

TOWN OF ANTRIM NEW HAMPSHIRE



Warrant and Budget 2016

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ANTRIM
2016 WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Antrim, in the County of Hillsborough and said State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Antrim Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday the Eighth (8th) day of March 2016 at 8 o'clock in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

The polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning to 7 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1. To choose necessary Town Officers and Trustees for the ensuing year. **(Ballot Vote)**
***Indicates Elected**

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|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cemetery Trustee (Three Years) | *Anne Chisholm-Enman-282 |
| Library Trustee (Three Years) | *Margaret C. Warner-383
*Stephen Ullman-349 |
| Selectman (Three Years) | *Robert Edwards-281
Gordon Webber-142
Jeanne Cahoon-63 |
| Trustee of Trust Funds (Three Years) | *Stephen Ullman-419 |
| Planning Board (Three Years) | *Christopher Condon-395
*Robert Holmes-12 (Most write in votes) |
| Sewer & Water Commission (Three Years) | *Chris M. Rawnsley-31 (Most write in votes) |
| Supervisor of the Checklist (Six Years) | *Kara Penny-436 |
| Moderator (Two Years) | *Arthur Merrill-438 |
| School Board (Three Years) | *Richard Cahoon-411 |

Article 2: To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the Antrim Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board:

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

To revise Article XIV-B – Personal Wireless Service Facilities by: (1) replacing the requirement for ground-mounted PWSFs to receive a special exception from the ZBA with a conditional use

permit from the Planning Board; and (2) making other overall formatting and clarifying changes throughout the document?

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to make the application process more efficient and more effective by investing the Planning Board with the ability to review all aspects of an application and address planning issues early in the process.

373 YES 102 NO

Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance as follows:

To add a new paragraph X. **Lighting Standards** to Article XIV – Supplemental Regulations, for the regulation of light pollution?

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to provide the Town with the ability to ensure that Antrim’s rural character – as expressed in part through dark skies, are protected and the Planning Board has the ability during Site Plan Review to approve lighting designs that are in keeping with Antrim’s character.

364 YES 111 NO

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance to amend Article XIV Paragraph H, 3 as follows:

H. Height Regulation Exceptions

3. The height limitations of this Zoning Ordinance shall not apply to flagpoles, church spires, belfries, chimneys or antennas. *For the purposes of this Ordinance, this exemption does not apply to Personal Wireless Service Facilities.*

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the height standards for Personal Wireless Service Facilities are not exempted by this provision, meaning that such Facilities are subject to any height restrictions contained in the Personal Wireless Service Facilities Ordinance.

359 YES 116 NO

Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Antrim zoning ordinance to amend the boundaries of the Antrim Zoning Map as follows:

1. to change the portions of Parcel #232-35 & 35.1 that are in the Rural District to the Highway Business District;
2. to change Parcels #232-31 & 32 from Rural to Highway Business District; and
3. to change Parcels #232-63 & 64 from Residential to Highway Business District.

Explanation: The purpose of this amendment is to increase opportunities for economic development in Antrim at a scale and of a type that is consistent with the character of Antrim as depicted in the Master Plan.

331 YES 136 NO

Additionally, pursuant to RSA 39:2-a and the vote of the Town at the March 1981 Annual Meeting, you are hereby notified to meet at the Antrim Memorial Town Gymnasium in said Town of Antrim on Thursday evening the Tenth (10th) day of March 2016 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following:

Gordon Webber, as spokesperson for the Board of Selectmen, acknowledged Kristen Vance for her 18 years of service to the town as Executive Director of the Grapevine.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) for the purpose of financing the costs of road and sidewalk reconstruction, drainage and water line improvement in the Highland Ave/Pleasant Street project area; to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in the amount of not more than One Million Four Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,475,000.00) under and in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et eq., as amended; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen 1) to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state and other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project, 2) to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes, 3) determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, 4) to authorize the withdrawal of Two Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund, 5) and with One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Town's unassigned fund balance for the first year's bond/note payment or other project related items and 6) take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto.

