

TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2017
TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lisbon, in the County of Grafton, and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in the Town affairs;

You are hereby notified and warned to meet in Lisbon Regional School in said Town of Lisbon, New Hampshire on Tuesday the fourteenth Day of March, 2017 at ten o'clock in the forenoon at which time polls shall open at ten o'clock and not close earlier than nine o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects. All Articles except Article 1 are to be considered at seven o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To Elect All Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: Hear reports of Agents, etc.

To hear reports of agents, and special committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote related thereto

ARTICLE 3: Purchase of skid steer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$23,184) for the purchase of a new Skid Steer for the transfer station. *(This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 5, the operating budget) The Board of Selectmen Recommends this Article.*

ARTICLE 4: Dump Truck Lease

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) payable over a term of seven years for a new dump truck for the highway department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$106,000 for the initial down payment with said funds to come from the Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund. **REQUIRES 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE TO PASS.** *(This appropriation is addition to Warrant Article # 5, the operating budget) The Board of Selectmen Recommends this Article.*

ARTICLE 5: Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,850,275) which represents the operating budget of the Town as prepared by the Board of Selectmen, and posted with this warrant as required by RSA 31:95. Said sum does not include individual or special articles addressed. *The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.*

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$132,300
TAX COLLECTION, ELECTION, REG. & VITALS	\$76,539
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$50,652
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	\$29,315
LEGAL EXPENSE	\$18,000
PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION	\$3,960
PLANNING & ZONING	\$2,240
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$45,475
CEMETERIES	\$14,500
INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED	\$46,083
ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	\$2,946
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$327,780
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$88,586
LIFE SQUAD	\$40,090
BUILDING INSPECTION/CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$12,100
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$500
PUBLIC SERVICE-DISPATCH AND COMM.	\$46,648
HIGHWAY & STREETS	\$488,496
STREET LIGHTING	\$19,000
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$176,325
WELFARE DIRECT ASSISTANCE	\$16,556
PARKS & RECREATION	\$15,107
PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$57,966
PATROIC PURPOSES	\$1,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$10,000
LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	\$45,420
INTEREST ON LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES	\$2,691
INTEREST ON TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	\$5,000
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS & GRAVEL ROADS	\$75,000

TOTAL	\$1,850,275
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ARTICLE 6: Fund Health Agencies

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$14,400.00) for the following local community services agencies: *(This appropriation in addition to Warrant Article # 5, the operating budget) The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article.*

- North Country Home Health and Hospice: \$2,000
- Tri-County Community Action Program: \$2,650
- White Mountain Mental Health: \$1,350
- Grafton County Seniors: \$2,000

- Ammonoosuc Health: \$1,000
- Court Appointed Advocate (CASA): \$300
- Lisbon Main Street Program: \$4,000
- Tri-County Transit: \$300
- Burch House: \$400
- Bridge House: \$400

Total \$ **14,400**

ARTICLE 7: Water Dept. Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Five Thousand One Hundred and One Dollars (\$205,101) for the operation and maintenance of the Lisbon Water Department. Funds are to be raised from user fees no funds from taxation (*This appropriation is addition to Warrant Article # 5, the operating budget*) *The Board of Selectmen Recommends this Article.*

ARTICLE 8: Wastewater Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$221,681) for the operation and maintenance of the Lisbon Wastewater Department. Funds to be raised from user fees and no amount to come from taxation (*This appropriation is addition to Warrant Article # 5, the operating budget*) *The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article.*

ARTICLE 9: Fund Capital Reserve Accounts

To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,500) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Accounts (*This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 5, the operating budget*) *The Board of Selectmen Recommends this Article:*

- \$5,000 - Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- \$5,000 – Fire Equipment and Building Capital Reserve Fund
- \$7,500 – Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- \$5,000 – Life Squad Capital Reserve Fund
- \$5,000 - Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

