

Town of Haverhill
New Hampshire
Warrant
2018

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 on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM to act on the following Town matters: Article One will be decided by written ballot. At 6:00 PM the Town meeting will recess and reconvene on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School in said Town of Haverhill for consideration of all remaining articles on this warrant.

Town meeting started at 9:03 am, with the pledge of allegiance. There was an introduction of the head table followed by a review of the rules of the meeting.

Article 01: Election of Officials

To choose by non-partisan ballot a Selectman for a term of three (3) years; a Town Clerk for a term of (3) years; a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of (3) years; a Moderator for a term of (2) years; and a Supervisor of the Check List for a term of (6) years.

Article 02: Announce Results of Article 1 & 2

To announce the results of the balloting on Article One.

The moderator gave the results of election as follows: Select Board Member for a term of 3 years Darwin Clogston 199; Michael Bonanno 172; Trustee of the Trust Fund for a term of 3 years Howard Hatch 362; Town Moderator for a term of 2 years Alfred J Holden 394; Town Clerk for a term of 3 years Christina Hebert 396; and Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of 6 years Charlene Aldrich 405.

School Moderator Alfred J Holden 386; School Board Member at large Michelle Reagan 303; Haverhill School Board Member Dylan Farr 350; Woodsville School Board Member as a write-in Sabrina Brown 18.

Article 03: Election of Cemetery Commissioner

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

Patricia Brady moved the article and Sandy Knapp second. Archie Steenburgh nominated Howard Thayer, Dan Brady, and Matt Taylor for re-election as Cemetery Commission members for a term of 3 years each. Don Hammond second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 04: 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 thereto.

Patricia Brady moved the article and Mike Roberts second. Susan Tann spoke about the Airport Commission. Her concerns were with the rotating beacon and the public being involved. The article passed.

Article 05: 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.

Steve Wheeler moved the article and Doug Teschner second. The Moderator thanked the budget committee for all their work. The article passed,

Article 06: Operating Budget 2018

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Eight Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Seventy Five Dollars (4,862,075) for general municipal operations. This Article does not include special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required).

Archie Steenburgh moved the article and Robert Roudebush second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 07: Lily Pond Road Reconstruction

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eight Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$182,163) for the reconstruction of Lily Pond Road and authorize the withdrawal of (\$182,163) from the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This appropriation will be combined with the SB38 funds received in 2017 in the amount of \$150,521. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. The Board of Selectmen supports this article. (Majority vote required) Please note that if this warrant article does not pass the general operating budget will be reduced by (\$102,938) to reflect the change in the HW Woodsville Reimbursement monies.

Mike Conrad moved the article and Els Dini second. There being no discussion, the article passed

Article 08: Buildings Capital Reserve Fund

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

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Sandy Knapp second. There being no discussion, the article passed

Article 09: 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 Selectboard supports this article. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

Steve Wheeler moved the article and Patricia Brady second. There being no discussion, the article passed

Article 10: 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. The Selectboard supports this article. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required)

Scott Simano moved the article and Susan Aldrich second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 11: Proceeds from Sale of Fire Truck

To see if the Town of Haverhill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$10,800) to be added to the 2014 Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. (This represents the sale of a retired Fire Truck in 2017). The Selectboard supports this article. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article. (Majority vote required.)

Marty Teschner moved the article and Christine Roberts second. Ed Ballam thanked the town regarding the new fire truck for Haverhill Corner. The article passed.

Article 12: Sale of Powder House Hill

To see if the Town will sell at auction on Saturday, June 2nd at time posted by town the land in whole known as Powder House Hill Map 207 Lot 79. All terms same as for the other properties sold at the same auction. (Petitioned Warrant Article) (Majority vote required)

