



# TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Lafayette Regional School  
March 9, 2010 – 7:00 PM  
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Town Hall  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Lafayette Regional School

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,305,984.00 to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive .....	\$99,411.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics .....	29,192.00
Financial Administration .....	52,200.00
Revaluation of Property .....	15,000.00
Legal Expenses .....	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning .....	6,775.00
General Government Buildings .....	92,326.00
Cemeteries .....	15,347.00
Insurance.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,507.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council.....	1,814.00)
(Regional Airport.....	693.00)

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Police .....	280,074.00
Fire.....	84,100.00
Life Squad .....	54,280.00
Forest Fire.....	3,578.00
Dispatch Phone Lines .....	28,983.00
(Franconia's Share.....	28,433.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....347,497.00

UTILITIES .....

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HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....	8,348.00
(American Red Cross.....	461.00)
(Ammonoosuc Community Health ....	1,800.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens .....	1,000.00)
(Health Officer.....	300.00)
(North Country Home Health .....	2,750.00)
(North Country YMCA.....	250.00)
(Support Center – Burch House.....	520.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,267.00)

WELFARE.....10,075.00

(General Assistance .....	7,575.00)
(CAP .....	2,500.00)

## CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs.....	102,172.00
(Franconia's Share.....	44,296.00)

Parks .....	16,770.00
Patriotic Purposes .....	1,000.00
Museums.....	300.00
CONSERVATION .....	1,000.00
INTEREST .....	16,049.00

**TOTAL..... (Franconia’s Share \$1,247,558.00).....\$1,305,984.00**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Eighty Three dollars (\$127,083.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment \$3,333.00; Highway Trucks, \$48,900; Highway Heavy Equipment \$16,500; Police Cruisers, \$7,800; Life Squad Van, \$1,500; Fire Equip Truck, \$7,800; Fire Pumper Truck, \$10,000; Fire Truck Tanker \$23,250; and Reassessment, 8,000.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$4,800.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Sidewalk Improvement, \$1,000; and Library Maintenance, \$3,800.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000.00) to purchase a Town Buildings truck and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The amount of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) to come from taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation to come from trading in the 2005 F-350 (\$10,000.00) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six thousand dollars (\$36,000.00) to purchase a new Tractor and to authorize the withdrawal of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy dollars from the Town Building & Grounds Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (\$19,370.00) previously established. The amount of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$6,630.00) to come from taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2002 John Deere Tractor (\$10,000.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$38,600.00) to purchase a 4 WD Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy dollars (\$21,670.00) from the Police Cruisers Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. The amount of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty dollars (\$10,830.00) to come from taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2005 Chevy Tahoe (\$6,100.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to replace the windows of the Heritage Museum and to authorize the withdrawal of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) from the Heritage Museum Expendable Trust previously established for this purpose and to authorize the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be added to the Highway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Safety Equipment Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose and furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Forestry Fire Truck Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for this purpose and furthermore to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars (\$262,404.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and capital improvements, to include a compactor, with Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500.00) from the Tri-Town Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose, Town of Sugar Hill (\$42,538.00), the Town of Easton (\$19,336.00), PAYT Fees (\$75,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$30,000.00), and Recycled Material (\$15,000.00) and to raise Sixty-Seven Thousand Thirty Dollars (\$67,030.00) from taxation.

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend appropriation

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase a new piece of equipment for the Dow Playground to replace the existing wooden Fire Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$78,285.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) to solve the water runoff problem to the lower portion of the town hall building to allow for future office or department expansion and to authorize the withdrawal of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town is in favor of moving the Police Department from the Safety Services building to the basement of the town hall providing the water problem can be resolved.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying equipment under these statues up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 for each solar energy system, wind-powered energy system or wood heating energy system.

**ARTICLE 19.** Should the Town indicate its support for Senate Bill 154, which proposes to name a 2.8 mile portion of Route 18 in Franconia, which runs from Route 141 to Interstate 93 ( Also known as 3-Mile Hill), after Corporal Bruce McKay, a police officer who was murdered while serving our community. (Ballot Vote by Petition)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$1,575.00) for the Littleton Regional Hospital to help provide medical services that benefit community members in Franconia and the surrounding area.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town would vote to authorize the Community Design Committee to seek funding opportunities such as grants or private partnerships for a proposed road connecting the rear of the businesses on the Gale River side of Main Street from Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank to Bob's Mobil.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to do the necessary repair and restoration of the clock and cupola at Dow Academy, before permanent damage occurs to the clock. (By Petition) The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our Sate Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage". (By Petition)

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Authority Intermunicipal Agreement. Copies of the 2010 Amendment, as well as the existing Agreement, are available for review at the town office, and will also be available the day of the meeting.

