

**TOWN WARRANT 2014
HANCOCK NH**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hancock, in the County of Hillsborough in said state qualified to vote in Town Affairs; You are hereby notified to meet at the **Hancock Town Office Building on March 11, 2014** at eight of the clock in the forenoon until seven of the clock in the afternoon to vote on ballot of Town Officers and all other matters requiring ballot vote; and, to meet at said **Hancock Fire Station** in said Hancock, on **Saturday, the fifteenth (15th) day of March 2014** at nine of the clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of the Amendment 1 to the existing town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, that is, an amendment to Article 8.5.2.9 relating to the jurisdiction of the Hancock Historic District Commission? If adopted, the Commission will cease to have jurisdiction relating to the removal of trees.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to nine hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$985,000) gross budget for the repair and renovation of the Hancock Meetinghouse and to authorize the expenditure of funds raised for this purpose through fundraising, grants and other sources and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred eighty-five thousand (\$985,000) of long term notes or bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), as amended; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Selectboard recommends. **2/3 BALLOT VOTE REQUIRED**
4. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,970,606. This represents the operating budget, inclusive of the Water Department operations. Said sum exclusive of all special or individual articles addressed. Selectboard recommends; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$146,803 for the purpose of retirement of the long-term note issued for Prospect Hill Land. This amount to be offset by unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Selectboard recommends; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.
6. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to purchase and outfit a new police cruiser sport utility, and authorize the sale or trade-in of the existing 2009 Crown Victoria. This amount to be offset by unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Selectboard supports; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.

7. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to rebuild the 2003 New Holland LB-75 Backhoe; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be offset by unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Selectboard recommends; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.
8. To see if the Town of Hancock will raise and appropriate up to eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to repair the boat landing at Lake Nubanusit. Grant funding and specified donations may be used to offset the cost of the project; or take any other action related thereto. This amount to be offset by unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Selectboard recommends; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.
9. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the purpose for funding a fireworks display on or about July 4th, 2014. This amount to be offset by unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. Selectboard recommends; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.
10. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services for the people of Antrim, Hancock, Bennington and Francestown. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. Selectboard recommends; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.
11. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010). Selectboard recommends.
12. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2007. Selectboard recommends; the HBAC unanimously supports this warrant article.
13. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$ 906.00 for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment and doing maintenance and repairs to the ball fields; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Baseball Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1997 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Selectboard recommends.
14. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$ 3,106.00 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of recreational facilities; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Recreation Special Revenue Fund

established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Selectboard recommends.

15. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$ 3,329.00 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of town highway equipment; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Highway Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1999 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Selectboard recommends.
16. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$ \$2,825.00 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock Police Equipment Repair/Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Selectboard recommends.
17. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$ 3,274.00 for the purpose of preservation and storage of the town's archival records; and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Hancock History Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting to fund this appropriation. Selectboard recommends.
18. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict revenues from user fees and donations to expenditures for the purpose of repairs to the tennis court? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Tennis Court Special Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (Majority ballot vote).
19. To see if the town of Hancock will urge: That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 local municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England state, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people not corporations. That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation supports such a constitutional amendment. That the New Hampshire State Legislature supports such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Hancock's congressional delegation, and to Hancock's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Selectmen within 30 days of the vote. By Petition
20. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the purpose of funding The Contoocook Valley

Transportation Company programs and services for the people of greater Contoocook Valley area. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support Contoocook Valley Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. By Petition

21. To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept the reports of auditors and committees as printed in the Town Report.

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

Given unto our hands and seal this ____ day of February in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen

John Jordan, Chair

James Mose, Selectperson

Erik Spitzbarth, Selectperson

We certify that on the _____ day of February 2014, we caused a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Fire Station located at 40 Bennington Road.

John Jordan, Chair

James Mose, Selectperson

Erik Spitzbarth, Selectperson

The Hancock Selectboard