

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Lafayette Regional School
March 8, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of adopting the amended Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This article was approved last year but because of a procedural error the amended 2015 Zoning Ordinance was not adopted. This year's amended Zoning Ordinance includes revisions that have been made due to additional public input. (By Ballot) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one million six hundred ninety seven thousand four hundred four dollars (\$1,697,404.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$120,511.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	40,138.00
Financial Administration	63,392.00
Revaluation of Property	9,450.00
Legal Expenses	10,000.00
Planning & Zoning	4,110.00
General Government Buildings	88,912.00
Cemeteries	13,354.00
Insurance.....	9,475.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	11,894.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,894.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	372,579.00
Fire.....	104,943.00
Life Squad	66,199.00
Building Inspection.....	3,000.00
Emergency Management	2,900.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	44,118.00
(Franconia's Share.....	43,618.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

UTILITIES

Health Officer

WELFARE.....

 (General Assistance

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CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs.....

 (Franconia's Share

Parks

Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Museums.....	386.00
CONSERVATION	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	150,812.00

TOTAL..... (Franconia’s Share \$1,621,920.00)\$1,697,404.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred one thousand three hundred seventy six dollars (\$101,376.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Town Buildings Truck, \$7,980; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$6,834; Highway Trucks, \$ 4,826; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$7,000; Police Cruisers, \$7,100; Life Squad Van, \$11,118; Life Squad Equipment, \$3,264; Fire Equipment Truck, \$7060; Fire Pumper Truck, \$20,194; Bridge Maintenance, \$5,000; Rural Water Supply \$5,000; and Legal \$16,000.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$139,900.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Highway Improvement, \$100,000; Town Buildings Maintenance, \$15,000; Frost Place Maintenance, \$3,900 and Sidewalk Improvement, \$21,000.

ARTICLE 6. 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 Ladder Truck Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty seven thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) to purchase a 10-Wheeler Truck & Sander for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of eighty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$88,900.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, seven thousand \$7,000 from trading in the 2000 Mack, and to raise fourteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$14,100.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000.00) to purchase a loader, an excavator and a trailer for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred three thousand hundred dollars (\$103,000.00) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) from trading in the 2006 backhoe and to raise fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$35,300.00) to purchase a Police cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$28,600.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, and to raise six thousand seven hundred dollars (\$6,700.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of forty two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$42,800.00) for a full Property Valuation Update, as required every five years by the Department of Revenue Administration, and to authorize the withdrawal thirty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$34,300.00) from the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose, and to raise the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to 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 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty two thousand eight hundred twelve dollars (\$82,812.00) 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. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred eighty one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$281,250.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal, with (\$51,893.00) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$23,587.00) from the Town of Easton, (\$77,000.00) PAYT Fees, (\$29,000.00) Special Handling Fees, (\$18,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$81,770.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote pay for the town's portion of health insurance (69%) for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, at her request, and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand one hundred eighty five dollars (\$6,185.00) to pay for her health insurance for the remaining 9 months of 2016. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote create a town-funded trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Northern Pass Defense Fund, for the purpose of financing legal expenses and other costs incurred by the town in advocating the town's opposition to the Northern Pass project, to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose and, to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to accept donations, grants, or gifts in any amount, to be utilized for the same purposes as set forth in Article 18, above to be held and invested in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, paragraph IV. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$15,280.00), for the following non-profit organizations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Adaptive Sports Partners of the NC, \$750; American Red Cross, \$518; ACHS, \$4,000; CASA, \$500; Center for New Beginnings, \$1,000; Franconia Children's Center, \$2,000; Grafton County Senior Citizens, \$1,500; North Country Home Health & Hospice, \$3,200; Support Center at Burch House, \$520; White Mt Mental Health, \$1,292.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (one-thousand and no dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school and vacation camp environment for children from Franconia and other area towns. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation. (By petition)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following policy in regard to Charitable Contributions:

Requests for charitable contributions from the town will be accepted only from entities that have documented their nonprofit status.

All such requests must be petitioned annually using established warrant article procedures. These requests must be listed and voted upon on separate articles on the Town Warrant.

Prior to each Town Meeting, entities requesting charitable contributions must submit a report to the Town which details their activities and the specific services provided to actual residents of the Town during the preceding year. These reports should also include information regarding the degree to which the requesting entity was compensated for these services, either by the recipient or by third parties. These reports must be submitted at a time which permits them to either be included in the Annual Report or provide to voters under separate cover with that report. These reports must then be either included in the Annual report or provided to voters with that report under separate cover.

Requesting entities must have a representative present at the Town meeting to answer questions and clarify information contained in their report.

