

## **2016 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 30th day of January 2016 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 1st day of February 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Early Childhood Learning Center, 77 Ramsdell Lane. 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 8, 2016 at the new Middle School 51 Haley Dr. The polls shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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

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#### **SELECTMEN**

**Two for 3 year term**

#### **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

**One for 3 year term**

#### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

**One for 3 year term**

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Two for 3 year term**

#### **TOWN MODERATOR**

**One for 2 year term**

#### **Supervisor of the Checklist**

**One for 6 year term**

**Article 2. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 to change the time period under Article 18 the definition of Active and Substantial Development or Building from twelve months (12) to twenty-four months (24), consistent with**

**RSA 674:39. By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 3.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2 to include in Article 18 definitions for; Assisted Living Facility, Congregate Care Facility and elderly Assisted Care Home, in order to differentiate between the specific types of elderly housing and to amend the definition of Nursing Home to Nursing Facility for consistency with RSA 151-E:2V. **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 4.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 to include in Article 19 Table of Uses the following uses; Assisted Living Facility, Business & Professional Park, Distillery/Brewery with Retail, Elderly Assisted Care Home, Kennel, Nursing Facility, and Distillery without Retail. **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 5.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4 to allow under Article 19 Footnotes to Table 1 (11) to allow one structure of 200 sq. ft. or less to be utilized as a farm stand without site plan review, after review by the Zoning Administrator for compliance with section 7.3 of the ordinance and consultation with appropriate department heads for review of access and safety concerns. **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 6.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5 allowing legally existing residential uses to continue as part of a mixed use development to add under Article 3.3.4, 3.3.4(1)(c) Legally Existing residential uses may be combined as part of a mixed use development.

A) Add to Article 3.3.5 to include 3.3.5(3)(c) Legally Existing residential uses may be combined as part of a mixed use development.

B) Add to Article 3.3.6 to include 3.3.6(1)(c) Legally Existing residential uses may be combined as part of a mixed use development. **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 7.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 to replace in Article 1 specific dates with "current" **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 8.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7, inserting in Article 2 an index of 2.1. **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 9.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8, relocating the second sentence of Article 3.1 as new section 3.1(1). **By a vote of (7) in favor**

**and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 10.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 9, clarifying how to read the Table of Uses in Article 3.2

A) by deleting in Article 3.2 “in accordance with the following provisions”

B) by making formatting changes in Article 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, to delete duplicative instructions, and relocate language requiring compliance with footnotes. **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 11.** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 10 to add “are permitted” following Well/Well Lines to Article 9.5.1(4). By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]

**Article 12.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 11 inserting “that is regulated by the building code” into 15.4.1 to clarify scope of building permit requirement. **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 13.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 12 Clarifying Article 3.1.8(3) by striking such and insert “a” after “Where” **By a vote of (7) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 14.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 13 to include the definition of Kennel in Article 18. **By a vote of (5) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 15.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 14 to include in the exemption from setbacks in the definition of Structure in Article 18 (n) Cisterns, (o) Wells, provided they meet NHDES requirements, including ancillary equipment, (p) Drainage facilities, (q) Such structures as are authoritatively deemed required for the Safety of the community and its citizens, and (r) Utility service lines. **By a vote of (5) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 16.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 15 in Article 18 to add in the definition of Structure (g) the language “the differential in grade shall be no more than four feet” and to change “bottom” to “top”. **By a vote of (5) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 17.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 16 to insert (15) to Article 19 footnotes, Maximum density per NHDES Subsurface Disposal Regulations or no

more than one bedroom per ten thousand (10,000) square feet of upland soil, the most restrictive shall apply. **By a vote of (5) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 18.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 17 to substitute “on” for “or” in Article 9.5.1(5) **By a vote of (5) in favor and (0) opposed the Board unanimously recommended this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 19.** Are you in favor of Amendment No. 18 by Petition to prevent the contamination of Barrington’s water supplies by prohibiting Gasoline Service Stations in or within 500 feet of a stratified drift aquifer boundary in Article 12.4.2. **By a vote of (3) in favor and (4) opposed the Board failed to recommend this article. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900,000 (two million nine hundred thousand dollars) 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 \$2,900,000 (two million nine hundred thousand dollars) 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 by the Board of Selectmen by a 4-1 vote and recommended unanimously by the Advisory Budget Committee. Note: There is no impact on the amount to be raised by 2016 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 \$40 in the property tax bill (16 cents/1000) on a home currently assessed at \$250,000 from passage of this article.**

**Article 21.** “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 six hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred twenty eight (\$6,666,128)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be six million four hundred twenty one thousand two hundred ten dollars (\$6,421,210) 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 both the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation does not include any other warrant article. There is a 2016 projected decrease of \$7.50 in the property tax bill (minus 3 cents/1000) on a home currently assessed at \$250,000 from passage of this article.**

**Article 22.** 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 both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 23.** 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 both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 24.** 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 both the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 25.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 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 both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 26.** 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 both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 27.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the Emergency Road Repair and Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 28.** 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, 2017. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 29.** To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Union of Public Employees representing police employees other than the Police Chief which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level: 2016 Fiscal Year estimated increase \$ 22,731 in 2016; 2017 Fiscal year estimated increase \$6,569 in 2017 and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,731 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **(Majority vote required). Recommended unanimously by the both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. There is a projected increase of 2.5 cents/1,000 ( \$6.25 on a home currently assessed at \$250,000) from this article.**

**Article 30.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Communications Upgrade for Emergency Services 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 both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 31.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 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 2015 from sale of cemetery lots and other cemetery revenue. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 21, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 32** To see if the town will vote to place a conservation easement on properties owned by the town known as the Leahy and Renna parcels, totaling 77 acres, Map 254 Lots 21 and 22, said easement to be conveyed to and held by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF). These properties connect separate parts of the town-owned Samuel A Tamposi Water Supply Reserve, on which SPNHF already holds a conservation easement, and were purchased using money from the town's conservation fund expressly for this purpose. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen.**

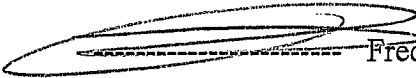
**Article 33.** To see if the town will vote to urge our selectmen to act now to bring this proposed action in front of the Barrington tax payers at a town meeting so the residents can discuss and vote on this specific project and can be properly informed re: impact on individual property tax rates and on the property tax issues raised by an lease/easement agreement with regard to placing equipment on town property." Petitioned warrant article titled "Solar Power Purchase Project and Placing Solar Equipment on Town Property in a Long Term Lease/Easement Agreement and Transparent Cost Analysis" **[By petition]**

**Article 34.** 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? **[By Petition][Majority vote required] Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0).**

**Article 35.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting of the honorable Town Government.

Given under our hands, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016

----- Michael Clark

----- Fred Bussiere

----- Dawn Hatch

----- Susan Gaudiello

----- Casey O'Brien

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST

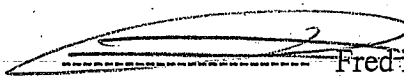
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January 21, 2016

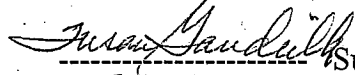
We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Office and post office being a public place in same town, on the 21 day of January, 2016,

Given under our hands, this 21st day of January, 2016

----- Michael Clark

----- Fred Bussiere

----- Dawn Hatch

----- Susan Gaudiello

----- Casey O'Brien