

## 2021 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 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School in said Hillsborough, NH at seven o'clock in the morning, the Moderator called the meeting to order. Article One, election of officers through Article Nine 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 Ten through Twenty-Three were to be taken up at Hillsboro-Deering High School at 7:30 P.M.

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

**Article 2:** The Town voted to amend the definition of "Modular Building" as shown in Article II General Provisions section 229-6 Definitions by replacing that definition with the verbiage from section 229-12, deleting the text from section 229-12, reserving that section number for later use, and adding "Modular Building" to the Table 4 Chart of Use.

Yes 270      No 241

**Article 3:** The Town voted not to amend Article II General Provisions section 229-13 Recreational Camping Permit; Property Owners by deleting the existing 229-13 Recreational Camping Permit: Property Owners and replace it entirely with the new 229-13 Recreational Camping Permit: Property Owners as published in the Town Report.

Yes 204      No 318

**Article 4:** The Town voted to amend Article II General Provisions, section 229-8 Building Height Article of the Zoning Ordinance to remove the verbiage in 229-8, reserve the chapter and relocate the verbiage to Table 3 Setback, Coverage and Building Height Requirements as a new note #4 and amend the same thereby.

Yes 264      No 245

**Article 5:** The Town voted to add the definition of Pre-Site Built Housing to Article II General Provisions Section 229-6 Definitions and Word Usage, and add it to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as an allowed use in the Residential and Rural zones.

Yes 281      No 223

**Article 6:** The Town voted not to amend the language of Article IX Administration and Enforcement 229-59 H From: A building permit for a building, structure, alteration or proposed land use or otherwise shall become void if the work is not substantially started and completed with all reasonable due diligence within 2 years. **To:** A building permit for a building, structure, alteration or proposed land use or otherwise shall become void if the work is not started and substantially completed with all reasonable due diligence within 1 year.

Yes 210      No 316

**Article 7:** The Town voted to amend Article IX Administration and Enforcement 229-59 H to add a new letter K which will address the temporary use of manufactured housing to read:

## **K. Temporary Use of Manufactured Housing:**

1. In the event of a catastrophe rendering an existing dwelling unusable, a manufactured home may be temporarily allowed on an occupied or unoccupied lot in all zones for a period not to exceed 12 months, to allow for repair or rebuilding of a dwelling, provided that safe and adequate sewage and a safe water supply can be provided and that a valid building permit has been issued.

2. During the period of construction of a new home, a manufactured home may be temporarily allowed on the lot for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months, provided that safe and adequate sewage and a safe water supply can be provided and that a valid building permit has been issued.

Yes 375      No 157

**Article 8:** The Town voted to adopt a new Article XIX Solar Collection System Ordinance as published in the 2020 Town Report.

Yes 312      No 206

**Article 9:** The Town voted to adopt a new Article XVIII Large Wind Energy System Ordinance as published in the 2020 Town Report.

The Hillsborough Town Meeting was called order at 7:30 pm, by Moderator Leigh Bosse, at the Hillsboro-Deering High School Auditorium. Boy Scout Troop # 73 posted the colors as the residents stood at attention and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bosse asked for a moment of silence for all our friends and neighbors who had passed listed on pages 39 and 40 in the Town Report. Veterans and people who served on various Town organizations were asked to stand and be thanked for their service to our community. Mr. Bosse asked Mr. William Goss, the Hillsbough Town Road Agent to come forward and was thanked for his 43 years service, as he will be retiring this year. Mr. Goss was given a standing ovation for his service of maintaining the roads of Hillsborough.

The table was introduced by Mr. Bosse, Selectman and Chair James Baily III, Selectman John Stohrer, Selectman David Rogers, Town Administrator Laura Buono and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deborah McDonald.

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

**Article 10:** Moved by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Stohrer, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,010,022.00 (Eight Million Ten Thousand Twenty-Two Dollars) as a 2021 Operating Budget. This amount does not include amounts from any other warrant articles. Article passed with hand vote and no discussion.

**Article 11:** Moved by Mr. Stohrer and seconded by Mr. Bailey, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$730,470.00 (Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Water Department during 2021. Of that sum \$730,470.00 (Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars) is to come from Water Department income. With no discussion, article passed with hand vote.

**Article 12:** Moved by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Stohrer, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$868,769.00 (Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Sewer Department during 2021. Of that sum \$868,769.00 (Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight

Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars) is to come from Sewer Department income. Hand vote passed this article with no discussion.

