

2015 WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Barrington, in the County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified of the annual meeting.

The first session for the transaction of all Town Meeting business, other than voting by official ballot, shall be held Saturday, the 31st day of January 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Middle School, 51 Haley Dr. If the session cannot be held that date because of weather or other unexpected emergencies the session will be held the 2nd day of February 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Middle School. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended. Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the new Middle School 51 Haley Dr. The polls shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Articles

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote, including:

SELECTMEN

One for 3 year term

TOWN CLERK

One for 3 year term

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

One for 3 year term

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

One for 3 year term

LIBRARY TRUSTESS

Three for 3 year term

TOWN MODERATOR

One for 2 year term

Article 2 . Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 to remove unnecessary determination of the Planning Board when the use/structure is specifically permitted as set forth in ZO 9.4(5) and the conditions (requirements)

are specified within the Ordinance at 9.4(5)(a & b) to a degree sufficient for effective Code Enforcement.

A) Add language that clarifies the local Ordinance does not permit that which is otherwise proscribed by State Authority.

B) Insert text that assures any and all required permitting reviews take place for the wetlands and the wetland buffer areas and to recognize that much of the uses and structures listed are under State requirements and review.

C) Insert text providing for a limited expansion of the permitted uses and structures with a combined area of 200 square feet or less.

D) Add under 9.4(5) a paragraph (c) requiring an Administrative Zoning Permit be obtained from the Zoning Administrator, verifying the structure is in compliance with 9.4(5)(a & b). **Unanimously recommended by the Planning Board. [Majority Vote Required]**

Article 3. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2 to include the text “except as noted in Section 9.4 and Subsection 9.5.1” to Article 9.5.3 to prevent a conflict in meaning. **Unanimously recommended by the Planning Board. [Majority Vote Required]**

Article 4. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 to add to the definition of Structure a reference to Article 9.4.5 that sheds may require an Administrative Zoning Permit. **Unanimously recommended by the Planning Board. [Majority Vote Required]**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million three hundred fifty thousand Dollars (\$2,350,000) for the purpose of construction of a town hall to replace leased spaces including but not limited to building construction, site work, architectural fees, engineering, permitting, inspection, furniture, commissioning and other expenses to occupy the building. Up to two million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$ 2,350,000) 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 Selectmen 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 Selectmen 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 Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. **[3/5th (60%) Majority Required].**

Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. There is no impact on the amount to be raised by 2015 property taxes by the passage of this article but there is a commitment to make payments in future years that will increase property taxes in those years. While there are many factors effecting future property tax impact, based on current total assessment, savings of eliminated rental costs, recent interest rates on a 20 year bond sale, the projected average net increase is \$35 in the

property tax bill (14 cents/1000) on a home currently assessed at \$250,000 from this article.

Article 6. “Shall the Town of Barrington 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling six million, four hundred eighty three thousand, eight hundred eleven dollars (\$6,483,811)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be six million three hundred thirty three thousand fifty dollars (\$6,333,050) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Barrington or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.**
***Note: This appropriation does not include any other warrant article. There is a 2015 projected increase of \$ 20 in the property tax bill (8 cents/1000) on a home currently assessed at \$250,000 from this article.**

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Library Technology Fund Capital Reserve previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500 to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from

taxation. This is the amount the Town collected in 2014 from sale of cemetery lots and other cemetery revenue. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Such funds may be expended for the purposes of the fund and may be used to apply for 80% state funding from the New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program for some of this work. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to establish an Emergency Road Repair and Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the emergency repair of roads and winter maintenance and to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from fund balance; further to name the board of selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to withdraw \$30,000 from the Special Detail Revolving Fund established by the 2009 Town Meeting, said funds to be placed in general fund balance, and also to raise and appropriate from the general fund balance \$30,000 for the purpose of purchasing technology and communication equipment for police cruisers including but not limited to radios, software, and data terminals. The Special Detail Revolving Fund has accumulated funds in excess of those reimbursed for town costs and currently has a balance over \$45,000. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee.** ***Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 125,000 for road paving and reconstruction, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. This money helps fund the fourth year of a multi-year plan recommended by the town's consulting engineer to maintain and improve road conditions. This is a special warrant article and will not lapse until December 31, 2016. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. *Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 6, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund established in 1989. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. It contains approximately \$1,225. The Town now uses a revolving revenue fund to save for purchase of a new ambulance instead of this fund. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 1994. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. It contains approximately \$3,770. The Town now annually budgets for a portion of the revaluation, continually updating the data base instead of the way it was done in the 1990's. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Above and Below Water Fund established in 2006. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. It contains approximately \$25,970. This fund has not been used since it was established. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Road Improvement Plan Fund established in 2008. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. It contains approximately \$10,072. The Town completed its Road Improvement Plan in 2011. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to rescind the non-lapsing authority to raise and appropriate \$50,000 given in 2014 under warrant article 12 for the purpose of engineering and related studies on the Svenson property, the remaining

funds will be transferred to the general fund. The unexpended amount is approximately \$48,000. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Cemetery Building and Well Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 to the Cemetery Land Expansion Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing additional land, clearing, construction and survey associated with expansion of the cemetery and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund for this purpose without further action by Town Meeting. **[2/3rds majority required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. This article has no impact on 2015 property taxes.**

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Class VI portion of Town Farm Road to a Class A trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:2 beginning on the Southeastern boundary of Exclusion Area B as shown on a plan entitled Wetland Reserve Program Conservation Easement on file at the town offices on land formerly owned by the A. Harlan Calef Revocable Trust and now owned by the Town (Tax Map/Lot 217/27 & 218/07) and continuing along said road taking the northerly fork in the road to the property boundary and the southerly fork to the Isinglass River. Motor vehicle access by the public shall be prohibited on the Class A Trail established by this article. **[Majority Vote Required]. [Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission.**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote change the amount of Land Use Change Tax revenues to be deposited into the Conservation Fund pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 (II) from 50% of all such revenues to 75% of all such revenues? **[By petition] [Majority Vote Required]. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-2.**

Article 24. Shall the town of Barrington adopt an Ordinance to Protect the Waterways of the Town, including Rivers, Streams, Ponds, Wetlands, Watersheds and Aquifers, by Establishing a Community Bill of Rights for the People of Barrington which Prohibits Activities and Projects that would Violate the Bill of Rights and which Provides for Enforcement, and further vote to remove the severability clause, Section 11, from the adopted Ordinance? **[By Petition][Majority vote required] Not recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 25 . To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting of the honorable Town Government.

Given under our hands, this 19th day of January, 2015

----- Michael Clark

----- Fred Bussiere

----- Dawn Hatch

----- Susan Gaudiello

----- Dennis Malloy

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST

Please notify the Selectmen’s Office at least five business days prior to this meeting if the meeting must be modified for your participation.

January 22, 2015

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Office and post office being a public place in same town, on the 22nd day of January, 2015,

Given under our hands, this 22nd day of January, 2015

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