

**TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) and Article 2. Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Town Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years
- One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of four (4) years
- One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

ARTICLE 2: (To vote by official ballot)

To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2). The following question is on the ballot:

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the town of Sugar Hill on the second Tuesday of March?” (3/5 majority ballot vote is required for passage)

This Article by petition.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$1,163,338) to defray Town charges.

Executive.....		\$47,200.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics.....		17,840.00
Payroll Taxes...		29,335.00
Financial Administration.....		26,445.00
Property Revaluation.		15,000.00
Legal Expenses		10,000.00
Planning Board		2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment.....		1,300.00
Insurance.		164,177.00
General Government Buildings		41,250.00
Buildings & Grounds.		39,700.00
Cemetery.		7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....		7,500.00
Police Department		159,621.00
Fire Department		65,050.00
Ambulance.....		3,885.00
Emergency Management		500.00
Town Maintenance		166,303.00
General Highway Department Expense		132,898.00
Highway Block Grant		49,374.00
Street Lighting		8,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal		43,688.00
Health, Hospitals.....		4,305.00
North Country Home Health	\$1613.00	
Grafton County Senior	\$ 400.00	
American Red Cross	\$ 289.00	
WM Mental Health	\$ 678.00	
Littleton Hospital	\$ 525.00	
Ammonoosuc Comm Health	\$ 500.00	
Burch House	\$ 300.00	
Welfare		6,000.00
Tri County Cap	\$820.00	
Unemployment.....		100.00
Library		15,000.00
Parks and Recreation		26,945.00
North Country YMCA	150.00	
Patriotic Purposes		1,000.00
Conservation Commission		750.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes		1,000.00
Long Term Notes...		37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes.....		31,172.00
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,163,338.00

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork improvement projects to be chosen at the discretion of the Road Agent and Selectmen. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004 and vote to name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to carry out the objectives designated by the Town in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) to purchase a Commercial Mower for the Building & Grounds Department.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$13,500) to purchase a thermal imaging camera, with Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (\$12,825.00) to come from a federal grant and the remaining Six Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$675.00) to come from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to update as mandated every five years the Emergency Management Plan for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$4,200) to purchase an easement for the purpose of dredging the fire pond and installing a hydrant on Map 219, Lot 27.111.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) to have Cartographic Associates, Inc., complete Phase One of the two part process to prepare Digital Parcel Maps for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to adopt the 2010 Amendment to the Mount Washington Regional Airport Intermunicipal Agreement. Copies of the 2010 Amendment, as well as the existing Agreement, are available for review at the Town Clerk's office, and will also be available the day of the meeting.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$422.00) for the support of operations of the Mt. Washington Regional Airport.

ARTICLE 21: Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Sugar Hill, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, 15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 22: Shall the town authorize the board of selectmen under the provisions of RSA 31:19 to accept and hold in trust gifts, legacies, and devises? This authority will remain in effect until rescinded. Majority vote.

The Selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

This Article by petition.

ARTICLE 24: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of February, Two Thousand and Ten.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III

Richard Bielefield

Margaret Connors

A true copy attest:

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser III

Richard Bielefield

Margaret Connors

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 09, 2010, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III

Richard Bielefield

Margaret Connors

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 22nd day of February, 2010.

Town Clerk