

TOWN WARRANT
For the Town of Hillsborough
The State of New Hampshire

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

HILLSBORO-DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HILLSBORO-DEERING HIGH SCHOOL

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH, IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH,
IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School in said Hillsborough, NH on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at seven o'clock in the morning. Balloting on Article One, election of officers through Article Nine will take place between seven o'clock in the morning through seven o'clock in the evening. Articles Ten through Twenty-Three will be taken up at Hillsboro-Deering High School at 7:30 P.M.

Article 1

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2

Shall the Town vote 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 Uses? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 3

Shall the Town vote 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? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 4

Shall the Town vote 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? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 5

Shall the Town will vote 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? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 6

Shall the Town vote 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? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 7

Shall the Town vote 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? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to adopt a new Article XIX Solar Collection System Ordinance as published in the 2020 Town Report? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to adopt a new Article XVIII Large Wind Energy System Ordinance as published in the 2020 Town Report? (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 10

Shall the Town 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 11

Shall the Town 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 12

Shall the Town 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 13

Shall the Town 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 14

Shall the Town 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 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 15

Shall the Town vote 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? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 16

If Article 15 is defeated, shall the Town vote to authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 15 cost items only? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 17

Shall the Town vote 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? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 18

If Article 17 is defeated, shall the Town vote to authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 17 cost items only? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 19

Shall the Town 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of converting the street lights to LED lighting? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 21

Shall the Town of Hillsborough vote 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 22

Shall the voters of Hillsborough, NH vote 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? (By Petition)

Article 23

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

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

John P. Stohrer, Selectman

David J. Rogers, Selectman

A true copy of warrant - Attest

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I hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within named, and a like attested copy at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle & High School being a public place in said Town on the 19th day of February, 2021.

Laura Buono, Town Administrator