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to help offset the costs that ensure that children's needs are met and services are provided to facilitate safe reunification with biological families when possible.

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe and productive after school environment for children from Franconia and other area towns. (By Petition) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 27.** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 28.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Carleen Quinn  
John Lachapelle  
Richard McLeod  
Board of Selectmen

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2009	Actual 2009	Estimated 2010
<b>TAXES:</b>			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,660.00	\$ 5,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	3,000.00	2,632.00	3,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	59,671.00	61,083.00	59,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	18,000.00	24,328.00	10,000.00
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS, &amp; FEES:</b>			
3210 Business Permits	250.00	-0-	250.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	185,000.00	196,950.00	190,000.00
3230 Building Permits	3,000.00	3,861.00	2,500.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	5,000.00	6,213.00	4,000.00
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
3351 Shared Revenues	-0-	-0-	7,075.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	-0-	46,366.00	30,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	46,526.00	46,526.00	49,090.00
<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:</b>			
3379 Town of Easton	34,507.00	34,110.00	29,107.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	82,740.00	80,898.00	70,983.00
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES:</b>			
3401 Income from Departments	47,500.00	57,734.00	44,500.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	143,500.00	132,262.00	120,000.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	24,460.00	19,986.00	24,460.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:</b>			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	269,000.00	269,000.00	26,100.00
3502 Interest on Investments	2,500.00	2,618.00	2,500.00
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:</b>			
3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	-0-	-0-	13,500.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	241,000.00	240,412.00	66,040.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	-0-	102,548.00	95,000.00
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</b>			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	3,751,000.00	3,751,000.00	-0-
Fund Balance (Surplus)	<u>81,600.00</u>	<u>81,600.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$5,010,254.00</b>	<b>\$5,172,787.00</b>	<b>\$852,105.00</b>

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2009	Actual 2009	Estimated 2010
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
4130 Executive	\$ 98,640.00	\$ 94,811.00	\$99,411.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	28,271.00	26,807.00	29,192.00
4150 Financial Administration	50,514.00	50,907.00	52,200.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	14,546.00	15,000.00
4153 Legal Expense	3,000.00	2,728.00	3,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	6,775.00	3,949.00	6,775.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	86,246.00	77,464.00	92,326.00
4195 Cemeteries	15,347.00	13,319.00	15,347.00
4196 Insurance	7,500.00	6,790.00	7,500.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12,530.00	12,530.00	12,507.00
4199 Other General Government	-0-	281.27	-0-
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>			
4210 Police	275,874.00	271,296.00	280,074.00
4220 Fire	84,989.00	84,542.00	84,100.00
4221 Life Squad	50,910.00	51,727.00	54,280.00
4290 Forest Fire	3,565.00	2,526.00	3,578.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	27,130.00	27,068.00	28,983.00
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS:</b>			
4312 Highway Department	345,188.00	342,062.00	347,497.00
4316 Utilities	17,500.00	18,565.00	18,500.00
<b>HEALTH:</b>			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	7,828.00	7,528.00	8,348.00
<b>WELFARE:</b>			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	10,025.00	8,935.00	10,075.00
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION:</b>			
4520 Recreation	99,451.00	91,164.00	102,172.00
4521 Parks	15,666.00	15,814.00	16,770.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	300.00	274.00	300.00
<b>CONSERVATION</b>			
4619 General Expenses	1,000.00	527.00	1,000.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>			
4723 Interest on TANS	1,500.00	2,349.00	16,049.00
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
FY 2009			
Article 7: Highway Truck	94,000.00	79,413.00	-0-
Article 8: Fire Equipment Truck	140,000.00	140,000.00	-0-
FY2010			
Article 5: Buildings & Grounds Truck	-0-	-0-	39,000.00
Article 6: Buildings & Grounds Tractor	-0-	-0-	36,000.00
Article 7: Police 4WD Cruiser	-0-	-0-	38,600.00

