

**2018 TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Annual Meeting, Town of Hollis**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hollis in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at the Lawrence Barn Community Center on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, for the purpose of choosing town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and, further, to meet at the Hollis Brookline Cooperative High School in said town on, Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM, for the second session of the town meeting for the transaction of all other town business, specifically to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1 - Officials Reports

To hear reports of the Board of Selectmen, other Town Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 2 – Land Acquisition - Playing Field Construction

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$860,000.00 (gross budget), for the following purposes; (1) to acquire full ownership interest in a certain tract or parcel of land in the Town of Hollis, and defray any necessary costs attendant thereto, together with any buildings thereon, more particularly described as Map 47, Lot 44-2, on such terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$510,000 with \$100,000 to come from the Conservation Fund, and \$410,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance as of 12/31/17, if available; and (2) to defray the cost of development and construction of playing fields on said property (once acquired) in the amount of \$350,000, said funds to be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance as of 12/31/17, if available. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is contingent on the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen approving of the share of funding attributed to the conservation fund, pursuant to RSA 36-A:4, (I) & RSA 36-A:5, (II), as well as the establishment of suitable perpetual conservation restrictions on such portion of the property as may be required to justify the application of the conservation funds portion of this appropriation to this purchase. This article is a special warrant article pursuant to RSA 32:7, (VI), designated as non-lapsing and shall expire no later than December 31, 2020.

Siergiewicz Property

Tract(s) or Parcel(s) of Land	Size (Approximate)
047-044-022	19.86 acres

Recommended by Selectmen

Not Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 3 – Fire Rescue Truck Lease Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen pursuant to RSA 33:7-e to enter into a seven (7) year lease purchase agreement for the sum of \$742,000, for the purpose of lease purchasing one (1) fire rescue truck with equipment and attachments for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	TOTAL
\$53,000	\$106,000	\$106,000	\$106,000	\$106,000	\$106,000	\$106,000	\$53,000	\$742,000

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 4 - Old Home Day Special Revenue Fund To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of sponsoring the Old Home Days event and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the Old Home Day Special Revenue Fund. This article will not affect the tax rate, as these funds will be raised from fees and donations.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 5 - Compensated Absences Payable Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Compensated Absences Payable Expendable Trust Fund as previously established at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 6 - Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as previously established at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 7 - Municipal Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Municipal Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund as previously established at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting and amended by the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 8 – Establish a Contingency Fund
To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a contingency fund under the provisions of RSA 31:98-a for the purpose of funding unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate \$70,000 towards this purpose and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2017, if available. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 9 - Collective Bargaining Agreement, Local 3657 (Police / Fire / Communications)
To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Hollis and AFSCME Local 3657, and in doing so, to approve the cost items within said agreement, which calls for the following increases for salaries and benefits over what was raised under any current agreements for the employees of the Union and, further, to raise and appropriate the amount of \$104,400 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the Collective Bargaining Agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The 2019 and 2020 costs associated with the agreement will be included in the respective operating budgets.

FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	Total
\$104,400	\$113,100	\$7,700	\$225,200

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 10 – 2018 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,748,845.00 which represents the operating budget of the Town for 2018, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 11 – Drainage Easement - Woods Subdivision

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey certain drainage easement rights previously granted to the Town as a condition of approval of a subdivision of Map 13, Lot 68, said easement rights being conveyed by a deed dated June 24, 2008, which is recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds at Volume 8002, Page 1046, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems fit. The purpose of this conveyance is to facilitate the implementation of a revision to the stormwater drainage system in said subdivision to comply with recent regulatory changes. Once reconveyed to the current developer, the Town will receive a replacement deed conveying drainage easements consistent with the revised plan that has been approved by the planning board.

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 12 – River Stewardship Plan

To see if the Town will accept the locally-developed River Stewardship Plan drafted by the Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee and its recommendation that that portion of the Nissitissit River flowing through Hollis be designated a Wild and Scenic River with the understanding it would not involve Federal acquisition or management of lands.

Recommended by Selectmen

ARTICLE 13 – Petition Article to Pave Wood Lane

Shall the Town vote to direct the Selectmen to pave Wood Lane as soon as possible. The full text of the petition is set forth for informational purposes.

We, the undersigned residents of Wood Lane in Hollis, NH and other Hollis residents respectfully request that the Town of Hollis pave Wood Lane as soon as possible.

We request this for a number of reasons, including but not limited to the following, many of which affect many town residents, in addition to Wood Lane residents. Paving Wood Lane would benefit far more town residents than just those of us living on Wood Lane.


1. The dust and dirt that traveling vehicles raise during dry weather not only is a health issue for anyone breathing in the dust, but enters homes and leaves behind residue and/or prohibits opening windows for fresh air. This is a serious and demonstrable health concern.

2. Rain or melting snow and ice causes long ruts that make steering vehicles difficult and when two vehicles meet, create a potentially dangerous situation.
3. Within a few days of being resurfaced with dirt and stone, the large ruts and potholes reappear, making repeated and frequent resurfacing a waste of time and money that paving would favorably resolve.
4. The large ruts and pot holes cause excessive noise, especially from the large trucks going by to the development off of Federal Hill Road as they speed down the road and bounce up and down. The increased traffic due to development in the area exacerbates the dust, mud, rut and noise issues, and will only be replaced by increased vehicle traffic as new residents move in.
5. This travel noise, dirt, and traffic is particularly bad on dump days as Wood Lane is a short cut to the dump for many town residents, and will be for more as the developments are occupied.
6. The ruts and furrows cause excessive tire wear and frequent front end alignments to vehicles traveling on this road.
7. Using the dirt/stone mixture to resurface the road causes a great deal of stone to be left in driveways, shrubbery and bark mulch best near the road that is very difficult to remove. It is too large to use a leaf blower on and too small to rake effectively

Paving Wood Lane will relieve the above problems, inconveniences and health issues as well as save the Town money and maintenance issues in the future.

ARTICLE 14 - To Transact Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before Said Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February 2018. A true copy of Warrant – Attest:



Mark LeDoux, Chairman



David Petry, Vice-Chairman



Frank Cadwell



Peter Band

Vahrij Manoukian

Board of Selectmen
Town of Hollis, NH

TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR HOLLIS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Posting Certification

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the attached Warrant at the Hollis Town Office, Lawrence Barn Community Center and Hollis Brookline High School on the 23rd day of February, 2018.




Mark LeDoux, Chairman



David Petry, Vice-Chairman



Frank Cadwell



Peter Band

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Hollis, NH