

**Town of Haverhill**  
**New Hampshire**  
**Warrant and Budget**  
**2016**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Haverhill in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the James R. Morrill Municipal Building in North Haverhill Village on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following matters. Articles One and Two will be decided by written ballot. The polling booths will be open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. At 6:00 PM the meeting will adjourn to reconvene at 7:30 PM at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School, in said Town of Haverhill for consideration of the remaining articles on this WARRANT:

*The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. Christopher Sarkis, a WHS Senior, sang the National Anthem and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance*

*The meeting started with the introduction of head table, followed by a presentation to Glenn English, who retired in February after 20 years of service. He was presented with a mantel clock.*

**Article 01: Election of Officials**

To choose by non-partisan ballot a Selectman for a term of three (3) years; a Selectman for a term of three (3) years; a Selectman for a term of two (2) years; and a Selectman for a term of one (1) year; a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; a Moderator for a term of two (2) years; a Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of Six (6) years; a Treasurer for a term of three (3) years.

*There were 541 ballots cast, with the results as follows: Selectman for three years, Wayne Fortier 437; Christopher Luurtsema 271, and 14 write in's. Selectman two years, Michael Bonanno 271, and 20 write in's. Selectman one year, Darwin Clogston 357, and 14 write in's. Trustee of trust fund 3 years, write in Scott Horne 54, 45 other write in's. Town moderator 2 years, (incorrectly put in as 3 years in the article) Jay Holden, 267, 17 write in's. Supervisor of checklist 6 years, Regis Roy 420, no write in's. Treasurer 3 years, Jonathan Hobbs, 457, one write in.*

*School board 3 years at large, Christopher Michal, 240, John Rutherford, 286; Woodsville 3 year term, Richard Guy 267, Donald LoCascio 256; school moderator, write in Jay Holden 260, Doug McDonald 12.*

**Article 02: Town Meeting Business Meeting**

Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session on the second Tuesday in March for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business? (RSA39:2-a)

*Yes votes 286, No votes 135. The article passed.*

### **Article 03: Announce Results of Article 1 & 2**

To announce the results of the balloting on Articles One and Two.

*See above*

### **Article 04: Election of Cemetery Commissioner**

To choose a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three (3) years; a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three (3) years; a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three (3) years; to choose any other necessary Town official.

*Cemetery Commissioners: Ann Edson nominated Dan Brady, Richard Clifford nominated Roland Clifford, and Jonathan Hobbs nominated Matt Taylor. There was a motion by Jay Holden to move any other necessary town official to be appointed by Selectboard, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regis Roy. The motion carried.*

### **Article 05: Acceptance of Annual Reports**

To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Town Manager, Treasurer, Cemetery Commissioners, Airport Commissioners, Recreation Commissioners, Heritage Commissioners, Conservation Commissioners, and any other Town officers and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating there.

*The article was moved by Jay Holden, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Brady. The article passed.*

### **Article 06: Appointment of Advisory Budget Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to appoint an Advisory Budget Committee to review the Town Manager's preliminary budget and to present to the Selectboard their recommendations as to any modifications thereto.

*The article was moved by Regis Roy, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Roudebush*

*Jay Holden asked the present committee to continue and any additional audience members wishing to participate to step forward and contact him. The article passed.*

### **Article 07: Operating Budget 2015**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five dollars (\$4,495,165) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

*The article was moved by Wayne Fortier, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regis Roy*

*Jay Holden inquired about the tax figure for just this article and the tax rate for all the others combined. Wayne Fortier said the whole budget including these warrants would present a 13 % increase, however with grant and reserve money, the estimated tax figure would decrease by 7 cents, making 43 cents per \$1000. The article passed.*

### **Article 08: Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

*The article was moved by Regis Roy, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Brady*

*Wayne Fortier spoke to article. The article passed.*

### **Article 09: Buildings Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Buildings Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required.) The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

*The article was moved by Regis Roy, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Robbins. There was no discussion. The article passed.*

### **Article 10: Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

*The article was moved by Regis Roy, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Hammond*

*An audience member asked how much is in fund? Wayne Fortier spoke the current balance is \$120,000 and this would bring it up to \$180,000. Don Hammond confirmed a new fire truck would be approximately \$460,000. The article passed.*

### **Article 11: Household Recycling Services**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six dollars [\$24,746] as the Town's cost to continue the agreement with the Town of Newbury, Vermont to provide household recycling services to residents of the Town of Haverhill at their recycling facility in Newbury. (Majority vote required.)

