

TOWN WARRANT
For the Town of Warner
The State of New Hampshire

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

Article 3 - FAILED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$392,400.00 (Three Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) to construct a municipal solar panel array on town land near the transfer station, of this amount, \$75,000.00 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars) is to come as a rebate from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the first loan payment raised through taxation and the remaining balance of \$307,400 (Three Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) to come from a combination of a grant from the Rural Development Office of the US Dept. of Agriculture and other long term financing? Furthermore, to authorize the issuance of up to \$307,400 (Three Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; as well as apply for, obtain and accept federal, state grants or other forms of aid and assistance which may be available for said project. It is estimated that the town will realize a net savings in the costs of electric power after loan payments starting in the first full year of power generation from the solar array. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-2). (2/3 Majority vote required.)

Article 4 -PASSED

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a "lease to purchase" agreement in the amount of \$299,251 (Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty One Dollars) payable over a term of seven (7) years for a new highway grader? Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,750 (Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the first annual (2016) payment for this lease agreement? The annual lease payments for the seven-year lease will be \$42,750 (Forty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) and will be included in the annual operating budget for the Public Works Dept. Upon conclusion of this lease agreement the Town takes full ownership of the grader for \$1.00 (One Dollar). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0) (2/3 Majority vote required)

Article 5 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,026,049.00 (Three Million, Twenty Six Thousand, Forty Nine Dollars) as the 2016 Operating Budget for general municipal operations? This amount does not include appropriations contained in special and individual warrant articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-1). (Majority vote required.)

Article 6 -PASSED

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$735,000 (Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars) for the construction of the Roundabout on Route 103 near Exit 9 on I-89, of which \$490,245 (Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars), which represents two thirds (2/3) of the construction cost and \$114,000 (One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars) which represents two thirds (2/3) of the design costs, will be reimbursed by the NH Department of Transportation; \$45,000 (Forty Five Thousand Dollars) will come from the Exit 9 Improvements Capital Reserve Fund and \$85,755 (Eighty Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Five Dollars) will come from the unassigned fund balance? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 7 -PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 8 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 9 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established New Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5-3). (Majority vote required.)

Article 10 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire and Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 11 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 12 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 13 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000.00 (One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 14 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 15 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Odd Fellows Building Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of hazard mitigation? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 16 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Town Hall Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0) (Majority vote required.)

Article 17 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the preservation of Town Records under the provisions of RSA 35:1 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund? Furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 18 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed into the fund? This sum is to come from the General Fund. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 7-1). (Majority vote required.)

Article 19 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 20 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Library Building Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee, 8-0). (Majority vote required.)

Article 21 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Conservation Commission Fund? This Fund is used to pay for expenses related to conserving property in town including acquiring conservation easements on land. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Not recommended by the Budget Committee, 6-2). (Majority vote required.)

Article 22 - PASSED

Shall the Town vote to adopt provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the Warner Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required.)

Article 23 – PASSED OVER

To see if the town will vote to adopt the submitted petition to amend Article 12 of the 2015 Town Warrant? The amendment states the following tasks are to be undertaken as part of the process of vetting and purchasing a site for the new fire station:

1. Do not purchase property or pay for architectural designs until the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Warner Planning Board approves the driveway to the proposed property.
2. Do not purchase the property until permitting requirements regarding the construction of a new fire station over the town’s aquifer are clarified and resolved.
3. Secure three (3) signed appraisals of the proposed property to be purchased.
4. Secure three (3) written bids from architectural design firms to design a new fire station based on specific building specifications and secure three (3) cost estimates to construct the station.
5. Provide an estimated cost of interest to “bond” the construction of a new fire station.
6. Site selection, expenditures to purchase the land, and expenditures for architectural design for the new fire station shall need prior approval by a majority vote of the legal residents of the Town of Warner attending a special town meeting.
7. Hold a minimum of 2 public hearings addressing all of the above issues and be open to the discussion of alternative sites.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required.)

Article 24 - FAILED

To see if the town will vote to rescind the requirement in amended Article 9 passed at the 2011 Town Meeting for the Board of Selectmen to hold a duly noticed public hearing prior to any expenditure of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Road Construction? All other aspects of Article 9 will remain in effect. (Submitted & Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required.)

Article 25 - PASSED

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely and absolutely the Class VI section of Mill Pond Lane and revert the land back to the abutting property owner of Map 16, Lot 37. This Class VI section begins 300 ft. from the beginning of the road, and traveling in a northeasterly direction for about 1200 ft. until the ROW terminates at Rte. 103. (Submitted & Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required.)

Article 26

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

Meeting Adjourned at 11:46 PM