4903 Buildings			
FY2009			
Article 12: Maintenance Building	78,000.00	78,000.00	-0-
FY2010			
Article 16: Town Building Repairs	-0-	-0-	80,000.00
4909 Other Improvements			
ETF: Highway Improvement	-0-	66,409.00	-0-
EFT: Library Maintenance	-0-	750.00	-0-
EFT: Museum Maintenance	-0-	24,989.00	15,000.00
EFT: Sidewalks	-0-	10,400.00	-0-
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	287,252.00	280,514.00	262,404.00
Library	73,207.00	73,207.00	78,285.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Life Squad Van	11,500.00	11,500.00	1,500.00
CRF: Highway Trucks	46,600.00	46,600.00	48,900.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	16,050.00	16,050.00	7,800.00
CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle	2,200.00	2,200.00	-0-
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	12,500.00	12,500.00	10,000.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	49,000.00	49,000.00	7,800.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker)	10,000.00	10,000.00	23,250.00
CRF: Fire Safety Equipment	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
CRF: Forestry Truck	-0-	-0-	3,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
CRF: Legal	24,000.00	24,000.00	-0-
CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment	7,100.00	7,100.00	3,333.00
CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment	9,600.00	9,600.00	16,500.00
CRF: Transfer Station Equipment	3,000.00	3,000.00	-0-
CRF: Dow Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-
ETF: Sidewalks	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum	7,500.00	7,500.00	-0-
EFT: Library Maintenance	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
EFT: Rink Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended):			
FY2009			
Article 2: Water Project	3,751,000.00	3,751,000.00	-0-
Article 11: Water System Engineering	11,600.00	11,600.00	-0-
Article 18: Burch House	520.00	520.00	-0-
FY2010			
Article 14: Dow Playground Equipment	-0-	-0-	5,000.00
Article 20: Littleton Regional Hospital	-0-	-0-	1,575.00
Article 22: Dow Clock Repairs	-0-	-0-	40,000.00
Article 25: CASA	-0-	-0-	500.00
Article 26: Boys & Girls Club of NC	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$5,976,687.00</b>	<b>\$5,977,561.00</b>	<b>\$2,110,231.00</b>

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Receipts &amp; Reimbursements</u>
Executive	\$98,640.00	\$ 1,128.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	28,271.00	1,438.00
Financial Administration	50,514.00	22.00
Revaluation of Property	15,000.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	-0-
 Planning & Zoning	 6,775.00	 1,288.00
General Government Buildings	86,246.00	-0-
Cemeteries	15,347.00	550.00
Insurance	7,500.00	81.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,530.00	-0-
 Police	 275,874.00	 1,300.00
Fire	84,989.00	-0-
Life Squad	50,910.00	11,589.00
Forest Fire	3,565.00	250.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	27,130.00	(34.00)
 Highway Department	 345,188.00	 -0-
Utilities	17,500.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	8,348.00	-0-
Welfare	10,025.00	-0-
Recreation	99,451.00	(5,911.00)
 Parks	 15,666.00	 200.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	300.00	-0-
Conservation	1,000.00	-0-
Interest	1,500.00	118.00
 <b>TOTALS</b>	 <b>\$ 1,266,269.00</b>	 <b>\$12,019.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009**

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$99,768.00	\$ 94,811.00	\$ 4,957.00	\$ -0-
29,709.00	26,807.00	2,902.00	-0-
50,536.00	50,907.00	-0-	371.00
15,000.00	14,546.00	454.00	-0-
3,000.00	2,728.00	272.00	-0-
8,063.00	3,949.00	4,114.00	-0-
86,246.00	77,464.00	8,782.00	-0-
15,897.00	13,319.00	2,578.00	-0-
7,581.00	6,790.00	791.00	-0-
12,530.00	12,530.00	-0-	-0-
277,174.00	271,296.00	5,878.00	-0-
84,989.00	84,542.00	447.00	-0-
62,499.00	51,727.00	10,772.00	-0-
3,815.00	2,526.00	1,289.00	-0-
27,096.00	27,068.00	28.00	-0-
345,188.00	342,062.00	3,126.00	-0-
17,500.00	18,565.00	-0-	1,065.00
8,348.00	8,048.00	300.00	-0-
10,025.00	8,935.00	1,092.00	-0-
93,540.00	91,164.00	2,376.00	-0-
15,866.00	15,814.00	52.00	-0-
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
300.00	274.00	26.00	-0-
1,000.00	527.00	473.00	-0-
<u>1,618.00</u>	<u>2,349.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>731.00</u>
<b>\$1,278,288.00</b>	<b>\$1,229,748.00</b>	<b>\$50,707.00</b>	<b>\$2,167.00</b>

## NOTES