*The article is moved by Patricia Brady, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Roudebush*

*Regis Roy commented that the recycling service will not be available in 2017, and Wayne Fortier concurred. John Griswold thank you to town for participating in this recycling program. Jay Holden asked why the fee has doubled. Wayne Fortier said Newbury set the rates and they went up. Jay Holden inquired how many in the audience actually use the service by a show of hands, a number of people raised their hands. The article passed.*

### **Article 12: White Mountain Mental Health Association**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand and Twelve dollars [\$6,012] for the support of the White Mountain Mental Health Association. (Majority vote required.)

*The article was moved by Regis Roy, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruth Page*

*Sandy Knapp inquired how many residents use this service. George Thurston, a representative from White Mountain Mental Health, responded 89 Haverhill residents used it last year. The article passed.*

### **Article 13: Alumni Hall Visitors' Center and Court St Arts**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand dollars [\$12,000] for the support of the Alumni Hall Visitors' Center and Court St Arts Performing Arts Center. (Majority vote required.)

*The article was moved by Archie Steenburgh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaben Knapp*

*David Heintz spoke first to thank the Moderator for arranging WHS Senior Christopher Sarkis for his singing talents, and plugged the upcoming performance of Fantastiks on March 31 – Apr 1<sup>st</sup>. He spoke of the history of The Alumni Hall, and the work of the many citizens of Haverhill, including Edith Celley, for restoring it. He invited the citizens to enjoy the performances and exhibits or use it for events. The article passed.*

### **Article 14: North Country Home Health and Hospice**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars [\$15,000] for the support of North Country Home Health and Hospice.(Majority vote required.)

*The article was moved by Sandy Knapp, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Evelyn Elms*

*There were no comments. The article passed.*

### **Article 15: RSVP**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred dollars [\$600] for the support of the RSVP program. (Majority vote required.)

*The article was moved by Patricia Brady, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Dutile.*

*Patricia Brady spoke to the uses of RSVP. "Home Patrol" is coordination with HPD, "Chore Corp" is help with minor home repairs to those in need of assistance, and making calls to home bound citizens. Edith Solinski inquired if \$600 is enough money for support. She made a motion to increase the amount to \$1000; which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Roudebush. An amendment to increase amount passed. The article passed.*

### **Article 16: Road Construction/Reconstruction Capital Reserve**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars [\$150,000] to be added to the Highway Road Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

*The article was moved by Wayne Fortier, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Ladd*

*Wayne Fortier spoke about the article. He confirmed that 2015 was the first year to start funding this initiative with \$150,000. Haverhill has 24 miles of paved roads and 55 dirt roads. A Highway Advisory committee has been formed to come up with a strategic plan. The two pending projects recommended by the Town Manager and Highway Committee are Clark Pond Rd by Stoddard Farm to the golf course. The road is deteriorating; there is drainage and water issues, so the committee recommended a boring test and to address the hill. The other part is laying pavement on a portion of Brushwood Road. Secondly, they recommended doing some boring tests on Lily Pond Rd in Pike and increasing gravel money to increase work to the dirt roads. Griswold asked if there are any*

state or federal gas tax money available. Rick Ladd answered no and added information regarding the state of NH funding. Darwin Clogston asked for a time frame for Lily Pond Rd.

Jay Holden asked to move the question. The article passed.

### **Article 17: Horse Meadow Senior Center**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand dollars [\$22,000] for the support of the Horse Meadow Senior Center. (Majority vote required.)

The article was moved by Barb Dutile, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Brady.

Patricia Brady spoke on behalf of the article. She referred to page 122 of the Town Report for details. She offered thanks to town for their funding. Volunteers logged in 5,000 hours for various programs within the senior center. 7,026 meals were made; 17,000 meals served with Meals on Wheels; 5,000 rides for home bound residents. The article passed.