The Moderator reminded the audience about the use of the ballots received when they first came into meeting. Patricia Brady moved the article and Mike Roberts second. Wayne Fortier spoke of last year's decision to not sell the land. The Heritage Commission had consistent discussions to have a survey done to be exact on the boundaries. They have hired a surveyor to do that work. The auction in June will consist of 49 properties taken from tax deeding, mostly in Mountain Lakes and mostly land only. Many residents spoke in opposition of the article. Robert St Pierre asked clarification of question. Mr. Fortier clarified a yes vote will sell this property at the auction. Mike Lavoie supports the sale of the property. He stated there isn't a right of way on that property according to his maps. Archie Steenburgh opposed this article and asked for clarification if this doesn't pass, does it negate the auction sale of the other properties. The answer was no. Evelyn Elms spoke regarding the School House #1 on Powder House Hill and she opposes the article. Darwin Clogston asked to permit a property owner in the town of Haverhill but is not a resident, to be able to speak. The voters allowed him to speak. Bob Clegg, who lived at 535 Dartmouth College Highway and now owns two homes on either side of the Haverhill common, gave his thoughts regarding purchasing property in Haverhill. Mike Lavoie continued addressing the article. Mr. Lavoie asked for an amendment to the date of the auction to June 23rd, second by Robert Roudebush. Archie Steenburgh asked if this was legal to make this amendment at this time. Town Attorney said it was legal. Amendment passed. Isidro Rodriguez spoke about making Haverhill a greater place, keeping history and supporting the town. Carol Reed moved the article, Sandy Knapp second. Moderator explained the vote, the process using two ballot boxes and which color ballot to use. 145 votes were cast; No - 95; Yes — 50. The article was defeated.

Article 13: Powder House Hill Survey

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose of surveying a piece of Town owned property known as Powder House Hill Map 207 Lot 79. (Majority vote required)

Steve Wheeler moved the article and Robert Roudebush second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 14: 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.)

Scott Simano moved the article and Lynn Wheeler second. Sandy Knapp asked if these agencies report how they affect our community. Chris Luurtsema said that the budget committee created a better process for these agencies that ask for funding from the town. Dan Brady said that every non-profit group was asked to turn in reports, but some are more detailed than others. The Town Manager, Budget Committee and Select Board look at all these reports. Charlene Aldrich referenced the CASA report in the town report. The article passed.

Article 15: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000) for a Household Hazardous Waste collection day. (Majority vote required)

Steve Wheeler moved the article and Doug Teschner second. There being no discussion the article passed.

Article 16: 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.)

Robert Roudebush moved the question and Scott Simano second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 17: 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.)

Evelyn Elms moved the article and Sandy Knapp second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 18: RSVP

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the support of the RSVP program. (Majority vote required.)

Patricia Brady moved the article and Doug Teschner second. There being no discussion the article passed.

Article 19: 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.)

Steve Wheeler moved the article and Marty Teschner second. Patricia Brady, President of the Board of Directors, spoke in support of the Senior Center and gave statistics. The article passed.

Article 20: VNA Home Health

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients homes and in community settings by Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (Majority vote required)

Scott Simano moved the article and Barb Dunn-Dutile second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 21: 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.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Sarah Young-Xu second. Preston Hatch spoke against this article due to an incident where support was not available. Sarah Young-Xu spoke in support yet said the services are unfortunately underfunded. Jean Kay, director of White Mt Mental Health, was interested in speaking with anyone that has had issues. She gave statistics of services used in the past year. She described the lack of state funding except in the form of Medicaid reimbursement. The article passed.

Article 22: Tri-County Community Action

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the support of the Tri-County Community Action program. (Majority vote required.)

Scott Simano moved the article and Sarah Young-Xu second. There being no discussion, the article

passed. Article 23: 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.)

Scott Simano moved the article and Patricia Brady second. There being no discussion, the article

passed. Article 24: 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 Program. (Majority Vote Required).

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Scott Simano second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 25: Food Pantry

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Four Thousand Six hundred and Ninety Five Dollars (\$4,695) for the support of the Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Pantry, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, with the mission of providing an emergency food supply for those who need assistance in Haverhill and surrounding communities (Majority Vote required).

Matt Taylor moved the article and Ed Ballam second. Ed Ballam, President of the Ecumenical Food Pantry, thanked the town for its support. The article passed.

