# **2019 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

At a legal meeting of the Town of Hillsborough, County of Hillsborough, in said State, inhabitants qualified to vote in Town Affairs of said Town on the 12th of March 2019, at seven o'clock in the forenoon at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School Auditorium, the Moderator called the meeting to order. Article One, election of officers through Article Five were to be voted on by official ballot at the polls between seven o'clock in the morning through seven o'clock in the evening. Articles Six through Sixteen were to be taken up at 7:30 pm at the same auditorium.

**Article 1:** The voters of Hillsborough proceed to ballot for one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, two Trustees of the Fuller Public Library for three years, one Water and Sewer Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Trustee for three years, two Planning Board members for three years, one Supervisor of Checklist for five years, and all other necessary Town Officers or agents for the ensuing year.

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**Article 2**: The Town voted to adopt the Zoning Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the definition of “Agritourism” as stated in Article II General Provisions section 229-6 Definitions and Word Uses and replace the current definition with a reference to RSA 21:34-a.

Yes 441 No 148

**Article 3:** The Town voted to adopt the Zoning Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Article II General Provisions section 229-6 Definitions and Word Uses to remove “Laundromats” and “Dry Cleaners” from the definition of “Personal Services”, and define them separately. This article is also to amend the Table 4 Chart of Uses Commercial Uses to permit Laundromats and Dry Cleaners in the Commercial zone

Yes 483 No 141

**Article 4:** The Town voted to amend Article XVI of the Zoning Ordinance to adopt the Groundwater Protection Ordinance with its associated map.

Yes 464 No 148

**Article 5:** The Town voted to correct and amend Table 3 Setback, Coverage and Building Height Requirements by including criteria for Lake Lots in the Residential zone.

Yes 434 No 176

The 2019 Hillsborough Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Leigh Bosse. Boy Scout Troop #73 posted the colors as the residents stood at attention and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, while still standing Kathryn Thyng, a six grade student at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School sang the National Anthem, with a loud applause for her excellent rendition. The Moderator than asked for a moment of silence for all persons listed on page 42 of the town report.

Mr. Bosse asked all Veterans to stand for applause and thanked them for their service, with that service we are able to have these Town Meetings.

Mr. Bosse, the moderator than introduced the table, Town Administrator Laura Buono, Selectman Chairman James Bailey III, Selectman David Fullerton and Jonathan Daley and Town Clerk Deborah McDonald.

Mr. Bosse gave the rules of the meeting and reminded everyone that we entered as friends and neighbors, let’s leave that way.

**Article 6:** Moved by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Daley, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,609,842.00 (Seven Million Six Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two Dollars) as a 2019 Operating Budget. This amount does not include amounts from any other warrant articles.

**Article 7:** Moved by Mr. Daley and seconded by Mr. Fullerton, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $712,660.00 (Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Water Department during 2019. Of that sum $712,660.00 (Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars) is to come from Water Department income.

**Article 8:** Moved by Mr. Daley and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Town voted to approve the sum of $875,144.00 (Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Sewer Department during 2019. Of that sum $875,144.00 (Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four Dollars) is to come from Sewer Department income.

**Article 9:** Moved by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. Daley, the amount of $314,000.00 (Three Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars) to be deposited in the following already established Capital Reserve Funds:

* Highway Department Equipment CRF $ 50,000.00
* Ambulance CRF $ 75,000.00
* Municipal Buildings Maintenance, Repairs & Upgrades CRF $100,000.00
* Police Department Equipment CRF $ 35,000.00
* Fire Department Equipment CRF $ 40,000.00
* Transfer Station Equipment CRF $ 10,000.00
* Cemetery Maintenance & Repair CRF $ 4,000.00

Of that sum, $235,000.00 (Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars) is to come from the undesignated fund balance and $79,000.00 (Seventy Nine Thousand) to come from taxation. Mr. John Segedy purposed an amendment to this article, but the amendment was defeated by vote and the article was then passed as written.

**Article 10:** Moved by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Daley, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the non-lapsing sum of $250,000.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of road work. This article is to be non-lapsing until December 31, 2020.

**Article 11:** Moved by Mr. Daley and seconded by Mr. Fullerton, the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease purchase agreement containing a non-appropriation clause, in the amount of $271,000.00 (Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing new Highway Department Loader and to raise and appropriate the sum of $58,252.00 (Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars) for the first year’s payment for that purpose. Mr. Daley amended the article to be in the amount of $250,000.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) and the first year’s payment to be the sum of $53,837.26 (Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Twenty Six Cents), seconded by Mr. Fullerton. Amendment was because a better deal was received from the Dealer. Amendment passed and the Article then passed as amended. Mr. Bosse thanked William Goss, Highway Foreman and his crew for the great work this winter.

**Article 12:** Moved by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $26,576.00 (Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars) for the purpose of completing the Garage Building at Kemp Park. Of that sum $26,576.00 (Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars) to come from the undesignated fund balance.

**Article 13:** Moved by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Fullerton, adopt the provisions of RSA 72:81, and enable the Town to grant tax exemptions below for new construction performed on commercial or industrial uses?

Year 1 - 50% of the increased assessment value as described above;

Year 2 - 40% of the increased assessment value as described above;

Year 3 - 30% of the increased assessment value as described above;

Year 4 - 20% of the increased assessment value as described above;

Year 5 - 10% of the increased assessment value as described above.

For the purposes of this exemption, the term “new construction” shall mean new structures, additions, renovations, or improvements to existing structures. The term “commercial” shall include commercial uses defined in the Hillsborough Zoning Ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time. This exemption will become effective April 1, 2019. Mr. Segedy amended the article to “all” new construction, seconded by Mrs. Poole and the amendment passed by vote. The article then passed with the amendment, of the word “all “ added.

**Article 14:** Moved by Mr. Fullerton and seconded by Mr. Daley, the Town voted to discontinue a portion of Ray Road running parallel to Map 6 Lot 33 approximately 150’ from Ray Road to Concord End Road.

**Article 15:** Moved by Mr. Daley and seconded by Mr. Fullerton, the Town voted to discontinue a portion of Briggs Street that runs northwest for approximately 80’ from the corner of High Street and Briggs Street shown on Hillsborough Tax Map 25.

**Article 16:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Elections results were read by Mr. Bosse.

Moved and seconded the 2019 Hillsborough Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

A True Copy of Attest:

Deborah J. McDonald, Hillsborough Town Clerk

2019 TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Results of Article 1 – voted on at the polls)

**Selectmen for Three Years:**

David N. Fullerton 249

John P. Stohrer 386

**Trustee of Fuller Public Library for Three Years (Two Positions):**

Helen M. Cole 491

Melinda S. Gehris 450

**Planning Board for Three Years (Two Positions):**

Adam Charrette 385

John P. Segedy 227

Gary Sparks 409

**Supervisor of Checklist for five Years:**

Mary Lou Kulbacki 603

**Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years:**

Arthur J. Kaufman 544

**Water & Sewer Commissioner for Three Years:**

Chris Sieg 568

**Cemetery Trustee for Three Years:**

Iris Campbell 580

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS:** (These results are Hillsborough only, Deering results are not included):

**One School Board Member at Large:**

James Fedolfi 300

Herla Iadonisi 342

**One School Board Member From Deering:**

Christopher Bober 365

Donn Mann III 212

**Moderator:**

John Segedy 428

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