

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF HINSDALE
TOWN WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hinsdale qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hinsdale Community Center on Tuesday the 8th day of March, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To cast your ballot for all necessary Town Officers.

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Town of Hinsdale Planning Board, to the Town of Hinsdale Building Code, which was adopted on March 11, 1997, as follows:

1. Delete the provision adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2000 and replace said provision by adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2015, which shall thereby be adopted by reference in the Town of Hinsdale Building Code;
2. Enact the following as part of the Town of Hinsdale Building Code: The Board of Selectmen, or its designees, which shall include the Building Inspector, shall be authorized to issue building, electrical, mechanical, or plumbing permits, as permitted by the State Building Code or the Town of Hinsdale Building Code. The Board of Selectmen may, in its discretion, establish fees to be charged for permits issued under this Section, inspections, and for any certificate of occupancy.
3. Enact the following as part of the Town of Hinsdale Building Code: The Town of Hinsdale Zoning Board of Adjustment shall act as the building code board of appeals pursuant to RSA 673:1, IV, as amended.

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Town of Hinsdale Planning Board, to the Town of Hinsdale Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article X, "Administration and Enforcement" at the section titled "Certificate of Occupancy" as follows:

No land shall be occupied nor used and no building hereafter erected, altered, or extended shall be used nor changed in use until a Certificate of Occupancy shall have been issued by the Board of Selectmen, *or its designee(s), which shall include the Building Inspector*, stating that the proposed building or use thereof complies with the provisions of these regulations.

No nonconforming use shall be renewed, changed, or extended without a certificate of occupancy having first been issued by the Board of Selectmen, *or its designee(s)*.

The Board of Selectmen *and its designee(s)* shall maintain a record of all certificates and copies shall be furnished upon request to any person having a proprietary or tenancy interest in the building affected. The issuance of permits required in this ordinance shall be by the Board of Selectmen or by such designated official appointed by the Selectmen, such person not to be a member of the Hinsdale Planning Board of Board of Adjustment.

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- Article 4.** Are you in favor of having the office of town clerk combined with the office of tax collector, thereby creating a new office of the town clerk – tax collector to be held by one individual, and such individual shall serve for a term of one year?
- Inserted by petition

The following part of the Town Meeting shall be adjourned until Saturday, March 12th, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon in the gymnasium of the Hinsdale High School.

- Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,780,801.00 (Three Million, seven hundred eighty thousand, eight hundred one dollars) for the general operating expenses of the Town, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).
- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
 - Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-1

Article 5 passes.

- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$476,573.00 (Four hundred seventy-six thousand, five hundred seventy-three dollars) for the operations of the Water Department and to be paid by water user fees, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).
- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
 - Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 6 passes.

- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$352,081.00 (Three hundred fifty-two thousand, eighty-one dollars) for the operations of the Sewer Treatment Plant and to be paid by sewer user fees, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).
- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
 - Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 7 passes.

- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 (Eighty thousand dollars) to be added to the Fire Apparatus Fund previously established, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).
- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
 - Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 8 passes.

- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 (Eighty thousand dollars) for the purpose of upgrading water meters with radio read and to accept \$80,000.00 (Eighty thousand dollars) from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund of which a portion of the principal will be forgiven, or act in any manner thereon. Principal and interest is to be paid by water user fees. (Majority vote required).
- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
 - Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 9 passes.

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Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease for \$78,819.00 (Seventy-eight thousand, eight hundred nineteen dollars) for the purpose of leasing a Ford F-550 for use by the Highway Department, or act in any manner thereon, and to raise and appropriate \$17,480.00 (Seventeen thousand, four hundred eighty dollars) for the first year's lease payment. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation escape clause. The Town will own the Ford F-550 at the end of the lease. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 10 passes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,500.00 (Sixty-six thousand, five hundred dollars) for the purpose of building a new garage at the Police Station, of which \$55,500.00 (Fifty-five thousand five hundred dollars) raised through taxation and the remaining \$11,000.00 (Eleven Thousand Dollars) will come from the CDBG Revolving Loan fund, or act in any manner thereon.

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-0, 1 abstained

Article 11 passes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease for \$65,210.00 (sixty-five thousand two hundred ten dollars) for the purpose of leasing a Ford F-550 Cab & Chassis for use by the Water Department, or act in any manner thereon, and to raise and appropriate \$10,788.00 (Ten thousand, seven hundred eighty-eight dollars) for the first year's lease payment and \$16,999.00 (Sixteen thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine dollars) to refinish the old body and to be paid by water users fees. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation escape clause. The Town will own the F-550 at the end of the lease. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 12 passes.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Fire Station Building Fund, for the purpose of improvements to or building a new fire station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (Fifty thousand dollars) for this fund, or act in any manner thereon; and to see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fire Station Building Fund. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 13 passes.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 (Thirty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of replacing the roof of the Dry Bed located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to be paid by user fees, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0

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- Recommended by Budget Committee, 9-0

Article 14 passes.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,000.00 (Thirty-two thousand dollars) for the purpose of adding to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Fund for the purpose of purchasing personal protective equipment for the fire department, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 15 passes.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,095.00 (Twenty-five thousand, ninety-five dollars) for the purpose of purchasing three (3) message display units, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 4-3

Article 16 fails.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500.00 (Fifteen thousand five hundred dollars) for the purpose of continuing transit service from Brattleboro to Hinsdale along the Route 119 Corridor, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 17 passes.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town Hall Improvement Fund, for the purpose of maintenance and improvements to the Town Hall and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars) for this fund, or act in any manner thereon; and to see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Hall Improvement Fund. This sum is to come from the year-end undesignated balance available on June 30, 2016, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 18 passes.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Municipal Pool Fund, for the purpose of maintenance and improvements to the Municipal Pool and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars) for this fund, or act in any manner thereon; and to see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Municipal Pool Fund. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 19 passes.

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Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Field House Improvement Fund, for the purpose of maintenance and improvements to the Field House and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars) for this fund, or act in any manner thereon; and to see if the town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Field House Improvement Fund. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 20 passes.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars) to be placed in an Welfare Expendable Trust previously established, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 4-1,
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-1

Article 21 passes.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten thousand dollars) to be added to the Community Center Building Improvement Fund previously established. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 22 passes.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five thousand dollars) to support the Hinsdale Historical Society. This sum is to come from the year-end undesignated balance available on June 30, 2016, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 6-0

Article 23 passes.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 (Seven hundred and fifty dollars) to support the American Red Cross, or act in any manner thereon. (Majority vote required).

- Recommended by Selectmen, 5-0
- Recommended by Budget Committee, 5-1

Article 24 passes.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the municipality's general fund: Library Computer Fund established March 20, 2010. (Majority vote required).

Article 25 passes.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the reports of the Selectmen, Auditors, and other Town Officers.

Article 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.