### **Article 18: Tri-County Community Action**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand dollars [\$4,000] for the support of the Tri-County Community Action program. (Majority vote required.)

The article was moved by Robert Roudebush and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regis Roy

There was no discussion. The article passed.

### **Article 19: Court Appointed Special Advocates**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred dollars [\$500] to support Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). (Majority vote required.)

The article was moved by Ruth Page and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Knapp

There was no discussion. The article passed.

### **Article 20: Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.**

To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand dollars [\$6,000] for the support of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS), a non-profit community health center. (Majority vote required.)

The article was moved by Sara Young Xu and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Brady

There was no discussion. The article passed.

### **Article 21: Burch House**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty dollars [\$2,840] for the support of Burch House.(Majority vote required.)

The article was moved by Ruth Page and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Knapp

There was no discussion. The article passed.

### **Article 22: Stonecrest Drive Culvert Repair/Replacement**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand dollars (\$70,000) to replace the Stonecrest Drive Culvert with \$42,000 to come from grants and the remainder to come from taxation. (Majority vote required) The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

*The article was moved by Wayne Fortier and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Ladd.*

*Wayne Fortier explained where the culvert is located. There is available grant money of \$42,000 which leaves a balance of \$28,000 for the town to cover. An audience member inquired why this project is separate from the road budget. Wayne Fortier explained this was a specific project. Highway budget is for maintenance. Another asked if it was a town road? The answer was yes. The article passed.*

### **Article 23: Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$6,600) for a Hazardous Waste Collection Day. (Majority vote required)

*The article was moved by Archie Steenburgh, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Griswold*

*Patricia Brady asked how the amount is determined. North Country Council determines the fee to charge. She then asked when the last time there was a collection. Wayne Fortier stated it was about 3-4 years ago. The article passed.*

### **Article 24: Election of Library Trustees**

The Town of Haverhill shall not appropriate funds for the operation of any library unless all trustees of the library have been elected at Town Meeting for a term not to exceed three (3) years. (Majority vote required) [By Petition]

*The article was moved by Archie Steenburgh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Holden*

*This is a petition article. Kathy Woodward stated she had two question. If the trustees are appointed, why is there a need to be elected and why would town funds have anything to do with appointing or electing trustees? Michael Marshall spoke on behalf of the libraries to speak against this petition. Libraries are private for public use. Each organization that asks for money must present their budget and reasons to the town. There's no attempt by the town to impose themselves on those organizations. He urges the audience to vote no. Robert Fillion disagreed that the libraries are private libraries, and countered that according to a court decision they are public libraries. Eleanor Ingbretson stated libraries are open to the public but are indeed private. Regis Roy spoke positively of all the libraries and urged the audience to vote no. Mr. Fillion disagreed. The article did not pass.*

### **Article 25: Sewer Line Study**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to do a study of the existing sewer line with \$18,750 to come from grants and the remainder to come from taxation. (Majority vote required)

*The article was moved by Wayne Fortier and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Brady.*

*Wayne Fortier spoke about the article. Waste water treatment plant services Grafton County Complex, and there have been two breaks in past two years; the line is aged. There is a need for an engineering study to create a plan.*

*There is grant money in the amount of \$18,750, with the remainder of \$6,250 to come from the town. The article passed.*

### **Article 26: Homeless Outreach**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$2,250) for Tri-County CAP Homeless Outreach. These funds will be used to support homeless outreach, intervention and prevention services in the community. (Majority vote required) [By Petition] The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

*The article was moved by Jonathan Hobbs, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Dutile.*

*There was no discussion. The article passed.*

### **Article 27: Haverhill Town War Memorial**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to support a Haverhill Town War Memorial

*The article was moved by John Page and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Holden*

*John Page spoke of two high school students that have taken on creating a Veteran's war memorial park in the town. Denny Ruprect and Joey DeAngelo approached the town to start this. This project is in its preliminary stages. VFW owns land behind the JR Morrill building, and would like to offer this as the place for this park, but still own the land. Archie Steenburgh asked if there were any ideas of what it will look like. John Page reiterated it was still in the beginning stages but some preliminary drawings were on the wall. Terry Impey owns the bank by this property and is willing to allow some clearing of the tree line to give a view of the valley from the park. The article passed.*

