

2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TOWN OF HAVERHILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Haverhill, in the County of Grafton, 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 10, 2015 at eight o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following matters. Article One will be decided by written ballot. The polling booths will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. At 7:00 PM the meeting will adjourn to reconvene at 8:00 PM at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School, in said Town of Haverhill for consideration of the remaining articles on this WARRANT:

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 Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; a Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years.

Article 02: Announce Results of Article 1

To announce the results of the balloting on Article One.

The meeting was called to order at 8pm. There were 402 voters participating in the election (only 401 were calculated for school board, due to one absentee not voting for school elections) with the following totals: Moderator, Doug McDonald with 364 votes, School Board member for Woodsville, Jay Waterhouse with 348 votes, School Board for Haverhill District, Sarah Young-Xu 336 votes, School Board member at large 2 yr. Nicole Horne, 220 votes, Donald LoCascio 166 votes. School Board member at large 3 yr. Michelle Reagan 260 votes, write-in Justin Woods 97 votes. Town Elections were as follows: Selectman for 3 yrs. with two positions open, Thomas Friel 269 votes, Lynn Wheeler 341 votes, there were 11 write-in's. Trustee of Trust Funds, Howard Hatch 210 votes, Patricia Brady 161 votes. Town Clerk for 3 yr. term, Christina Hebert 380 votes.

Article 03: 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

Don Hammond nominated Howard Thayer and it was seconded by Richard Clifford. (no other nominations were raised do to the belief that the article was listed as a typo error)

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.

Susan Brown made the motion to accept all reports, second by Patricia Brady, 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.

Robert Roudebush moved the article, Regis Roy second it. Moderator thanks the committee for their work. The article passed.

Article 06: Operating Budget 2015

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,995,817 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Wayne Fortier moved the article, Dick Guy second. Roderick Ladd spoke to not support the budget, stating the fiscal condition of the state and this is already passing down to the taxpayers. Haverhill is listed in the top 1/10 for high taxes. Wayne Fortier explained the operating budget only raises the tax rate 5 1/2 cents per thousand and supportive of budget due to issues facing the community, Haverhill ranks 3rd in county for felonies. Jay Holden requested clarification of the 49 cents per thousand. Susan Brown asked to hear from the Chief. Chief Charles explained the request for the 8th officer, giving statistics. David McKee spoke in support of Police Department. Article passed.

Article 07: Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectboard supports this article. The Advisory Budget Committee supports this article.

Susan Brown moved the article, second by Wayne Fortier. No discussion, article passed.

Article 08: Buildings Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 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, second by Regis Roy. No discussion, 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.)

Roderick Ladd moved the article, second by Robert Roudebush. There was no discussion, article passed.

Article 10: Establishment of Capital Reserve for Road Construc

To see if the town will vote to establish a Highway Road Construction and Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction and reconstruction of roads and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen support this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Wayne Fortier moved the article, second by Lynn Wheeler. Wayne Fortier spoke to details of article. This increases tax amount by 43 1/2 cents per thousand. The town consists of 24 miles of paved roads, 55 miles of dirt roads. The board began with a discussion of doing a bond. North Country Council did an assessment of the paved roads and quoted 2.2 million dollars to fix those issues within the assessment. Susan Brown inquired how the breakdown happens with Woodsville. TM English responded that Woodsville gets 24 % highway reimbursement. Dick Guy asked for clarification of amount of tax per thousand. The article passed.

Article 11: Household Recycling Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred dollars [\$16,500] 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

Patricia Brady moved the article, second by Susan Brown. There was no discussion, 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.)

Sarah Young-Xu moved the article, second by Dan Brady. Jay Holden asked to pass over these articles to #23, the Moderator acknowledged the vote already in the process but he could make that motion after the vote. George Thurston spoke on behalf of the association. 91 citizens of Haverhill received services in the past year. The article passed.

Article 13: Alumni Hall Visitors' and Court St Arts Performing

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' and Court St Arts Performing Arts Center. (Majority vote required.)

