

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIRST SESSION:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Deerfield, in the County of Rockingham, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street, on Saturday, the 31st day of January at 9:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered One (1) through Twenty (20). The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

SECOND SESSION:

The final ballot vote for warrant articles will take place at the Town Hall, 10 Church Street on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. (The amendments as proposed by the Planning Board are available for inspection at the Offices of the Town Clerk and the Selectmen during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mondays and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.)

Zoning Amendment #1 Are you in favor of the adoption of zoning amendment # 1, as proposed by the Deerfield Planning Board for the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance as follows: To delete existing "Section 330, Pleasant Lake Watershed Ordinance" in its entirety and replace it with a new "Section 330, Pleasant Lake Watershed Protection Ordinance"? The replacement Section includes amendments to the definition for development, includes a process for major and minor applications, provides definitions for Commercial Forestry and Grading, provides new criteria for review of development in the Pleasant Lake watershed, provides buffer requirements, provides a subsection on commercial agricultural activities and provides a subsection for Subdivision and Waterfront Access.

3. To vote on the following Warrant Articles, as amended, including the proposed budget as a result of the action of the First Session.

Article # 1 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000) for the purchase of a metal, weather tight cold storage building 40' X 60' with 16' clearance inside, concrete slab and wired for electricity for the Highway Department.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.13

Article # 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09

Article # 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000) for the purchase of a new command vehicle for the Fire Department.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-3
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07*

Article # 4 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$40,050) for the purpose of replacing windows, siding and energy improvements to the George B. White Building.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07*

Article # 5 To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Police Vehicles and Equipment for Police Vehicles and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) to be placed into this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as the agent to expend. Further, this Capital Reserve Fund cannot be used to purchase either Police Vehicles or Equipment for Police Vehicles, or both in any fiscal year in which either Police Vehicles or Equipment for Police Vehicles, or both, are funded in part or in whole from the Town of Deerfield Budget. (Petitioned warrant article)

*Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5
Not Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 3-7
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07*

Article # 6 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000) for the purchase of a storage shed with space in the storage shed for the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.06*

Article # 7 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from surplus. No amount to be raised from taxation.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0*

Article # 8 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02*

Article # 9 To see if the Town will vote to create a Town-funded trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Northern Pass – Site Evaluation Committee Action Fund, for the purpose of financing legal expenses and other costs incurred by the Town in advocating the Town's position regarding the Northern Pass project, to appoint the Select Board as agents to spend this fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. (Petitioned warrant article)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 5-3-2
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02*

Article # 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0

Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

Article # 11 Shall the Town of Deerfield raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$3,827,823.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,693,104 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2

Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$6.82

Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$6.58

Article # 12 To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing public safety services by municipal employees or volunteers outside the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects. Only the portion of revenues received for public safety services necessary for payment of wages and all necessary withholdings will be deposited into the fund. (The remaining portion of the revenues shall be deposited into the General Fund.) The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended for the purpose of paying wages. This fund will be established and be effective beginning on April 1, 2015.

Article # 13 To see if the town will vote to reauthorize the Deerfield Rescue Squad to provide emergency medical care within the Town of Deerfield under the provisions of RSA 153-A. The Rescue Squad will maintain a Rescue Squad Association like the Deerfield Fire Association which is an independent voluntary corporation, but like the Fire Department, the operational staff of the Rescue Squad will be organized under the Town government and be subject to the supervision and direction of the Board of Selectmen. This warrant article is intended to clarify and modify prior Rescue Squad warrant articles from 1984 and 2010.

Article # 14 To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Article # 15 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a, which make it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such.

Article # 16 To see if the residents of Deerfield New Hampshire will mark most police cruisers to be clearly marked in Black & White or White & Blue as "POLICE" with the town name and seal accompanying, and to have the standard Municipal Police registration and license plates. (Petitioned warrant article)

Article # 17 To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to accept donations, grants or gifts, in any amount, to be utilized for the same purposes as the Northern Pass – Site Evaluation Committee Action Fund as set forth in article #9 presented in this warrant to create the Northern Pass – Site Evaluation Committee Action Fund, to be held and invested in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, paragraph IV. (Petitioned warrant article)

Article # 18 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to investigate completely discontinue, in accordance with RSA 231:43, the portion of Lang Road from the Nicholls Brook bridge abutments southwesterly to the intersection with Ridge Road, and to relinquish all interest in said roads or portion thereof, so long as discontinuance has no cost to the Town. (Petitioned warrant article)

Article #19 Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default town budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (Petitioned warrant article)

Article # 20 Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote proving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Stephen R. Barry, Chairman

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A True copy,
Attest:

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