

2008 WARRANT



TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Selectmen for 3 years: Vote for ONE only

Christine A. Quirk **536**

Peter G. Kucmas **306**

Write In

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years: Vote for ONE only

Gregg L. Peirce **824**

Write In

Fire Ward for 3 years: Vote for TWO only

George St. John **730**

Wayne Blassberg **731**

Write In

Library Trustee for 3 years: Vote for TWO only

Candace Woodbury **794**

Karen Salerno **688**

Write In

Town Moderator for 2 years: Vote for ONE only

Lee Nyquist **826**

Write In

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: Vote for ONE only

Cathleen J. Strausbaugh **793**

Write In

Town Treasurer for 3 years: Vote for ONE only

Karen M. Johnson **795**

Write In

Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years: Vote for ONE only

Thomas C. Manson **778**

Write In

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 318 Signs

Sub-Section 318.2 Replace the words "a sign with incandescent lighting" with the words "an externally illuminated sign" in the first sentence and add the words "phone number and/or website" after the word "address" in the first sentence so the section reads as follows: "In any residential district, ***an externally illuminated sign***, not exceeding four square feet per face is permitted which announces the name, address, ***phone number and/or website***, or professional or home business of the occupant of the premises on which said sign is located. One off-site sign is allowed with the written permission from the landowner and the Board of Selectmen."

Add a new Sub-Section 318.2, A, to read as follows: "Externally illuminated signs in the residential district shall be shielded in such a way as to produce no glare, undue distraction, confusion or hazard to the surrounding area or to vehicular traffic. Illumination shall be properly focused upon the sign itself."

YES [746]

NO [168]

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 318 Signs

Sub-Section 318.5 Add the words "phone number and/or website" after the words "products sold" so the section reads as follows: "The primary purpose of the sign shall be for identification and not for advertising and may state only the owner, trade names, trademarks, products sold, ***phone number and/or website*** and/or the business or activity conducted on the premises on which the sign is located."

YES [757]

NO [152]

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board?

CHAPTER NB-4.0 SMOKE ALARMS

In the first paragraph, second sentence, add the words "in each stall" after the words "a heat detector" so that the sentence reads as follows: " Attached garages shall include a heat detector ***in each stall*** interconnected with required smoke detectors."

YES [556]

NO [354]

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board?

CHAPTER NB-5.0 SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR NEW ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

Section NB-5.4 Design

Add five new sections as follows:

- "3. Pumps and tanks shall be installed no less than 7" and no more than 9" above the permanent floor. The material used to accomplish this shall be permanent, solid and not allow any voids under the pump or tank.
4. Circuit breakers responsible for supplying power to the sprinkler system shall be equipped with a lockout device.
5. Valve handles shall be removed and stored in the sprinkler head box.
6. The power feed for the sprinkler system shall be protected in a method approved by the authority having jurisdiction.
7. Sprinkler systems shall be equipped with a fire department connection and external alarm approved by the authority having jurisdiction."

YES [524]

NO [376]

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept RSA 32:5 V-a, a new option under the Municipal Budget Act, that allows for any town to vote requiring that all votes by an advisory budget committee, a town budget committee, and the governing body (Board of Selectmen) related to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES [752]

NO [139]

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes due the town. Any taxpayer owning taxable property may, at any time before notice of the amount of taxes assessed against said property has been received, make payments on account of such taxes as will be due. The collector shall receive such payments as defined in RSA 41:35. No taxpayer shall be allowed to prepay taxes more than two (2) years in advance of the due date of the taxes. No interest shall accrue to the taxpayer on any prepayment nor shall any interest be paid to the taxpayer on any prepayment, which is later subject to rebate or refund. (Majority Vote Required)

YES [797]

NO [116]

Article 8. Shall we **modify the qualifying income and asset limits for the elderly exemption** in the Town of New Boston? The exemption limits, for qualified taxpayers as defined in RSA 72:37-b, shall increase from \$21,000 for a single person to, not more than \$35,000, and from \$30,000 if married to, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person's dwelling with the associated 2 acre house lot. (Majority Vote Required)

YES [778]

NO [132]

