

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
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 14, 2023 at seven o'clock in the morning. Balloting on Article One, election of officers through Article Three will take place between seven o'clock in the morning through seven o'clock in the evening. Articles Sixteen through Thirty will be taken up at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School at 7:30 P.M.

Article 1

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Construction Services to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Construction Services to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone and permitted by Special Exception in the Rural Zone.

Construction Services: Any of the activities commonly referred to as construction and shall include without limiting thereby, building, plumbing, heating, roofing, interior remodeling and/or excavation as defined in RSA 155-E.

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Contractor's Storage Yard to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Contractor's Storage Yard to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone and permitted by Special Exception in the Rural Zone.

Contractor's Storage Yard: An area of outdoor open storage for materials used for construction and for construction equipment. The materials and equipment are typically employed in the course of the contractor's business or may be available for sale or rent.

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Entertainment Establishment to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Entertainment Establishment to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone and Central Business District.

Entertainment Establishment-Any establishment (indoors or outdoors) where entertainment, either passive or active, is provided for the pleasure of the patrons, either independent or in conjunction with any other use. Such entertainment includes but is not limited to vocal and instrumental music, dancing, karaoke, comedy, and acting. This does not include any of the uses defined in Article XI Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Entertainment, Live to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Entertainment, Live to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone and Central Business District.

Entertainment, Live-A musical, theatrical, dance, cabaret, or comedy act performed by one or more persons. Live Entertainment does not include any of the uses defined in Article XI Sexually Oriented Businesses.

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Event Venue to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Event Venue to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone, Central Business District and permitted by Special Exception in the Rural Zone.

Event Venue: A commercial site that accommodates the gathering of groups and/or individuals to host recurrent events such as wedding(s), business meeting(s), or any other commercial events. Such events are allowed to be conducted indoors or outdoors within or around the primary and/or accessory buildings or structures on a property.

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Manufacturing to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Manufacturing to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone.

Manufacturing-The commercial, mechanical, or chemical transformation of materials or substances into new products, including the assembling of component parts, the creation of products, and the blending of materials including but not limited to oils, plastics, and resins.

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Pet Grooming to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Pet Grooming to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone, Central Business District, Rural Zone and permitted by Special Exception in the Residential Zone.

Pet Grooming The grooming of a domestic animal, including bathing, cutting of hair, trimming of nails, and other services generally associated with the act of grooming but shall exclude veterinary services, breeding, boarding, and overnight accommodation.

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to add the definition of Commercial Hydroponics Facility to Article II General Provisions section 226-6 and add such Commercial Hydroponics Facility to the Table 4 Chart of Uses as a permitted use in the Commercial Zone.

Commercial Hydroponics Facility-A commercial facility that houses the cultivation of plants by placing the roots in liquid nutrient solutions rather than in soil. This definition will not limit the use of hydroponics conducted on a farm or agricultural operation as defined in RSA 21:34-a II

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to amend the Table 4 Chart of Uses, Residential Uses Note number 2, to Divide note number 2 under Residential Uses in the Central Business District into two separate notes. Note number 2 will state that Dwellings at street level require a Special Exception. New note number 3 will reduce the minimum floor area of any dwelling unit from 600 square feet to 300 square feet for a one-bedroom dwelling unit. Units two bedrooms or more require an additional 120 sq. ft. per additional bedroom.”

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to amend the Table 4 Chart of Uses to add Residential Solar Energy Systems permitted on any residential structure, and Commercial Solar Collection Systems permitted in the Commercial Zone and Residential Zone.

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to amend the definition of Light Industry in Article II General Provisions section 226-6 to remove the requirement allowing no more than 30 employees and adding the language “outside the enclosed building”.

LIGHT INDUSTRY-- An activity primarily concerned with the enclosed manufacturing, processing or warehousing of goods that causes no traffic congestion, undue noise, vibration, odor or other nuisance outside the enclosed building, and poses no hazard to public health or safety.

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to amend Article III General Provisions section 229-12 to add Conditional Use Permits to the Zoning Ordinance.

Article 14

To see if the town will 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.

Article 15

To see if the town will vote to adopt a new Article XX Dark Skies Ordinance and the associated Dark Skies Lighting Levels Map as published in the 2022 Town Report and on the Town website.

Article 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,689,351.00 (Eight Million Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-one Dollars) as a 2023 Operating Budget? This amount does not include amounts from any other warrant articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$852,360.00 (Eight Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Water Department during 2023? Of that sum, \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to come from Water Department Surplus and \$752,360.00 (Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars) is to come from Water Department income. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,063,694.00 (One Million Sixty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Sewer Department during 2023? Of that sum \$1,063,694.00 (One Million Sixty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars) is to come from Sewer Department income. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$425,000.00 (Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be deposited in the following already established Capital Reserve Funds:

- Highway Department Equipment CRF \$ 30,000.00
- Ambulance CRF \$ 100,000.00
- Municipal Buildings Maintenance, Repairs & Upgrades CRF \$ 100,000.00
- Cemetery Maintenance & Repair CRF \$ 10,000.00
- Library Building CRF \$ 50,000.00
- Parks CRF \$ 50,000.00
- Sidewalks CRF \$ 25,000.00
- Transfer Station Equipment CRF \$ 60,000.00

Of that sum, \$300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) is to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance and \$125,000.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) is to come from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-lapsing sum of \$350,000.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of road work? Of this amount, \$153,194.00 (One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars) is to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance and \$196,806.00 (One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Six Dollars) from taxation. This article is to be non-lapsing until December 31, 2024 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 21

Shall the Town raise the appropriate the amount non-lapsing sum of \$136,450.00 (One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred-Fifty Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a trash trailer for the Transfer Station? Of this amount, \$136,450.00 (One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred-Fifty Dollars) to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. This article is to be non-lapsing until December 31, 2024. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 22

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$273,000.00 (Two Hundred Seventy-three Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of the East Washington Road Bridge Repair? Of that sum, \$212,658.00 (Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars) is to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance and \$60,342.00 (Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Forty-two Dollars) from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease purchase agreement containing a non-appropriation clause, in the amount of \$270,775.00 (Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing new Highway Department Truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 24

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Employee Health and Wellness, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 (Thirty-five Thousand Dollars) to deposit in such fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? Of that sum, \$35,000.00 (Thirty-five Thousand Dollars) is to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 25

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Computer and Software Upgrades, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to deposit in such fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? Of that sum, \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) is to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Article 26

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:26-E to change the Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Article 27

Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of 72:28-b, in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, previously adopted for an All Veterans' Tax Credit, [*2017 Adopted RSA 72:28-b All Veteran's Tax Credit \$500 (Article 22)*], at \$500.00 per year? If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the April 1, 2023 tax year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required).

Article 28

Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at \$500.00 per year. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the April 1, 2023 tax year. (Recommended by the Select Board). (Majority vote required).

Article 29

Shall the Town vote to accept Old Mill Farm Road, a private road, which measures 1,323.91 feet along the centerline from Beard Road to its termination in a cul-de-sac. This approval is contingent upon final inspection by the Road Agent and Board of Selectmen.

Shall the Town vote to accept Minot Road, a private road, which measures 659.59 feet along the centerline from Beard Road to Old Mill Farm Road. This approval is contingent upon final inspection by the Road Agent and Board of Selectmen.

Article 30

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

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

Iris R. Campbell, Selectwoman

Richard Pelletier, Selectman

A true copy of warrant - Attest

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