

# **Town of Hopkinton New Hampshire Warrant and Budget 2017**

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 of 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 14, 2017, beginning at 7:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1 and 2.

**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 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. to act upon Articles 3 to 12.

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

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

2 Select Board Members	3 Year Term
1 Town Treasurer	3 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: Zoning Amendments**

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 for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Re-adopt Section XIII Growth Management and Innovative Land Use Control Ordinance for an additional five (5) years. The re-adoption includes updated statistical data as reported in subsection 13.3, utilizing the 2010 decennial Census, and other local, regional and state resources. Amendment is to allow the Planning Board to continue to monitor, evaluate and establish a temporary mechanism, when municipal services are strained, to reduce the rate residential growth.

**Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☐

2. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses by inserting 3.6.H.19 Accessory Dwelling Unit and 3.12 Accessory Dwelling Unit. Permitting one attached accessory dwelling unit in all zoning districts that allow single-family detached units, subject to compliance with standards outlined in new 3.12, which also outlines the authority, purpose, and definition. Amendment is to bring the Town's ordinance into compliance with recently adopted statute RSA 674: 71-73.

Yes ☐ No ☐

3. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section III, 3.6.D.2 Farming, including dairying, livestock, animal and poultry raising, and crop production, including customary accessory structures and uses by permitting the use in the R-2 (Medium Density Residential) district, rather than requiring a Special Exception. Amendment is to provide continuity in the Ordinance when establishing agricultural and farming uses. Both uses will be permitted in the R-2 district.

Yes ☐ No ☐

4. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire by rezoning from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to M-1 (Industrial) three (3) parcels of land comprising of approximately 28.21 acres, located as follows: 554 Maple Street, shown on Tax Map 227 as Lot 4, 633 Maple Street, shown on Tax Map 227 as Lot 44, and 25 Dolly Road, shown on Tax Map 227 as Lot 45. The three (3) parcels, with buildings, that are being used for commercial or industrial purposes are presently partially zoned R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Amendment is to correctly zone the parcels according to their uses, M-1 (Industrial).

Yes ☐ No ☐

5. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire by rezoning from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to M-1 (Industrial) five (5) adjoining parcels of land comprising of approximately 16 acres, located on the West side of Maple Street, shown on Tax Map 227 as Lots 6, 40, 41, 42 and 43. The five (5) parcels, with buildings, abut or are across the street from property used for commercial or industrial purposes that is presently zoned M-1 (Industrial). Amendment will expand the uses allowed on these parcels to include industrial and limited commercial. Allowing commercial or industrial use of these parcels will contribute to Hopkinton's commercial/industrial tax base.

Yes ☐ No ☐

6. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire by rezoning from R-3 (Low Density Residential) to M-1 (Industrial) two (2) parcels of land comprising of approximately 67.9 acres, and rezoning from R-4 (Residential/Agricultural) to M-1 (Industrial) three (3) parcels of land compromising of approximately 18.6 acres. All parcels are located near the Henniker/Hopkinton Town Line, along Maple Street (Route 127) or Route 202/9, shown on Tax Map 210 as Lot 3 and Tax Map 211 as Lot 7, 8 9 and 9.01. Amendment will expand the uses allowed on these parcels to include industrial and limited commercial. Allowing commercial or industrial use of these parcels will contribute to Hopkinton's commercial/industrial tax base.

Yes      ☐                      No      ☐

### **Article 3: Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 6,990,096 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 (10-0)).*

### **Article 4: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$487,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	\$ 200,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	75,000
Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement	5,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	50,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	35,000
Library Replacement Building	10,000
Dam Maintenance and Construction	10,000
Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal	30,000
Renovations to the Town Hall	50,000
Revaluation of Property	<u>22,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 487,000</b>

*(Majority vote required).*

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

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

### **Article 5: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,000 to be added to previously established General Trust Funds as follows:

Town Facilities Maintenance	\$ 30,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	7,000

Hopkinton Library Technology	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	<u>7,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 49,000</b>

*(Majority vote required).*

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

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

#### **Article 6: Digitalization of Town Records**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of digitalizing town assessing and property records.

*(Majority vote required).*

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

*(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).*

#### **Article 7: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$102,710 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 (10-0)).*

#### **Article 8: Rescind Pay-by-Bag**

To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 19 as amended that was approved at the March 2010 Hopkinton Town Meeting. Passage of this new 2017 Warrant Article will end the so called "Pay by Bag" trash disposal program in its entirety. Cancellation of "Pay by Bag" will become effective on April 21, 2017.

*(By Petition).*

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board does not recommend this article (4-1)).*

#### **Article 9: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,227 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental 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 (10-0)).*

#### **Article 10: Adoption of All Veteran Tax Credit**

Shall the Town of Hopkinton vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Hopkinton under RSA 72:28.

*(By Petition).*

*(Majority vote required).*

*(The Select Board does not recommend this article (3-1)).*

**Article 11: Discontinue the Expansion of the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Expansion of the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

*(Majority vote required).*


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

**Article 12: Other Legal Business**

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

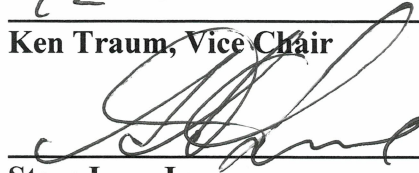
Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February, 2017,

We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2017, 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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