Lesa Lakeman-McDonald moved the article, Susan Brown second. Liz Shelton spoke on behalf of the director of the Alumni Hall. 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.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article, second by Patricia Brady. There was no discussion, 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.)

Lesa Lakeman-McDonald moved the article, second by Patricia Brady. There was no discussion, the article passed.

Article 16: 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.)

Patricia Brady moved the article, second by Barb Dutile. Patricia Brady referenced the town report. The services provided are meals on wheels, transportation and social services and activities. A new room was dedicated to Bertha Farnham. Presently they have 64 volunteers from Haverhill who have logged 3,576 hours, totalling one year seven months of free labor. Article passed.

Article 17: 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.)

Wayne Fortier moved the article, Robert Roudebush second. Wayne Fortier acknowledge there was not a representative from the CAP office but guided the audience to refer to the town report. Jeannie Robillard spoke regarding the services of the Tri-County CAP office. The article passed.

Article 18: 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.)

Lesa Lakeman-McDonald moved the article, second by Susan Brown. Jeannie Robillard spoke regarding the services of Burch House, a shelter for 50-70 women and children dealing with domestic violence, and there is a satellite office in Woodsville. 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.)

Susan Brown moved the article, second by Lesa Lakeman-McDonald. Susan Brown spoke of the services, the article passes.

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.)

Robert Roudebush moved the article, second by Lynn Wheeler. Sarah Young-Xu spoke of the services, the article passed.

Article 21: Trust Fund Management

To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Wayne Fortier moved the article, second by Lynn Wheeler. Lynn Wheeler referred to page 20 of the town report for information. This would turn the management services fee over to the control of the Trustee of the Trust Funds. The article passed.

Article 22: Rescind Bonding Authority

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the bonding authority granted at a previous annual Town meeting, as such authority relates to the balance of general obligation bonds or notes currently unissued, in the amount of Eighteen Thousand One Hundred and Forty dollars [\$18,140] for the sewer
Wayne Fortier moved the article, second by Lynn Wheeler. Wayne Fortier spoke. Moderator noted it must be a 2/3rds vote, and was done by a show of hands. 102 votes for yes, 0 votes for no, the article passed.

Article 23: Create Class VI Road

To see if the town, in order to prevent aircraft/vehicular collisions, and to guard the Town of Haverhill against injury liability, will vote to alter/discontinue a short designated stretch of Airport Road, subject to gates and bars, and authorize reclassification of such stretch to Class VI status, not maintained for public use.(By Petition)

Dick Guy moved the article, second by Robert Roudebush. Discussion by Dick Guy referencing a DOT and Federal guidelines with suggestion to shut down Airport Road at the end of the airstrip. Jay Holden suggest flashing lights with radio frequency or signage. Doug Henson asked to get a count of vehicles using the road compared to use of airstrip. Lesa Lakeman-McDonald voiced concern about emergency or medical vehicle response time if the road is closed. Rick Ladd spoke that this issue was addressed two other times, 2000 & 2008. Camille Roy asked if the road is changed to a class 6 you can still use it, however if you closed the road, he voiced concern about the children using it for walking home or biking. Darwin Clogston voiced concern and suggested closing the airstrip instead of the road. The vote was done with a yes /no ballot. Results were 10 votes of yes, and 122 votes of no. The article did not pass.

Article 24: Take any other action

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

Don Hammond motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Jay Holden, the meeting ended at 9:45pm.

Given under our hands, February 17, 2015

We certify and attest that on or before February 23, 2015, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Haverhill Municipal Building in North Haverhill, the Woodsville Post Office in Woodsville Village, the North Haverhill Post Office in North Haverhill Village, The Haverhill Corner Post Office in Haverhill Corner, and the Pike Post Office in Pike Village, being public places within said Town of Haverhill, NH , and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

Printed Name	Position
Wayne H. Fortier	Selectboard
Thomas J. Friel	Selectboard
Lynn W. Wheeler	Selectboard
Roderick M. Ladd	Selectboard
Robert E. Roudebush	Selectboard