

Town of Hancock

New Hampshire

2021 Warrant

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 Elementary School on Tuesday the 9th day of March 2021 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 to act upon the following subjects:

Article 01 To Choose Town Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 02 Pre-Requisite Question on Alternative Ballot

To see if the Town will vote to approve the optional meeting procedure as outlined in House Bill (HB) 1129. If this optional procedure is not approved by a simple majority, all other warrant articles shall be deemed disapproved. However, the election of officers and action on other items on the Official Ballot will be effective. Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 03 Operating Budget

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,695,136 for general municipal operations inclusive of Water Department Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 04 Lease New 22,500 GVW Dump Truck with Plow

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a three-year lease agreement in the amount of up to \$118,000 for the purpose of leasing a new 22,500 GVW dump truck with plow; first payment to be made one year from closing. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 05 Purchase & Outfit New Police Vehicle

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$55,000 for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a new police vehicle and to authorize the Selectboard to sell or trade-in the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and 2013 Ford Explorer. Of this amount \$14,000 is to come from the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund, created by Article 14 in 2016, to offset equipment outfitting expenses; the balance of \$41,000 to come from general taxation. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 06 Full Statistical Revaluation

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$32,000 for the purpose of conducting a Full Statistical Revaluation in order to meet the constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. A Full Statistical Revaluation was last performed in 2016. Selectboard recommends the article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Article 07 Slope Stability Evaluation

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$11,900 for the purpose of performing preliminary geotechnical engineering services for and evaluation of the Old Dublin Road slopes in the vicinity of 45 Old Dublin Road. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 08 Bridge Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 09 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 10 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. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 11 Grapevine Avenue A Program

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 12 Community Volunteer Transportation Company

To see if the Town of Hancock 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. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 13 Acceptance of Dedicated Streets

To see if the Town of Hancock will delegate to the Selectboard the authority to accept dedicated streets pursuant to RSA 674:40-a. This delegation of authority would be limited to those streets that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision, site plan or street plats approval. The Selectboard may accept these streets as town roads or "public highways" after holding a public hearing. Selectboard recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 14 NH Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting

(BY PETITION) To see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, to ask the Town of Hancock to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. If approved, the record of the vote for this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectboard to Hancock's state legislators, within 30 days of the vote.

Article 15 Baseball Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$164 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. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 16 Highway Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$806 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. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 17 History Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,234 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. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 18 Recreation Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,987 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. Selectboard recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 19 Police Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8258 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. Selectboard Recommends this article. Budget Advisory Committee Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 20 To Accept Town Reports



To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to accept the 2020 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2019 auditor's report. Selectboard recommends this Article.

Article 21 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 22, 2021, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Offices and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk.

Name	Position	Signature
Laurie Bryan	Selectboard Chair	
Kurt Grasset	Selectboard Member	
Jeff Brown	Selectboard Member	