

**Town of New Hampton
State of New Hampshire
2010 TOWN WARRANT**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire, in the
County of Belknap, qualified to vote in town affairs:**

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Hampton Community School for the First Session of the 2010 Town Meeting to be held at the New Hampton Community School, 191 Main Street, New Hampton on Wednesday, the 3rd day of February next at 7:00 p.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of the warrant articles which are attached, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to the warrant articles.

In the event of an emergency cancellation, the Deliberative Session will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the 2010 Town Meeting, to vote by official ballot on the election of town officers, zoning amendments, and the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Town House, Town House Road, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next. Polls for voting by official ballot at the Town House will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

1.) Vote by official ballot on the election of Town Officers:

1 Selectman for 3 years

Kenneth A. Mertz 351

1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years

Louise Tilton 55

Jessie Torsey Whalen 50

Barbara Downing 24

Cynthia Hallberg-Torsey 274

1 Moderator for 2 years
Ken Kettenring 357

1 Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years
Regina Schofield 172
Christine Corrigan 178

1 Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
T. Holmes Moore 359

1 Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund Committee for 3 years
Theo Denoncour 359

2.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

To adopt regulations for certificate of occupancy permits. The purpose of this ordinance is to require the submission of documentation attesting to the installation of: septic, water supply, power source, inspection results for fossil fueled, propane or interior wood fired heating systems, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and driveway access before any building, structure or premises, or part thereof that is a new structure, expansion or change of use or has substantial improvement can be occupied. A definition of “substantial improvement” will be included.

YES 239 **NO 168**

3.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

To amend the regulations on the issuance of building permits. It will require a building permit application for building construction, remodeling, structural alterations, enlargement or relocation that has an estimated value of labor and materials \$5,000 or more, replacing the current requirement of 120 square feet or more. These changes also state that ordinary repairs which are non-structural, with the exception of heating systems are exempt from the building permit requirement; that the building permit must be posted on the site until construction is complete; it shall be the responsibility of the person performing the work to insure that all work will be in compliance with all applicable State building and life safety codes. It will also require a building permit and approval from the Fire Chief for the installation of fossil fuel, propane or interior wood fired heating systems. It will establish an expiration and renewal process for building permits as well.

YES 216 **NO 192**

4.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

To add language to clarify the section on Personal Wireless Communication Towers which currently states that in the absence of trees the height restriction is 35ft. The language to be added: "In the presence of trees or vegetation, regardless of the type of mount, personal wireless service facilities shall be no taller than 20 feet above the average tree canopy height within a 150 foot radius of the facility.

YES 280

NO 123

5.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

To delete the requirement that sign permits shall be renewed every 5 years. Approved sign permits will not require renewal.

YES 274

NO 130

6.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

To amend the signage requirement for the General Business and Commercial Districts to clarify that each lot shall be permitted to have a freestanding sign of 64 square feet per side and that additional building signage of up to 5% of the building face is permitted.

YES 262

NO 128

7.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling two million two hundred thirty-seven thousand twenty three dollars and thirty-five cents (\$2,237,023.35)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be two million two hundred and eight thousand eight hundred eighty four dollars and ninety-four cents (\$2,208,884.94), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

YES 244

NO 151

8.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair or Replacement Fund, created by Town vote in 2008 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing or replacing town owned bridges? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 288 **NO 110**

9.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 1997 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of making major emergency repairs to town vehicles? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 292 **NO 104**

10.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-two thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars (\$32,645) to purchase and equip a new Police cruiser? This consists of (\$24,220) for cruiser with extended warranty and (\$8,425) for equipment. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 238 **NO 156**

11.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200) for the purchase of three computers and software to replace existing workstations in the Police Department? This article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 282 **NO 120**

12.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and seventy dollars (\$112,170) for the certification training costs and wages related to Firefighter Level 1 & Level 2 for Fire Department personnel, with \$106,561.50 (95%) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and the balance of \$5,608.50 (5%) raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 299 **NO 100**

13.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ninety five thousand five hundred and sixty dollars (\$95,560) for the purchase of Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services personal protective equipment (ie. boots, helmets, pants, jackets, goggles, flashlights, hoods, gloves, etc...) for the Fire Department, and authorize the withdrawal of \$13,328 from the Fire Department

Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$82,232 funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 308 **NO 92**

14.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty three thousand dollars (\$53,000) to purchase a Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for the Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of \$2,650 (5%) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$50,350 (95%) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2011. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 279 **NO 114**

15.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,000) for upgrades and repairs to the Fire Station, said amount consisting of the following: (\$7,500) apparatus bay light upgrades, (\$10,000) repair of side of building and (\$8,500) installation of fire alarm and burglar alarm system, with \$24,700 (95%) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) or other State and/or Federal Grant available and the balance of \$1,300 (5%) shall be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2011. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 291 **NO 105**

16.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty four thousand five hundred dollars (\$24,500) to purchase an Emergency Generator and fuel supply for the Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of \$24,500 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund or a lesser amount if a State and/or Federal Grant became available for all or part of the cost, with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2011. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 293 **NO 104**

17.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$21,700) to purchase Fire and Rescue equipment consisting of the remaining balance due for the purchase of two Stryker ambulance cots (\$17,200) and 10 pagers (\$4,500) for the Fire Department and authorize the withdrawal of \$21,700 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this

appropriation.

YES 296 **NO 106**

18.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for the necessary repairs and upgrade to address safety issues with the electrical wiring in the existing Fire Station? This article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 278 **NO 124**

19.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars (\$3,860) to purchase Forestry personal protective equipment (ie. forestry shirts, helmets & goggles, etc.) and authorize the withdrawal of \$1,930 (50%) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, with the balance of \$1,930 (50%) funded by a grant through the State of NH Division of Forest and Lands, and no amount to be raised from taxation? This article is not included in the operating budget under Article 7. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 291 **NO 112**

20.) Shall the Town of New Hampton raise and appropriate funds totaling \$15,000 to Gordon-Nash Library for support of library operations within the town of New Hampton? This support is approximately 9% of the annual operating budget with the balance coming from Library trust funds. The Gordon-Nash Library provides internet access, book and video loans, reading and reference materials and children's programs to our patrons. (BY PETITION) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 285 **NO 122**

21.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$973 in this fiscal year for the American Red Cross Granite Chapter to help support disaster preparedness, response and recovery; blood services; Armed Forces emergency services; international aide; and health and safety training to the benefit of residents of New Hampton. (BY PETITION) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES 305 **NO 102**

22.) To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Town of New Hampton Conflict of Interest Ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officials and employees, whether elected or appointed?

YES 310 **NO 84**

23.) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to develop a plan to negotiate the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's annual salary range for approval by Town Meeting?

YES 289 **NO 109**

24.) To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees for license, permits and inspections which are part of a regulatory program which has been established by vote of the town?

YES 228 **NO 164**

25.) To see if the Town will vote to reject a resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President defining marriage, for the year 2010. (BY PETITION)

YES 221 **NO 169**

Paul J. Tierney
Charles W. Bartley
Kenneth A. Mertz
SELECTMEN OF NEW HAMPTON