Article 9. Shall we **modify the qualifying income and asset limits for the disabled exemption** in the Town of New Boston? The exemption limits, for qualified taxpayers as defined in RSA 72:37-b, shall increase from \$21,000 for a single person to, not more than \$35,000, and from \$30,000 if married to, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person's dwelling with the associated 2 acre house lot. (Majority Vote Required)

YES [759]

NO [154]

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of erecting a cell phone tower on property owned by the Town of New Boston, Tax Map/Lot 008-117, Old Coach Road (in back of the Highway Department), should the Planning Board give final approval. (Majority Vote Required)

YES [793]

NO [134]

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue absolutely and relinquish all interests therein, pursuant to RSA 231:43, that portion of Pulpit Road, the center line of which is described as follows: beginning at the easterly sideline of Bedford Road at approximate N.H. State Plane Coordinates: N170, 737 feet; E996, 937 feet; thence running southeasterly about 460 feet to a curve in the northerly sideline of the realigned Class V portion of said road at the N.H. State Plane Coordinates: N170, 373 feet; E997, 218 feet; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any quitclaim deed or deeds or other instrument deemed in their judgment to be necessary to conclude this transaction. (Majority Vote Required)

YES [613]

NO [253]

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to **adopt the following amendments** to the New Boston Transfer Station and Recycling Center Solid Waste Ordinance, Voted at Town Meeting on March 12, 1991. Delete the ~~struckthrough text~~ and replace with the text in ***bold italics***, as printed herein, in accordance with RSA 149-M:17, RSA 41:9a and RSA 31:39. (Majority Vote Required)

**New Boston, New Hampshire
Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center**

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I.....Authority

The Town of New Boston, New Hampshire accepts the provisions of RSA 149-M: ~~43:17~~ RSA 41:9A -a, and RSA 31:39, *as revised*, to enable the New Boston Board of Selectmen to make rules and regulations governing the New Boston Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

ARTICLE IIDefinition

1. Name

The name of this facility shall be the New Boston Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center, hereafter known as the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station**. It is located at 412 Old Coach Road in New Boston, New Hampshire.

2. Residential Waste

Residential waste is non-hazardous household waste (including yard wastes) generated by individuals or families in single or multi-family dwellings- *in New Boston*.

3. Non-residential Waste

Non-residential waste is any *non-hazardous* waste generated in New Boston by the commercial and institutional sector, or by industrial processes and manufacturing operations, consisting largely of decomposable materials in the form of paper and food waste from offices, restaurants, retail establishments, schools, medical facilities, and churches.

4. Commercial Haulers

Commercial Haulers, defined as anyone who hauls waste materials to the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** for others on a contract basis, have the right to use the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by the Selectmen. ~~Commercial Haulers shall obtain a permit from the office of the Town Clerk.~~ All material hauled to the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** must originate in New Boston and be separated in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE III.....Procedures

1. Use

The ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** shall be opened for New Boston residents and non-resident property owners during the published days and hours prescribed by the New Boston Board of Selectmen. The use of the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by the Selectmen.

Residents and non-residents property owners shall obtain a permit from the ~~Town Clerk's office~~ **Transfer Station**. This permit shall be displayed on the driver's *lower left* side window of all vehicles depositing material.

2. Materials

Material considered acceptable or unacceptable shall be specified in the Rules and Regulations. All material deposited at the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** becomes the property of the Town of New Boston and can be sold with proceeds returning to the Town. The Manager of the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** has the authority to ~~establish value and sell usable items deposited~~ **select vendors and make the financial arrangements for the sale of recyclables**, with proceeds returning to the Town.

3. Supervision

The ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station**'s manager shall have the right to refuse use of the facility to any person violating the Rules and Regulations, **per the process outlined in the Rules and Regulations**.

4. Security

The gates shall be locked at all times when the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station** is not open to the public. Persons trespassing within the locked gates and fenced area, or depositing materials outside the gates or fenced area, shall be prosecuted and fined.

5. Regulations

The Board of Selectmen shall determine Rules and Regulations for the use of the **Transfer Station**. The regulations shall be posted at the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station**, ~~Post Office and Town Offices~~, and shall be given when permits are issued. **and on the Town web site**.

6. User Fees

~~Fees for certain materials deposited at the Center~~ **What type of materials will have a fee for disposal and what that fee will be** shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, ~~i.e. user fees for the disposal of tires~~. **after review by the Transfer Station Advisory Committee**.

