

Town of Hopkinton

New Hampshire

Warrant 2019

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 12, 2019, beginning at 7:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1 and 2, the election of officers and zoning amendments.

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 16, 2019, 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 Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term
2 Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
1 Library Trustee	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:*

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, 3.12 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), to allow a detached ADU provided the property owner agrees to and demonstrates compliance with conditions, and to clarify provisions allowing an attached ADU.

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, inserting 3.13 Solar Energy Systems Ordinance that will accommodate solar energy systems, while considering the impacts and benefits of siting solar in Hopkinton.

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 Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6, inserting 3.6.D.7 Primary Agriculture Solar Energy System as a use requiring a Conditional Use Permit in all zoning districts.

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 Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6, inserting 3.6.F.21 Commercial Solar as a use requiring a Conditional Use Permit in all zoning districts.

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 Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6, inserting 3.6.H.20 Accessory Residential Solar Energy System as a use permitted in all zoning districts.

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 Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6, inserting 3.6.H.21 Accessory Agricultural Solar Energy System as a use permitted in all zoning districts.

Yes ☐ No ☐

7. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6, inserting 3.6.H.22 Accessory Commercial Solar Energy System as a use requiring a Conditional Use Permit in all zoning districts.

Yes ☐ No ☐

8. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 8** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6, inserting 3.6.H.23 Shared Solar Energy System as a use requiring a Conditional Use Permit in all zoning districts.

Yes ☐ No ☐

9. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 9** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, 3.6 Use Regulations, inserting 3.6.1(e) Uses authorized by Conditional Use Permit. Uses denoted by the letter “C” in the Table of Uses shall obtain a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. A Conditional Use Permit may not establish a use specifically prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance.

Yes ☐ No ☐

10. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 10** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section II Definitions, inserting 2.1.C.4.a Conditional Use Permit: A conditional method to permit uses that are consistent with the intent of the underlying zoning district, as indicated by the Table of Uses in Section III, or as otherwise indicated in the Ordinance. A Conditional Use Permit shall be administered by the Planning Board, pursuant to RSA 674:21, to ensure that conditional use opportunities do not adversely impact neighboring properties, and are consistent with the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Article 3: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 7,282,386 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 4: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 502,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	\$ 245,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	25,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	150,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	25,000

Recreation Facilities	15,000
Dam Maintenance and Construction	10,000
Revaluation of Property	32,000
TOTAL	\$ 502,000

(Majority vote required).

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

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

Article 5: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be added to previously established Town Facilities General Trust Fund

(Majority vote required).

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

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

Article 6: Authorization to Sell the Bates Building

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the Bates Building (Former Bates Library) at 846 Main Street, identified on the Town Tax Maps at Map 101, Lot 085-000, with sufficient land; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell such lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town and as determined by the Probate Court.

(Majority vote required).

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

Article 7: Petition Article on Location of Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

To see if the Town will vote to support restoring the physical location of the Hopkinton Town Clerk and Tax Collector's office to its previous location in the Bates Building at 846 Main Street in Contoocook Village.

By Petition

*(The Select Board **DOES NOT** recommend this article (5-0)).*

Article 8: Authorization to Enter Agreement for Solar Array at Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement whereby Hopkinton Solar, LLC will lease land owned by the Town at the Transfer Station, 491 East Penacook Road. Further, the lease period shall not exceed a period of forty-one (41) years from the date upon which the solar farm is commissioned and authorized to generate electricity under local and state regulations. The lease shall include various easements to facilitate operation of the solar farm. The purpose of the lease is to enable Hopkinton Solar, LLC to construct and operate a solar farm on land owned by the Town of Hopkinton at the Transfer Station.

(Majority vote required).

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

Article 9: Authorization to Sell Lots at Intersection of Routes 202/9 and Maple Street

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell all or a portion of the lots owned by, or soon to be owned by the Town, located at the intersection of Routes 202/9 and Maple Street, identified on the Town Tax Maps at Map 211, Lots 007-000, 008-000, 009-000,

and 009-001; further, that the Select Board shall be authorized to sell such lot upon such terms and conditions which they deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Majority vote required).

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

Article 10: 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 (9-0)).

Article 11: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$910 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser 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 (9-0)).


Article 12: Other Legal Business

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

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February 2019,

We certify and attest that on or before February 25, 2019, a true and attested copy of the within Warrant will be posted at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Town Hall, on the town website, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.



Jim O'Brien, Chair

Ken Traum, Vice Chair

Sara Persechino

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Select Board, Hopkinton, New Hampshire


Attest:



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