

2013 WARRANT



TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

To the Inhabitants of the Town of New Boston, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the first session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm, at the New Boston Central 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:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) 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 on Tuesday, the twelfth of March 2013 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

Article 1

Selectman for 3 years: (One seat)

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: (One seat)

Cemetery Trustee for 2 years: (One seat)

Fire Ward for 3 years: (Two seats)

Library Trustee for 3 years: (Three seats)

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years: (One seat)

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000)** for the purchase of land and buildings located on Map 6, Lot 10 (51.84 Acres) and Map 6, Lot 45 (109.760 Acres) and furthermore to authorize the issuance of not more than **eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000)** in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA Chapter 33; and to authorize the Selectmen to

issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** from the Conservation Fund to be applied to this purchase and furthermore to raise and appropriate an additional sum of **thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000)** for the legal, engineering and site preparation fees. **3/5th majority vote required for passage.**

Explanation for Article 5: This land is available now in a down market and is centrally located and easily accessed. Although there is currently no immediate plan for it's use New Boston will need land for the future use and this is an excellent location to have available as these needs arise. The town is growing. A build-out study done in New Boston's Master Plan projects that the population could more that double in the future and with growth comes the requirement for new or expanded services. This project would resolve all of the Town's land requirements in a single acquisition.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to 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 **four million, two hundred twenty three thousand, three hundred seventy (\$4,223,370)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **four million one hundred thirty thousand, seven hundred forty two dollars (\$4,130,548)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston 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. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other articles. **(Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen & Finance Committee Recommends 7-0)**

Explanation for Article 6: The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of the town departments.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**. **(Selectmen & Finance committee recommends 7-0)**

Explanation of Article 7: Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle and the year of replacement or refurbishment, \$100,000 must be allotted to the fund each year to ensure sufficient money is available at the time of scheduled replacement/refurbishment. The department has 6 trucks with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** for the purchase of a pre-owned 1994 Spartan Diamond MFD/3D four-door pumper for the New Boston Fire Department.

Explanation for Article 8: This warrant article centers around the objective to position the Hilltop Station to be in compliance with the ISO regulations pertaining to fire protection classifications of surrounding New Boston homes. This purchase will provide a Class A Pumper for the protection of the East side of town where it's perceived to be the most likely section to experience a surge in growth.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** to be placed in the existing Transfer Station Machinery and Equipment Expendable Trust. **(Selectmen & Finance Committee Recommends 7-0)**

Explanation for Article 9: The Transfer Station has around fifteen items that are valued in the \$6,000 - \$20,000 range. Rather than carrying a contingency amount in the operating budget annually to fund a repair or a replacement, the expendable trust approach allows money to be set aside and used only when needed and for only the purpose identified. It would be used for specific unforeseen events that are too large for the operating budget to absorb when not expected and funded. If it is known at budget time that an expense of this nature will be required in the coming year, it will be brought to voters for approval. But should something happen unexpectedly mid-year, this fund could cover the expense. The goal is to set aside \$5,000 this year and next, capping the fund at \$15,000. The fund now has **\$10,000**.

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000)** to fund the final payment to purchase the **Transfer Station Trailer** to be used for compacting and hauling waste to the incineration/landfill facility under contract to the Town and to meet the quality standards set forth by the Selectmen and Department Manager. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase is completed or by December 31, 2014.

Explanation for Article 10: The current trailer that is used to move refuse from the transfer station needs to be replaced in 2013 as reported in the 2013 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). There is an abundant amount of rust on the trailer. The plan is to replace it with a new trailer with \$40,000 raised last year and the balance of \$45,000 raised this year for a total cost of \$85,000.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. (Majority Vote Required) **(Selectmen & Finance Committee recommends 7-0)**

Explanation for Article 11: The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of a small dump truck plus the three regular six wheelers and one 10-wheel dump. The smaller truck has a life expectancy of 10 years and the larger trucks 15 years plus. If prudent, a replaced truck may be kept off line for back up and to plow snow.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty eight thousand dollars (\$68,000)** for the purchase of two pre-owned six wheel 2007 International 4300 Workstar dump trucks for the New Boston Highway Department and furthermore to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw **sixty eight thousand dollars (\$68,000)** from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Said trucks are also equipped with front and wing plows and universal sander bodies. **(Selectmen & Finance Committee recommends 7-0)**

Explanation for Article 12: The New Boston Road Agent had the become aware of the 2013 availability of the two trucks. The Selectmen and Finance Committee were convinced that this purchase was an opportunity to upgrade the fleet for a very low cost. The Selectmen and Finance Committee saw this as a great window of opportunity to make the purchase and use the funds from the Capital Reserve account for this purpose. This will not have any affect on the 2013 tax rate.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**. **(Selectmen & Finance Committee Recommends 7-0)**

Explanation for Article 13: This fund allows for the replacement of the loader, grader, and the backhoe on a 12-15 year replacement cycle.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of continuing **improvements on Old Coach Road**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2014, whichever comes first.

Explanation for Article 14: This year's request is an ongoing effort to continue repairing Old Coach Road from the upper road, Route 13 to the highway garage to make it safer and also meet the standards as prescribed by the Road Agent.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000)** for the purpose of repairing the Hilldale Lane Bridge and furthermore to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw **one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000)** from the **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** created for that purpose.

Explanation for Article 15: The funds in the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund were set aside specifically for future bridge repairs and replacements. The CIP has scheduled funding of the work for the Hilldale Lane Bridge to commence in 2013.

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund (CRF)**.

Explanation of Article 16: The funding under this Warrant Article is consistent with the CIP recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. In order to keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the future, the Road Agent has a long term plan for the future upkeep, construction. In order not to spike the appropriation for some years, the CIP Committee had the wisdom to spread the Capital Reserve funding to be consistent each year.

Article 17 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be placed in the already established **Riverdale Road Bridge Capital Reserve Fund (CRF)**

Explanation for article 17: This bridge consists of a large metal culvert pipe that is rusting at the sides. State aid will be available in 2014 for its replacement with a true bridge rather than a culvert pipe. In the meantime, the Town must set aside funds so we will have our 20% share in hand by then. Once this first installment of Town funds is in place we can request an inspection by NHDOT and they will prepare an estimate. It is expected the cost will be over \$1,000,000 due to the design and environmental standards of today.

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (CRF)** to be used for the 2016 town wide revaluation.

Explanation for Article 18: State Law requires the Town to undertake a complete revaluation or update every five years. In order to alleviate a large appropriation request of \$80,000 for the scheduled update in 2016, it is more prudent to raise funds in annual increments.

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.