

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 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Articles 1 (the election of Town Officers). 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 7:00 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
- 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
- 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
- Two Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- One 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 see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Thirty Four Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$1,334,653.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive	\$49,940.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	20,390.00
Financial Administration	22,940.00
Property Revaluation	15,828.00
Legal Expenses	15,000.00
Payroll Taxes	30,000.00
Planning Board	2,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	500.00
General Government Buildings	37,450.00
Buildings & Grounds	29,925.00
Cemetery.....	6,000.00
Insurance.....	183,233.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,676.00
North Country Council.....	1,176.00
Franconia Notch Chamber.....	6,500.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Police Department.....	192,036.00
Ambulance	13,730.00

Fire Department	77,950.00
Building Inspections	1,500.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Airport.....	850.00
Town Maintenance	197,115.00
General Highway Department Expense	180,075.00
Street Lighting	6,500.00
Highway Block Grant	40,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	64,333.00
Health, Hospitals.....	6,509.00
North Country Home Health	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior.....	200.00
American Red Cross	292.00
White Mt. Mental Health.....	691.53
Ammonoosuc Community Health	1,250.00
Burch House	300.00
Above the Notch.....	500.00
Boys & Girls Club	500.00
Center for New Beginnings	500.00
Franconia Children's Center.....	500.00
Welfare	6,000.00
Tri County Cap	1,300.00
Parks and Recreation.....	24,828.00
Library	29,995.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00
Conservation Commission	750.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes	30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,334,653.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

ARTICLE 3: 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.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) 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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

ARTICLE 7: 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 Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: 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 Select Board recommends 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 Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends 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 Building & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Northern Pass Defense Trust Fund created in 2014.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Department Capital Reserve Roadwork Fund created March 17, 1999. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipalities general fund.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 27th day of February, Two Thousand and Seventeen

SUGAR HILL SELECT BOARD

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 14, 2017, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

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This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 27th day of February, 2017.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL – REVENUE
(Modified Accrual Basis)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2016	Actual 2016	Estimated 2017
Revised MS-4R			
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 200.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	5,000.00	20,397.25	5,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	2,000.00	7,460.33	0.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Highway Block Grant	39,186.00	50,935.74	40,000.00
Rooms & Meals	25,000.00	29,422.70	27,000.00
State Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000.00	152,985.00	140,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,000.00	1,373.50	1,000.00
Building, Driveway & Cable Permits	2,000.00	3,775.45	2,000.00
Business Licenses & Permits	100.00	30.00	0.00
From Federal Government:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	2,500.00	3,764.06	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	0.00	1,156.28	500.00
Sale of Municipal Property	5,000.00	3,501.00	0.00
Income from Trusts	2,200.00	23,200.00	3,000.00
Rent of Town Property	200.00	1,600.00	500.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	3,516.00	8,010.63	10,120.00
Sale of Municipal Property (Cemetery)	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
From Capital Reserve Funds:	0.00	153,854.63	0.00
From Land Use Fund:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance (“Surplus”)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$219,702.00</u>	<u>\$528,046.57</u>	<u>\$231,820.00</u>

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL EXPENDITURES
(Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2016	Actual 2016	Estimated 2017
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 50,325.00	41,720.28	49,940.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	21,879.00	21,307.41	20,390.00
Financial Administration	21,590.00	20,574.29	22,940.00
Revaluation of Property	15,828.00	15,828.00	15,828.00
Legal Expenses	12,000.00	11,608.25	15,000.00
Personnel Administration	29,059.00	29,317.73	30,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	1,877.38	2,500.00
Gen Gov Buildings & Grounds	66,050.00	63,885.32	67,375.00
Cemeteries	5,200.00	5,187.95	6,000.00
Insurance	173,629.00	170,538.68	183,233.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,459.00	7,477.90	7,676.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	167,087.00	161,341.67	192,036.00
Ambulance	13,845.00	13,499.96	13,730.00
Fire Department	78,400.00	75,958.01	77,950.00
Building Inspection	1,500.00	2,031.36	1,500.00
Emergency Management	500.00	462.50	1,000.00
Airport:			
Airport Operations	700.00	700.00	850.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	188,085.00	181,727.44	197,115.00
General Highway	185,383.00	182,710.33	180,075.00
Highway Block Grant	39,186.00	50,935.74	40,000.00
Street Lighting	6,000.00	6,380.60	6,500.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	53,043.00	53,043.00	64,333.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	5,567.00	5,567.00	6,509.00
Welfare:			
Assistance	6,000.00	1,950.00	6,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	31,449.00	31,580.38	24,828.00
Library	26,975.00	26,965.68	29,995.00
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,795.12	2,000.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	750.00	748.60	750.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds	37,500.00	48,215.80	37,500.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	30,000.00	19,284.20	30,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
Capital & Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Special Revenue Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
To Fiduciary Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,280,589.00</u>	<u>\$1,254,220.58</u>	<u>\$1,334,653.00</u>
Spec Warrant Articles Recommended	245,000.00	245,000.00	268,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$1,602,653.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>231,820.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			<u>\$1,370,833.00</u>

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
(Year Ending December 31, 2016)**

	Appropriation 2016	Actual 2016	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 50,325.00	\$ 41,720.28	\$ 8,604.72
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	21,879.00	21,307.41	571.59
Financial Administration	21,590.00	20,574.29	1,015.71
Revaluation of Property	15,828.00	15,828.00	0.00
Legal Expenses	12,000.00	11,608.25	391.75
Payroll Taxes	29,059.00	29,317.73	(258.73)
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	1,877.38	622.62
Government Buildings & Grounds	66,050.00	63,885.32	2,164.68
Cemeteries	5,200.00	5,187.95	12.05
Insurance	173,629.00	170,538.68	3,090.32
Advertising and Regional Association	7,459.00	7,477.90	(18.90)
Unemployment	100.00	0	100.00
Police Department	167,087.00	161,341.67	5,745.33
Ambulance	13,845.00	13,499.96	345.04
Fire Department	78,400.00	75,958.01	2,441.99
Emergency Management	500.00	462.50	37.50
Building Inspection	1,500.00	2,031.36	(531.36)
Airport	700.00	700.00	0.00
Town Maintenance	188,085.00	181,727.44	6,357.56
General Highway	185,383.00	182,710.33	2,672.67
Highway Block	39,186.00	50,935.74	(11,749.74)**
Street Lighting	6,000.00	6,380.60	(380.60)
Solid Waste Disposal	53,043.00	53,043.00	0.00
Health and Hospitals	5,567.00	5,567.00	0.00
Welfare	6,000.00	1,950.00	4,050.00
Parks & Recreation	31,449.00	31,580.38	(131.38)
Library	26,975.00	26,965.68	9.32
Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00	1,795.12	204.88
Conservation Commission	750.00	748.60	1.40
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Long Term Notes & Interest	<u>67,500.00</u>	<u>67,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
**State Funds Offset	<u>\$1,280,589.00</u>	<u>\$1,254,220.58</u>	<u>\$ 26,368.42</u>
Special Warrant Articles	195,000.00	195,000.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$1,475,589.00	\$1,449,220.58	\$26,368.42
Non Lapsing Highway	50,000.00	30,480.00	19,520.00
Goes to non-lapsing account carried forward on balance sheet			