

TOWN OF HOPKINTON
VIRTUAL TOWN MEETING - 2020
DRIVE-THROUGH VOTING WRITTEN BALLOT - JULY 25, 2020

ROAD BOND BALLOT

Due to the statutory requirements of NH RSA 33:8-a, If the bond issue Warrant Article must be on a separate ballot and go into a separate ballot box.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice like this: ●

Article 3 - Bond Issue for Road, Bridge, and Culvert Rehabilitation

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum \$1,800,000 (gross budget) for the planning, design rehabilitation, and construction of existing town roads, bridges, and culverts, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,800,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(2/3 Ballot vote required) (Select Board and Budget Committee **Recommend** this article)

YES

NO

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doubled sided.

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TOWN MEETING BALLOT

Be sure to also complete the ROAD BOND BALLOT

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Question 1 - ADOPTION OF MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES

Are you in favor of approving the Town's optional annual meeting procedures, as set forth in the Town's "Hopkinton Town Meeting Covid-19 Compatible Procedures" on July 9, 2020, and as modified on July 17, 2020 to reflect the New Hampshire Legislature's adoption and the Governor's signing on July 10, 2020 of House Bill 1129, Chapter 8, Section 3?
(Majority vote required)

YES

NO

IF THIS VOTE FAILS, then all other votes shall be deemed to have failed and the Moderator will recess the meeting to a specific date, time and place.

Article 4 - Adoption of Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Hopkinton on the second Tuesday of March?

(By Petition) (3/5 Ballot vote required) (The Select Board Does NOT Recommend this article)

YES

NO

Article 5 - Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$7,520,656 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

(The Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend this article)

YES

NO

Article 6 - Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$676,500 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Police/Fire Radio Replacement - \$12,000

New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept. - \$200,000

Road/Bridge Rehabilitation - \$30,000

Police Vehicle Replacement - \$27,000

Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance - \$75,000

Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions - \$262,500

Library Building System - \$20,000

Recreation Facilities - \$20,000

Sewer Equipment/Sludge Removal - \$30,000

(The Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend this article)

YES

NO

Article 7 - Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,500 to be added to previously established Expendable Trust Funds as follows:

Library Building & Grounds - \$41,000

Town Facilities Maintenance - \$25,000

Recreation Facilities - \$5,500

(The Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend this article)

YES

NO

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<p style="text-align: center;">Article 8 - Authorization to Sell the Bates Building</p> <p>Shall the Town 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, and provided adequate accommodations can be made for the safe storage of the Town Archives and adequate space can be provided for the Supervisors of the Checklist, as determined in the sole discretion of the Select Board, in consultation with the Town Archives Committee and the Supervisors of the Checklist. (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 9 - Modification of Elderly Exemptions</p> <p>Shall the Town modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Hopkinton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65-74 years of age, \$120,000; for a person 75-79 years of age, \$145,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$170,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$60,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 10 - Adoption of Disabled Exemption</p> <p>Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$100,000. To qualify the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled, have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, and own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. The exemption may apply only to property that is occupied as the principal place of abode of the disabled person. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$60,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 11 - Modification of Optional Service-Connected Total Disability</p> <p>Shall the Town modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:35 optional tax credit on residential property for a Service-Connected Total Disability by increasing the amount of the credit to \$4,000? This tax credit is only available to a person who has been honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person. This tax credit may be applied only to property which is occupied as the principal place of abode by the disabled person or the surviving spouse. (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Article 12 - Modification of Solar Exemption</p> <p>Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value up to \$10,000 of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes. (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 13 - Modify LUCT Percentage allocated to Conservation Fund</p> <p>Shall the Town authorize 50% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 14 - Clarifying Amendment to Hart's Corner TIF District Plan</p> <p>Shall the Town amend the Hart's Corner Tax Increment Finance District and Plan of 2018 as presented at Public Hearing on February 18, 2020 and posted. The amendment clarifies that development may include multi-family residential development. (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 15 - Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund</p> <p>Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 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. (The Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 16 - Authorization to Expend from Slusser Center Rental Special Revenue Fund</p> <p>Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,380 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. (The Select Board and Budget Committee Recommend this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article 17 - New Hampshire Resolution for Fair Districting</p> <p>Shall the Town urge that the New Hampshire General Court which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular parties or candidates.</p> <p>The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the town of Hopkinton's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. (By Petition) (The Select Board Recommends this article)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>