ARTICLE 10: Discontinue the Lisbon Life Squad Ambulance CRF

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Lisbon Life Squad Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town’s general fund. Passage of this article is contingent upon the passage of the ARTICLE 11. *The Board of Selectmen Recommends this Article.*

ARTICLE 11: Establish Lisbon Life Squad CRF

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the Lisbon Life Squad Capital Reserve Equipment Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the fund with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. Furthermore, to name the Selectmen as agents of said fund. Passage of this article is contingent upon the passage of ARTICLE 10. *The Board of Selectmen Recommends this Article.*

ARTICLE 12: Grove Hill Cemetery Plots

To see if the town will vote to deposit funds, received from the sale of Grove Hill Cemetery plots and from tomb rental fees, into the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, which is maintained by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. These funds have been used for maintenance purposes in the past, but the Cemetery Trustees have been advised by the New Hampshire Department of Justice that the use of these funds in this manner requires the approval of the voters of the town. Funds received to cover the cost of burials in Grove Hill Cemetery will be transferred to the town general fund in order to offset the wages paid to the town employees who perform these burial services. (Simple Majority) *The Board of Selectmen Recommends this Article.*

ARTICLE 13: Adopt SB2-By Petition

To see if the town will vote to adopt the SB 2 system (Australian ballot) which changes the way a municipality and/or school district operates. Rather than one traditional “town meeting” format, in which residents gather, consider, debate and vote on issues, the process is divided into two steps: First, there is a “deliberative session” in which residents talk about articles on the annual warrant, consider them and, if they choose, make changes to them. Second, they take a final vote on everything by secret ballot at the polls on Election Day – the same way the currently choose between candidates for office and decide on zoning amendments. So, if you cannot or don’t want to go to Town Meeting, or are out of town, you can still have your vote counted. *(Petitioned Warrant Article)*

ARTICLE 14: Eliminate Town Administrator Position

To see if the town will vote to eliminate the position of Town Administrator and authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire the services of a temporary contracted service to oversee the daily operation of the Town under the direct supervision of the Board of Selectmen. This temporary contracted service would be a non-benefited position for the remainder for the year 2017 and until the Annual Town Meeting of 2018. Also to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a research committee consisting of members of the community, and town and school employees to research and conduct a needs assessment for the position and/or the need to hire for the position or retain the contracted service in the future. This contracted service and any costs associated with the research committee shall be funded from the existing Administration line set forth in the Town Operation Budget and shall not be funded by any additional taxation. *(Petitioned Warrant Article)*

ARTICLE 15: Discontinue CRF's and ETF's

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following Trust of the Trustees accounts:

Fire Station CRF

Highway Pickup CRF

Backhoe CRF

Revaluation CRF

Highway Dept Heavy Equipment CRF

With all funds including interest to be transferred to the town's general fund.

ARTICLE 16: Include Year of Creation on CRF/ETF

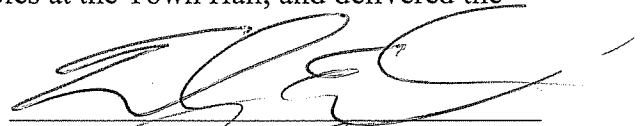
To see if the town will vote to include the date of creation in the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Fund Titles for clarification purposes; Highway Dept Backhoe CRF 1993, Revaluation CRF 1997, New Highway Dump Truck CRF 1998, Employee Health Insurance ETF 2001, Life Squad Vehicle CRF 2002, Library Addition CRF 2005, Wastewater Dept ETF 2009, Water Dept ETF 2009, Municipal Transportation CRF 2011, Fire Dept Equipment ETF 2015, Transfer Station Equipment CRF 2015, Police Dept Equipment CRF 2015, Fire Dept Equipment & Building CRF 2015, Highway Equipment CRF 2015.

ARTICLE 17: Transact Any Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 27th day of February, Two Thousand and Seventeen. We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2017, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Town Hall, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

Thomas Demers, Board of Selectmen Chair



Peter B. Nightingale, Board of Selectmen member



Matthew Yeramian, Board of Selectmen member