Failure to comply with the above conditions will disqualify any requesting entity from receiving Town funds. (By Petition)

ARTICLE 22. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Robert Montagno
Bernardette Costa
Eric Meth
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2015	Actual 2015	Estimated 2016
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	61,348.00	66,577.00	60,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	34,000.00	39,244.00	30,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	250.00	0.00	250.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	215,000.00	246,589.00	220,000.00
3230 Building Permits	2,000.00	2,904.00	3,000.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	6,000.00	6,456.00	6,000.00
FROM STATE:			
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	54,148.00	54,148.00	50,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	49,774.00	50,203.00	45,000.00
3359 Other (Pellet Stove Rebate)	7,935.00	7,935.00	-0-
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	30,362.00	29,747.00	33,721.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	79,981.00	77,306.00	89,943.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	40,000.00	90,925.00	62,500.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	129,000.00	120,331.00	124,000.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	24,600.00	24,374.00	31,600.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	41,000.00	41,000.00	37,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	300.00	942.00	600.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Special Revenue Funds	16,000.00	16,000.00	-0-
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	157,100.00	140,705.00	254,800.00
3916 Expendable Trust Funds	-0-	133,255.00	-0-
3916 Cemetery Trust Fund	2,000.00	-0-	-0-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fund Balance (Surplus)	46,000.00	171,000.00	-0-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$966,798.00	\$1,334,641.00	\$1,051,414.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2015	Actual 2015	Estimated 2016
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$ 108,968.00	\$ 105,457.00	\$120,511.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	41,575.00	35,961.00	40,138.00
4150 Financial Administration	60,367.00	61,179.00	63,392.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	19,562.00	19,562.00	9,450.00
4153 Legal Expense	10,000.00	23,803.00	10,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	4,200.00	4,591.00	4,110.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	91,680.00	87,542.00	88,912.00
4195 Cemeteries	14,510.00	10,506.00	13,354.00
4196 Insurance	8,693.00	8,693.00	9,475.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7,082.00	7,082.00	11,894.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	345,890.00	353,803.00	372,579.00
4220 Fire	96,920.00	92,543.00	104,943.00
4221 Life Squad	53,558.00	65,664.00	66,199.00
4290 Forest Fire	2,000.00	420.00	-0-
4200 Building Inspection	1,137.00	6,782.00	3,000.00
4291 Emergency Management	2,900.00	2,660.00	2,900.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	32,000.00	40,367.00	44,118.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	400,941.00	355,386.00	390,232.00
4316 Utilities	21,500.00	21,478.00	21,500.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	11,912.00	11,912.00	200.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	9,700.00	7,392.00	8,700.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	113,715.00	106,918.00	121,984.00
4521 Parks	33,496.00	33,228.00	36,615.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	354.00	354.00	386.00
CONSERVATION			
4619 General Expenses	1,000.00	992.00	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4711-4723 Interest/Principal	147,540.00	147,642.00	150,812.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Highway Heavy Equipment	186,900.00	199,068.00	-0-
4903 Town Buildings			
EFT: Town Buildings	-0-	13,255.00	-0-

4909 Other Improvements			
EFT: Highway Improvement	-0-	120,000.00	-0-
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	285,986.00	275,230.00	281,250.00
Library	92,266.00	92,266.00	82,812.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Town Buildings Truck	-0-	-0-	7,980.00
CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,834.00
CRF: Highway Trucks	51,300.00	51,300.00	4,826.00
CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment	18,000.00	18,000.00	7,000.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,100.00
CRF: Life Squad Van	10,900.00	10,900.00	11,180.00
CRF: Life Squad Equipment	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,264.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	6,900.00	6,900.00	7,060.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	19,700.00	19,700.00	20,194.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker)	23,700.00	23,700.00	-0-
CRF: Fire Safety Equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00	-0-
CRF: Bridge Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	8,500.00	8,500.00	-0-
CRF: Rural Water Supply (Article 17)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
CRF: Legal	29,000.00	29,000.00	16,000.00
CRF: Recreation Van	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
ETF: Sidewalks	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
EFT: Rink Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
EFT: Frost Place Maintenance	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
EFT: Dow Field Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
FY2015			
Article 11: Bridge Maintenance Fund	24,000.00	24,000.00	-0-
Article 12: Town Buildings Maintenance	22,000.00	22,000.00	-0-
FY2016			
Article 6: Fire Ladder Truck	-0-	-0-	37,000.00
Article 7: 10-Wheeler	-0-	-0-	110,000.00
Article 8: Heavy Equipment	-0-	-0-	190,000.00
Article 9: Police Cruiser	-0-	-0-	35,300.00
Article 10: Revaluation	-0-	-0-	42,800.00
Article 16: Town Clerk Health Insurance	-0-	-0-	6,185.00
Article 17: Northern Pass Defense Fund	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
Article 19: Boys & Girls Club	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
FY2015			
Article 18: Children's Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-
FY2016			
Article 19: Non Profits	-0-	-0-	15,280.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,607,152.00	\$2,712,536.00	
	\$2,754,839.		