated:

1 Select Board Member	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
2 Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

## **Article 2: Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 7,123,415 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).*

## **Article 3: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$623,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	\$ 225,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	75,000
Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement	8,000

Police Vehicle Replacement	25,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	105,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	15,000
Library Replacement Building	5,000
Dam Maintenance and Construction	10,000
Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal	50,000
Renovations to the Town Hall	75,000
Revaluation of Property	30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 623,000</b>

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).*

#### **Article 4: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 to be added to previously established General Trust Funds as follows:

Town Facilities Maintenance	\$ 15,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	10,000
Library Building Maintenance	7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,000</b>

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).*

#### **Article 5: Establish the Recreational Facilities Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for construction, reconstruction and purchasing of equipment for the recreation fields and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund.

Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).*

#### **Article 6: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (8-1)).*

#### **Article 8: Adoption of RSA 162-K to Establish Municipal Economic and Revitalization Districts**

To see if the Town pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 162-K Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts, will adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K, allowing the Town the option to establish one or more Economic Development and Revitalization Districts.

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

**Article 9: Adoption of Exit 6 TIF District and Plan**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt and ratify the Exit 6 Tax Increment Finance District and Plan of 2018 as presented at Public Hearing on February 20, 2018, with an effective date of March 31, 2018.

***(Majority vote required).***

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

**Article 10: Adoption of Hart's Corner TIF District and Plan**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt and ratify the Hart's Corner Tax Increment Finance District and Plan of 2018, as presented at Public Hearing on February 20, 2018, with an effective date of March 31, 2018.

***(Majority vote required).***

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

**Article 11: Swap of Land with the State of New Hampshire for Economic Development**

To see if the Town will vote authorize the Select Board to swap land with the State of New Hampshire with the Town transferring to the State all or a portion of a 96-acre lot abutting Mast Yard Forest, and in return receiving State land located near the intersection of Maple Street and Route 202/9, upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

***(Majority vote required).***

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

**Article 12: Appropriation of Funds for Economic Development**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 30,000 to be used for economic development purposes including professional fees, infrastructure work, and the purchase of land. This sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is complete or by December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner.

***(Majority vote required).***

*(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).*

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-0)).*

**Article 13: Offshore Wind Petition Warrant Article**

Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. The Town will provide written notice urging Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to form an intergovernmental task force. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential for offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy can move NH to 100% renewable energy by 2050. The building of offshore wind farms will bring a significant number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire.

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***(Majority vote required).***

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*By Petition.*

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board recommends this article (3-2)).*

**Article 14: Other Legal Business**

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


**Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February 2018,**

**We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2018, a true and attested copy of the within Warrant will be posted at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Town Hall, the Bates Building, on the town website, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.**

  
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*Select Board, Hopkinton, New Hampshire*

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