

Town of Hancock

New Hampshire

Warrant

2022

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 Building on Tuesday the 8th day of March 2022 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 at said Hancock Meetinghouse in said Hancock on Saturday the 12th day of March 2022 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 Paved Roads Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$535,000) for the purpose of paved road capital improvements; Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$535,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (3/5 ballot vote required).

Article 03 Operating Budget

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,841,733 for general municipal operations inclusive of Water Department Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 04 Lease New 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 dump truck with plow; first payment to be made one year from closing. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 05 John Deere Grader Lease Payment

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$47,080 for the purpose of making the first lease payment for the new John Deere grader. This amount to be offset by \$21,500, representing proceeds from the sale of the old grader, from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2021; the balance of \$25,580 to come from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 06 Parking Lots Maintenance

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,900 for the purpose of maintenance to the parking area at the town offices and police station, post office parking area, and library handicap parking area and sidewalk. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 07 Town Offices Water Infiltration Project

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of installing a perimeter drain and redirecting roof runoff at the Town Offices building. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 08 Establish Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the repair, restoration and improvement of town-owned buildings, excluding the Meetinghouse, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority Vote Required).

Article 09 Establish Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 towards this purpose and to appoint the Selectboard as agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2026. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 10 Bridge Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 11 Meetinghouse Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 12 Grapevine Community Resource Center & Ave A

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of funding the programs and services provided by The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center, a nonprofit organization which serves the residents of Hancock; or take any other action relating thereto. This appropriation would provide funding for The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center generally, and Avenue A Teen + Community Center. This amount to be raised by general taxation. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 13 Community Volunteer Transportation Company

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 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 the Community Volunteer Transportation Company, a nonprofit service organization; or take any other action relating thereto. This amount to be raised from general taxation. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority vote required).

Article 14 Rescind Baseball Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town shall vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict the revenues from the baseball team participants to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing baseball equipment, baseball uniforms, and repairs and maintenance to any baseball fields. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Hancock Baseball Revenue Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. The Selectmen and Recreation Committee to be joint agents of the fund; or take any other action relating thereto. (Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Advisory Committee). (Majority ballot vote).

Article 15 Highway Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,048 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. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

Article 16 History Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,244 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. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

Article 17 Recreation Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock 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. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

Article 18 Police Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,456 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. (Recommended by Selectboard). (Majority vote required).

Article 19 To Accept Town Reports

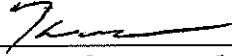
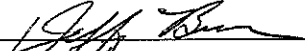
To see if the Town of Hancock will vote to accept the 2021 reports of the Town Officials, agents and committees, and to accept the 2020 auditor's report. (Recommended by Selectboard).

Article 20 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 21, 2022, 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
Kurt Grasset	Selectboard Chair	
Jeff Brown	Selectboard Member	
Laurie Bryan	Selectboard Member	