### **Article 28: Decreasing Planning Board Membership**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 673:2(II) to reduce the number of appointed planning board members from Seven (7) to Five (5) members. The Planning Board supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

*The article was moved by Mike Bonanno, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Friel*

*Tom Friel spoke regarding issues with getting a quorum at meetings. Mike Bonanno spoke of the difficulty when town people come to get business done without a quorum and they have to return another time. The article passed.*

### **Article 29: Sale of Town Owned Property**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the following parcel of land located on Airport Road: Tax Map 414 Lot 007 which is approximately a 3.5 acre parcel and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

*Moved by Tom Friel, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Holden*

*Tom Friel spoke regarding selling a parcel that belonged to town. It was purchased in 1949 for \$1. The land is described as the "old dump" located next to Doug Henson's property on Airport Road. The article passed.*

### **Article 30: Headrest**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of drug addiction services. Currently in New Hampshire heroin is killing people more than traffic accidents. In 1997 there were only 40 drug related deaths, compared to 321 last year. In just the first 75 days of this year there were 105 overdoses in Manchester, NH area alone. On top of addiction the numbers for suicide have increased ten-fold in just the last five years. Our 24 hour, 7 day a week crisis hot line has been in existence for 44 years. The services provided here at Headrest are invaluable. The timing where suicidal thinking turns into a suicide attempt is very brief, at only 1-3 minutes. In 2014 suicide was the 2nd leading cause of death among 10-34 year olds. According to the DCD 90% of all suicide victims had mental health or substance abuse disorders. We are requesting Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Town of Haverhill to help support our various programs. These programs benefit the community of Haverhill as well as Grafton Count as a whole. In the first fiscal quart of 2016 (July-September) we have already been of service to Haverhill residents. This article is intended to allow us to secure a donation from Haverhill and continue to be able to offer our services to its most vulnerable members. [By Petition] The Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee do not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

*The article was moved by Archie Steenburgh, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Regis Roy. Archie Steenburgh asked for those that didn't recommend the article to explain why they didn't? Christopher Luurtsema spoke regarding Woodsville precinct and the request they got last year for \$5000. They didn't feel they received adequate services for town residents and weren't certain as to this group being the right group to give money to. Judy Boutin asked if there was another service that the town will look into. Another mentioned the donations that go to White Mt Mental Health. Maryanne Aldrich, works as Community Relations Director for Cottage Hospital and part of an organization started two years ago made up of EMTs, providers, and local business owners to look at the intervention of drug abuse, specifically opioid abuse. She mentioned they are in the process of applying for a grant with the North Country Health Consortium to meet educational needs, the intervention and life after that, but feels that she must oppose this article. Rick Ladd addressed that the process for proposals to the town from any group requesting money, must be in writing, and the group needs to come to the board and present how this will meet the needs of our town. This group did not show up. The article did not pass.*

### **Article 31: Take any other action**

To take any other action that may legally come before this meeting

*Wayne Fortier said thank you to voters that supported Article 2. The purpose of this article was to put the Town Meeting in conjunction with the School Meeting, and on a Saturday. The Selectboard has gone through a transition with 3 new members, and the retirement of our Town Manager. He said thank you to Jo Lacaillade, who will be interim Town Manager. The hope is that a new Town Manager will be chosen by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Rick Ladd, who's been on the board since 2007; many accolades for his community service. Thanks to Lynn Wheeler, who's been on the board since 2002, as well as various other boards. Thanks to Robert Roudebush, who has been on the board since 2012. Jonathan Hobbs spoke regarding page 2 of Town Report with the dedication to Bob Miller and his many years of service and to remember him. Doug McDonald thanked all the present Selectboard members and to recognize their hard work and thank you to town members and good luck to Jay.*

*David Lackie asks if the town will do its own recycling. Wayne Fortier said they are looking into it.*

*Motion by Chris Luurtsema, second by Barb Dutile. The meeting adjourned 9:17 pm*

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina C Hebert, Haverhill Town Clerk