7. Penalties

Failure to operate within the provisions of this ordinance, and/or failure to comply with the Rules and Regulation of the ~~Center~~ **Transfer Station**, shall result in penalties. Notice of violation will be a written statement.

Any law enforcement officer, or any designated Town employee, may issue a notice of violation. Such notice shall impose upon the person a forfeiture of One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) which must be paid to the Town Clerk within ten (10) days of the date and time notice is given, in full satisfaction of assessed penalty. In the event such penalty is not paid to the Town within the time limitations specified, a summons shall be issued for appearance in district court and any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

YES [456]

NO [437]

Article 16. To see if the Town will adopt an exemption from taxation for Wind Powered Energy System Improvements as defined in RSA 72:65 and allowed by RSA 72:66. These limit the exemption to “wind-powered devices which supplement or replace electrical power supplied to households or businesses at the immediate site”. This request is in accordance with the provisions of RSA 72:27-a, RSA 72:33, 34, and 34-a, for the full value of the improvements to be exempted from taxation. The State of New Hampshire has given towns the option of this incentive to utilize renewable energy systems, which can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. (Petitioned Article) (Majority Vote Required)

YES [576]

NO [360]

Article 17. To see if the Town will adopt an exemption from taxation for Solar Powered Energy System Improvements as defined in RSA 72:61 and allowed by RSA 72:27-a and RSA 72:33, 34, and 34-a., for the full value of the improvements to be exempted from taxation. The State of New Hampshire has given towns the option of this incentive to utilize renewable energy systems, which can reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. (Petitioned Article) (Majority Vote Required)

YES [588]

NO [350]

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:
Resolved: We the citizens of New Boston, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our Senator, and our Governor to reject the “Pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (Petitioned Article) (Majority Vote Required)

YES [563]

NO [358]

Article 19. Shall the Town 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 **three million, seven hundred and twenty thousand, seven hundred and eighty dollars (\$3,720,780)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be three million, five hundred thousand, one hundred and thirty two dollars (\$3,500,132) 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. (Majority Vote Required)
(Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [669]

NO [253]

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to construct a footbridge over the Piscataquog River connecting Mill Pond Conservation property with property owned by the New Boston Tavern, allowing public access to the businesses located in the post office section of town, of which one hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) is to be funded by the NH Department of Transportation, **nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000)** to come from taxation and eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be fundraised by the New Boston Foot Traffic Road Safety Committee. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [480]

NO [465]

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** for the normal mid-life **refurbishment of** the town's main water attack vehicle a **1988 Ford Tanker** plus the replacement of the tank. (Majority Vote Required)
(Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [742]

NO [192]

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be placed in the existing **Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Vehicles.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [757]

NO [179]

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** for the **installation of a new drainage line** to take water from the catch basin **at the Town Hall** parking lot and deliver it to the catch basin at the back of the building replacing an old clay pipe system that now goes through the basement of the Town Hall. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [756]

NO [179]

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be placed in the existing **Capital Reserve Fund for the revaluation of the community.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [594]

NO [332]

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve fund for the renovation of the Town Hall.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [578]

NO [356]

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ninety five thousand dollars (\$95,000) to **replace the 2001 Highway Department 1-ton** including the front plow, wing plow, and sander unit with sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from previously appropriated non-lapsing funds and **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from taxation.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [651]

NO [282]

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) to continue improvements on the portion of Bedford Road that crosses the wetland area before intersecting with Chestnut Hill Road.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [662]

NO [272]

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Department Trucks.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [648]

NO [271]

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund for Highway Department Heavy Equipment.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [624]

NO [296]

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to continue the funding for the 2009 replacement of the single lane bridge on Lyndeboro Road** nearest the 2nd NH Turnpike. Replacement is being funded under the state bridge aid program with an 80/20 state/town cost share. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation under RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until 2012. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [702]

NO [223]

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund** established for the planned 2011 **replacement of Gregg Mill Road Bridge** under the state bridge aid program that provides for an 80/20 state/town cost sharing. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [718]

NO [204]

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to **establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of **replacing the Tucker Mill Road Bridge** (actually two large culverts) under the state bridge aid program that provides for 80/20 state/town cost sharing and to raise and appropriate **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed in the fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Recommend)

YES [738]

NO [187]