**Article 13:** Mr. Bailey moved and Mr. Rogers seconded, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the amount of \$510,000.00 (Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars) to be deposited in the following already established Capital Reserve Funds:

|                                                           |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| • Highway Department Equipment CRF                        | \$ 50,000.00 |
| • Ambulance CRF                                           | \$ 50,000.00 |
| • Municipal Buildings Maintenance, Repairs & Upgrades CRF | \$125,000.00 |
| • Police Department Equipment CRF                         | \$ 40,000.00 |
| • Fire Department Equipment CRF                           | \$ 40,000.00 |
| • Transfer Station Equipment CRF                          | \$ 25,000.00 |
| • Cemetery Maintenance & Repair CRF                       | \$ 5,000.00  |
| • Bridge Repair CRF                                       | \$ 50,000.00 |
| • Sidewalks CRF                                           | \$ 25,000.00 |
| • Library Building CRF                                    | \$ 50,000.00 |
| • Parks CRF                                               | \$ 50,000.00 |

Of this amount, \$510,000.00 (Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars) is to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Hand vote passed this article with no discussion.

**Article 14:** Moved by Mr. Stohrer and seconded by Mr. Bailey, 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, 2022. No discussion and the article passed by hand vote.

**Article 15:** Mr. Rogers moved and Mr. Stohrer seconded, the Town voted to approve the cost items included in the three (3) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and Hillsborough Town Employees; AFT Local #3912, AFT-NH, AFL-CIO which covers full time highway department personnel, full and part time transfer station personnel, the welfare director, the deputy town clerk/tax collector, and the full time paramedic, and which calls for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Estimated Increase Over Prior Year</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2021        | \$ 13,149.00                              |
| 2022        | \$ 15,530.86                              |
| 2023        | \$ 18,697.38                              |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,149.00 (Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars) for the 2021 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2020 fiscal year. Hand vote passed this article with no discussion.

**Article 16:** If Article 15 is defeated, the Town will vote to authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 15 cost items only. Article 15 passed so Article 16 was mute.

**Article 17:** Mr. Bailey moved and Mr. Rogers seconded, the Town voted to approve the cost items included in the three (3) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and New England Police Benevolent Association Local No. 51, which covers full time police patrol officers and full and part time dispatchers in the Police Department, and which calls for the following increases in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Estimated Increase Over Prior Year</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2021        | \$ 15,465.00                              |
| 2022        | \$ 15,174.56                              |
| 2023        | \$ 14,770.64                              |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,465.00 (Fifteen Thousand **Four** Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars) for the 2021 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the 2020 fiscal year. No discussion and a hand vote passed this article.

**Article 18:** If Article 17 is defeated, the Town will vote to authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 17 cost items only. Article 17 passed so Article 18 was mute.

**Article 19:** Moved by Mr. Stohrer and seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,650.00 (Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the purpose of software upgrades. Of that sum, \$10,650.00 (Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) is to be taken from the Undesignated Fund Balance. A hand vote passed this article.

**Article 20:** Moved by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Adam Charette, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of converting the street lights to LED lighting. After some discussion the article was passed by hand vote.

**Article 21:** Moved by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Storher, the Town of Hillsborough voted to amend the provisions of RSA 72:81 "Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption" adopted by the Town March 13, 2018 and amended March 12, 2019 to include the following definition of "public benefit" to serve as criteria to qualify for the property tax exemption:

Public Benefit - For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town's tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. After much discussion an amendment was submitted by Mr. Bailey to read to amend the provisions **under** RSA 72:81, in the first sentence of the article. The amendment passed by hand vote. The article as amended was passed by hand vote.

**Article 22:** Moved by Mr. John Segedy and seconded by Mrs. Riche' Colcombe, the voters of Hillsborough, NH voted to rescind previously granted authority to the Selectboard to appoint members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and for said members to **heretofore** be elected by the voters pursuant to RSA 669 & 673. This was a petition article. Mr. Segedy submitted an amendment to read **hereafter** in the article, amended article was voted by hand count and passed. The article as amended was passed with hand vote.

**Article 23:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Mr. Bosse read the Election results. Moved by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Passed by voice vote.

A True Copy of Attest:

Deborah J McDonald  
Hillsborough Town Clerk

**2021 TOWN MEETING MINUTES** (Results of Article 1: voted on at the polls)

**Selectman for Three Years:**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| James C. Bailey III | 336 |
| David W. Fullerton  | 209 |

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Philip Daley   | 443 |
| Robert Woolner | 372 |

**Supervisor of the Checklist for Three Years:**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Jonathan Daley | 477 |
|----------------|-----|

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

Recount results:

|                  |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| John Segedy      | 261 | 261 |
| Susanne F. White | 344 | 344 |
| Edward Sauer     | 264 | 267 |

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Nancy A. Egner | 411 |
| Melinda Gehris | 348 |

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

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Riche' Colcombe | 438 |
|-----------------|-----|

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

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| David Lewis | 440 |
|-------------|-----|

**Cemetery Trustee for Three Years:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Wendy Baker | 452 |
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**SCHOOL OFFICIALS:** (These results are Hillsborough only, Deering results are not included):

**School Board Members at Large for Three Years (Two Positions):**

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Richard Pelletier | 214 |
| Heidi Welch       | 312 |
| Jessica Morris    | 268 |
| Leon Stearns      | 217 |

**Moderator for One Year:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| John Segedy | 411 |
|-------------|-----|

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