

Town of Hancock

New Hampshire

Warrant

2019

The inhabitants of the Town of Hancock in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs; you are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hancock Town Office Building on Tuesday the 12th day of March 2019 at eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven of the clock in the afternoon to vote on ballot of Town Officers and other matters requiring ballot vote; and to meet as said Hancock Meetinghouse in said Hancock on Saturday the 16th day of March 2019 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 01 To Choose Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,568,394 for general municipal operations inclusive of Water Department Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 03 Replace 2003 New Holland Backhoe Loader

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of replacing the 2003 New Holland backhoe loader with a new certified used backhoe loader, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$80,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectboard recommends this article. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Article 04 Duncan Road Repairs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for making repairs to Duncan Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$60,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectboard recommends this article. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Article 05 Purchase and Outfit a New Police Vehicle

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a new police vehicle. Of this amount \$20,000 is to come from an insurance claim, and the balance of \$25,000 is to come from general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 Greater Downtown Public WiFi

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of designing and implementing a greater downtown outdoor public WiFi network, enabling both cellular WiFi calling and internet access; \$15,000 is to come from a pledged grant from Hancock Improvement Association should this warrant article pass, and the balance of \$20,000 is to be raised from general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 07 Municipal Fund Accounting Software

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing municipal fund accounting software. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 08 Amidon Annex Site Work

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of continuing initial site work, as recommended by Holden Engineering, of the Amidon Annex property necessary for future cemetery use and authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000 from the Amidon Annex Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and no additional amount to be raised by general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 09 Independence Day Fireworks Display

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,100 for the purpose of funding a fireworks display on or about July 6, 2019 and authorize the withdrawal of \$4,300 from the Fireworks Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The balance of \$3,800 is to come from general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 10 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 11 Mandatory Recycling & Transfer Station Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the 2018 draft Town of Hancock Mandatory Recycling and Transfer Station Ordinance, as proposed by the Select Board; upon adoption this Ordinance shall supersede and rescind all other Mandatory Recycling and Transfer Station Ordinances. The Selectboard recommends this article. (The exact text of the proposed draft is available at the Town Office and on the Town website on the Regulations & Ordinances page.)

Article 12 Modify Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the Town of Hancock modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$300 per year to \$500? The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 13 Grapevine Community Resource Center

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised by general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 14 Grapevine Avenue A Program

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center Avenue A programs and services. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of funds needed to support The Grapevine Ave A program, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised by general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 15 Community Volunteer Transportation Company

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of funding The Community Volunteer Transportation Company programs and services for the people of Hancock and the Greater Contoocook Valley area. This amount represents the Town of Hancock's portion of the funds needed to support Contoocook Valley Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised from general taxation. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 16 Hundred Nights, Inc

(By Petition) To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$675 for the purpose of supporting Hundred Nights, Inc. located in Keene, New Hampshire for services provided to Hancock residents in 2017. The Selectboard does not recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

Article 17 Baseball Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$435 for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment and doing maintenance to the baseball fields; with said funds to come from the Baseball Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1997 Town Meeting. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 18 Recreation Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,727 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of recreational facilities with said funds to come from the Recreation Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1997 Town meeting. The Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Highway Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,386 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of town highway equipment with said funds to come from the Highway Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1999 town meeting. The Selectboard Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 20 History Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,740 for the purpose of preservation and storage of the town's archival records with said funds to come from the History Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting. The Selectboard Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 21 Police Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,749 for the purpose of repairs and replacement of police equipment with said funds to come from the Police Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose at the 1993 town meeting. The Selectboard Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 22 To Accept Town Reports

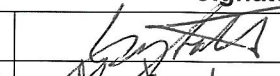

To see if the Town will vote to accept the 2018 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2017 auditor's report. The Selectboard recommends this Article.

Article 23 Transact any other business

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

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 25, 2019, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Town Office and Meetinghouse and delivered the original to the Hancock Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Erik Spitzbach	Selectboard Member	
JOHN JORDAN	SELECTBOARD MEMBER	
Laurie Bryan	Selectboard Member	