Article 26: Alumni Hall Visitors' Center and Court St Arts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$8,500) for the support of the Alumni Hall Visitors' Center and Court St Arts Performing Arts Center. (Majority vote required.)
Doug Teschner moved the article and Marty Teschner second. David Heintz spoke in support of the center by singing a song and telling the crowd about the fundraising done and the programs offered. Roger Warren spoke in support with stories of a customer that came from across the US to see a program at the Alumni Hall. The article passed.

Article 27: Shall we allow the operation of KENO

To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the Town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51. Ballot vote required. (Majority Vote Required)
John Nelepovitz asked where the money goes. Chris Luurtsema stated this will allow any pouring establishment to be a vendor of Keno game. The revenue goes to fund full day kindergarten programs and is estimated to give an additional \$2200 per pupil. Point of order from Doug Dutile that the article had not been moved and seconded. Steve Wheeler moved the point of order and Doug Dutile second it, the point of order passed. Rick Ladd said the legislative bill, passed in 2017, is to support the full day kindergarten. Funding is broken down as follows: 8% goes to licensee, 1% to health and human services to address gambling addiction, the remaining goes in the Education Trust Fund for kindergarten funding. John Rutherford asked if only the towns with Keno get funding? Mr. Ladd answered that all towns will get funding. Many residents spoke for and against the article. David Robinson spoke in support, asking how many are in Kindergarten now. If there were 60 kids, then we're talking about \$218,000. Regis Roy asked if the establishment could say no to have Keno; the answer was yes. Gary Scruton spoke regarding the fact that gambling is already present in Haverhill. Mike Conrad spoke in favor saying there's no difference from Keno and scratch and Powerball tickets. John Rutherford moved the question, second by Mike Roberts. The moderator explained the vote and the ticket color to use. The number of ballots cast was 131. The vote was 77 yes and 54 no. The article passed.

Article 28: Discontinuance of a Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. Said fund has a zero balance. (Majority vote required)

Matt Taylor moved the article and Robert Roudebush second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 29: Adoption of RSA 261:157-a

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance to waive the fee to be charged for a permit to register one motor vehicle owned by any person who was captured and incarcerated for 30 days or more while serving in a qualifying war or armed conflict as defined in RSA 72:28, IV, and who was honorably discharged, provided the person has provided the Town Clerk with satisfactory proof of these circumstances. This article is pursuant of RSA Chapter 261:157-a. (Majority vote required).

Robert Roudebush moved the article and Mike Conrad second. There being no discussion, the article passed.

Article 30: Adoption of NH RSA 80:80,111

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property other than via sealed bid or public auction, as justice may require, as provided by RSA 80:80, III. This authority will continue indefinitely until rescinded. (Majority vote required).

Steve Wheeler moved the article and Ron Fournier second. Patricia Brady asked for an explanation. Wayne Fortier explained. Lynn Wheeler asked to hear the RSA language. The Moderator read RSA 80:80. Robert Roudebush spoke in favor. The article passed.

Article 31: Take any other action

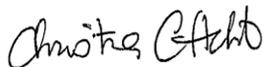
To take any other action that may legally come before this meeting.

Mike Bonanno, outgoing Select Board member, thanked the audience for their support and asked for increased support for future meetings. Chris Luurtsema reminded the audience about filling out the surveys. Wayne Fortier gave thank you's to the audience, budget committee, and ingoing and outgoing Select Board members. Don Hammond asked about the status of Clark Pond Road. Mr. Fortier explained the process with FEMA, state funds and town funds, hoping to start this year.

Wayne Fortier moved the article and Doug Teschner second.

Given under our hands, February 21st, 2018		ji.
We certify and attest that on or before February 21st, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Haverhill Town Office, the Woodsville Post Office in Woodsville Village, the North Haverhill Post Office in North Haverhill Village, the Haverhill Corner Post Office in the Haverhill Corner Village, the Pike Post Office in the Pike Village and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Wayne H. Fortier	Selectboard Chair	
Michael Bonanno	Selectboard Vice-Chair	
Thomas J. Friel	Selectman	
Christopher M Luurtsema	Selectman	
Alfred Garofalo	Selectman	

Respectfully submitted,



Christina Hebert
Haverhill Town Clerk
3/26/2018