

# Town of Franconia

## New Hampshire

### Warrant

2018

To the inhabitants of the town of Franconia in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 13, 2018

Time: Polls Open 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Deliberative Session begins at 7:00 PM.

Location: Lafayette Regional School

Details:

#### Article 01: Choose Town Officers

To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By Ballot)

#### Article 02: Town Line Item Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one million eight hundred nine thousand five hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$1,809,577.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	\$167,513.00
Town Clerk	\$39,032.00
Tax Collector	\$13,730.00
Revaluation of Property	\$20,922.00
Legal Expenses	\$12,000.00
Personnel Administration	\$257,232.00
Planning & Zoning	\$7,722.00
General Government Buildings	\$141,897.00
Cemeteries	\$16,576.00
Insurance	\$37,010.00
Police	\$258,960.00
Life Squad	\$69,650.00
Fire	\$94,600.00
Forest Fire	\$3,290.00
Building Inspection	\$3,000.00
Emergency Management	\$4,000.00
Other Communications (Dispatch Phones)	\$45,500.00
(Franconia's Share 45,000.00)	
Highways	\$308,682.00
Street Lights	\$16,000.00
Health Officer	\$200.00
Welfare	\$6,068.00
Recreation Programs	\$127,810.00
(Franconia's Share \$52,206.00)	
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,000.00
Other Culture & Recreation	\$421.00
Other Conservation	\$1,000.00
Long Term Debt/Tan Interest	\$155,762.00
TOTAL..... (Franconia's Share \$1,733,473.00)	\$1,809,577.00

### **Article 03: Water Department Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty-nine thousand six hundred fifty dollars (\$269,650) for the operation of the Water Department. This amount to be funded by water rents and revenues with no amount from taxation. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (Majority vote required)

### **Article 04: Appropriate to CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seven thousand eight hundred and eighteen dollars (\$207,818.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Town Buildings Truck, \$6,467; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$7,110; Highway Trucks, \$41,920; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$15,568; Police Cruisers, \$11,947; Life Squad Van, \$20,000; Life Squad Equipment, \$5,796; Fire Heavy Equipment, \$43,131; Fire Fighting Equipment \$11,429; Bridge Maintenance, \$5,000; Legal \$30,000; and Re-Assessment \$9450

### **Article 05: Appropriate to ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-seven thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$127,820.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Highway Improvement, \$75,000; Town Buildings Maintenance, \$30,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$21,000; Heritage Museum, \$1,020; and Frost Place Maintenance, \$800.

### **Article 06: Tractor Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000) to purchase a new tractor and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) from the Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with the balance to come from trading in the 2010 John Deere Tractor (\$13,000). The Selectmen recommend this article.

### **Article 07: Add to Rink Surface Maintenance Fund**

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 Expendable Trust Fund previously established with said funds to come from the Recreation Committee's line item budget . The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

### **Article 08: Add to Dow Field Maintenance Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Dow Field Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

### **Article 09: Add to Recreation Van Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be added to the Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose with said funds to come from the

Recreation Committee's line item budget . The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

#### **Article 10: Abbie Greenleaf Library**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$83,500) 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. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

#### **Article 11: Library Accept Gifts of Personal Property**

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose? Prior to the acceptance of a gift valued at over \$5,000 the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. (Majority vote required)

#### **Article 12: Library Trustees Authority to Accept and Expend Unanticipated Money**

Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (Majority vote required).

#### **Article 13: Tri-Town Transfer Station**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred eighty-nine thousand two hundred nine dollars (\$289,209) for the purpose of solid waste disposal, with (\$48,779) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$24,389) from the Town of Easton, (\$80,000.00) PAYT Fees, (\$20,000.00) Special Handling Fees, (\$15,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$101,041.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

#### **Article 14: Lafayette Recreation Fundraising Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-seven thousand one hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$57,198) to be added to the Lafayette Recreation Expendable Trust Fund. Funds will come from the unassigned fund balance. (this amount is equivalent to the amount collected by fundraising during 2017). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

#### **Article 15: Northern Pass Defense Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Northern Pass Defense Fund as previously established. (\$22,910) to come from unassigned fund balance. (this amount is equivalent to the amount collected by fundraising during 2017) and (\$7,090) to come from taxation. Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

#### **Article 16: Use of Bond Proceeds**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of seventy thousand two hundred thirty-four dollars (\$70,234) plus any interest in unexpended bond proceeds from the Safety Services Building Project to prepay a portion of the loan incurred from said project. Selectmen recommend. (2/3rds vote required)

#### **Article 17: Purchase of Turnout Gear - Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$13,300) for the purpose of purchasing turnout gear for the Fire Department. Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**Article 18: Purchase Turnout Gear - Life Squad**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the purpose of purchasing turnout gear for the Life Squad. Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**Article 19: Heritage Museum Roof Replacement & Structural Work**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of replacing the metal roof and structural work at the Heritage Museum. Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 20: Above the Notch Humane Society**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the support of Above the Notch Humane Society. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 21: Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the support of Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 22: American Red Cross**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of five hundred eighteen dollars (\$518) for the support of the American Red Cross. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 23: Ammonoosuc Community Services, Inc**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the support of Ammonoosuc Community Services, Inc. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 24: Boys & Girl's Club of the North Country**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) for the support of Boys & Girls Club of the North Country. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 25: Bridge House Shelter & Veterans Advocacy**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the support of Bridge House Shelter & Veterans Advocacy. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 26: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the support of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 27: Center for New Beginnings**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the support of Center for New Beginnings. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 28: Franconia Children's Center**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the support of Franconia Children's Center. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 29: Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9000) for the support of Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 30: Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the support of Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 31: North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) for the support of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 32: Northern Human Services - White Mountain Health**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of one thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,292) for the support of Northern Human Services - White Mountain Health. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 33: Support Center at Burch House**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of five hundred twenty dollars (\$520) for the support of Support Center at Burch House. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 34: Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2700) for the support of Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP). (Majority vote required.)

**Article 35: Tri-County Transit**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the support of Tri-County Transit. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 36: Tyler Blain Homeless Shelter**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the support of Tyler Blain Homeless Shelter. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 37: Adoption of NH RSA 79-E**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 79-E to allow the Board of Selectmen to accept for consideration requests for community revitalization tax relief incentives. Tax relief may be granted for a "qualifying structure" as defined by RSA 79-E:2, II and only to the extent allowed under RSA 79-E. Selectmen recommend this article.

**Article 38: To Hear reports**

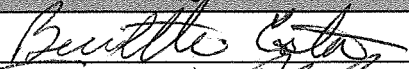
To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

**Article 39: Transact any other business**

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

Given under our hands, February 22, 2018

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Franconia Town Hall, and delivered the original to the Franconia Town Clerk.

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Bernardette Costa	Selectman	
ERIC L. META	Selectman	