NOTE: Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is the intention of the town that The Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of the water portion of the project will be funded by water users fees.
(2/3rd Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- **Article moved by Gordon Webber**
- **Article seconded by Mike Genest**
- **Gordon Webber speaks on Article 3**

PASSED YES: 96 NO: 31

Gordon Webber moved to take up and deliberate **Article 8** before we going on to Article 4.
Seconded by Mike Genest
PASSED

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a Highway Truck at least 3/4 ton with a plow and to authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund; further to authorize the sale or trade-in of the current 2001 Chevy 3/4 ton pickup with plow.

(Majority vote required) Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (1/2)
With new information – Recommended (3/0)

- Article moved by John Robertson
- Article seconded by Gordon Webber
- Mr. Robertson spoke on the article

PASSED

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Three thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$153,500.00) to be added to the present Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

Highway	\$48,500.00
Recreational Fields	\$40,000.00
Fire Department	\$40,000.00
Bridge	\$25,000.00

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- Article moved by Mike Genest
- Article seconded by Gordon Webber
- Mr. Genest spoke on the article

PASSED

Article 6.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of light towers A1 and A2 from Musco Lighting , to complete phase two of the Shea Field Lighting Project. , and to authorize the withdrawal of 30,000 thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) from the Recreational Fields Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2/1)

- Article moved by Mike Genest
- Article seconded by John Robertson
- Mr. Genest spoke on the article

PASSED

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the update to the Town assessments in compliance with RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 75:8-a. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- Article moved by John Robertson.
- Article seconded by Gordon Webber

- **John Robertson spoke on the article**

PASSED

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to support the Teen/Community Center. These funds will be contributed to the Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center - a nonprofit service organization - which is responsible for the operation of the Teen Center.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- **Gordon Webber will speak on article 8**
- **Article moved by Gordon Webber**
- **Article seconded by Mike Genest**

PASSED

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund set up as the Open Space Reserve Fund created in 2008. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- **Mike Genest moved to withdraw article 9**
- **Article seconded by John Robertson**
- **Mr. Genest spoke on the article**

PASSED –ARTICLE IS WITHDRAWN

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of municipally managing a NH Department of Transportation State Bridge Aid grant for engineering design and permitting for the replacement of the West Street Bridge. Of the appropriation, up to \$60,000 (80% of the cost of this project) will come from NHDOT State Bridge Aid, and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This is a non-lapsing Article and will not lapse until 12/31/2021 or until the project is completed whichever comes first.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- **Article moved by Gordon Webber**
- **Article seconded by Mike Genest**
- **Mr. Webber spoke on the article**

PASSED

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, thirteen thousand, nine hundred and twenty six dollars (\$4,013,926) for general operating costs of the Town (this appropriation includes \$443,598.00 for the Water & Sewer Departments as set forth

in the town budget) This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.
(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- John Robertson will speak on article 11.
- Article moved by John Robertson.
- Article seconded by Gordon Webber.

PASSED

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to modify the net income provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Antrim, based on assessed value for qualified tax payers, to be as follows: If Single, not more than \$26,250 and if Married, a combined income of not more than \$37,800.

The current net income limits are (Single: \$25,000; Married: \$36,000).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3/0)

- Article moved by John Robertson
- Article seconded by Mike Genest
- Mr. Robertson spoke on the article

PASSED

Article 13. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Antrim, NH to see if the town will urge that the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda: 1.Ban super PACs and overturn Citizens United 2.Expose secret donors and require full transparency 3.Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors 4. Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections 5.End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration 6.Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws. That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Antrim, NH's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

- Article moved by Jeanna White
- Article seconded by Elsa Voelcker
- Mr. Beihl spoke on the article

PASSED

Article 14. To hear any reports of committees and act thereon.

- There were no reports

Article 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

- No business came before the meeting