



# Town of Sugar Hill

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Dear Sugar Hill Voters:

The Select Board would like to notify you that things will be a little different on town meeting day this year.

- On **Tuesday, March 9, 2021** voting for Article #1 town officers and Article #2 one new amendment to zoning regulations will take place at the **Crapo Building**. **Voting will be from 11 am to 7 pm**. Similar set up to November election.
- **Town Business Meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 at 6:00pm** at the **Sugar Hill Fire Station**. This will be a regular town meeting (although masks and social distancing will be required) where we will vote on warrant articles 3-18 which includes the 2021 budget. Budget information can be found on the town website [www.sugarhillnh.org](http://www.sugarhillnh.org).

The 2021 **Budget Hearing** was held on February 1, at the Meeting House. Please see the town website for details of the budget and warrant with an increase of approximately \$38,564 from last year's amount to be raised by taxes. The 2020 annual report will be available the week of March 1, 2021.

The Select Board has been investigating **solar power** for the town over the past couple of years. In 2021, we propose a solar array installation at the town garage. The array would meet the needs of the garage and make enough electricity to offset the electrical costs of the other town buildings. We have interviewed and received proposals from three different solar installation companies. We have studied the costs and benefits

Long life, Low Maintenance -Reduced Payments for Electricity:  
\$4,000/year initially - More than \$135,000 over 30 years  
Renewable Energy Credits - \$1,300/year initially  
More than \$45,000 over 30 years  
Grant opportunities/rebates  
Lower taxes!

The town can obtain a 5-year loan at 1.9% interest to cover the installation costs. The Select Board will be asking the voters to approve an \$83,000 bond/loan for the solar warrant article and \$17,000 from taxation for the 2021 payment on the bond. We plan to host a solar information meeting sometime in **April**.

The ongoing Crane Hill Bridge replacement has the town exploring all options. Many thanks to all who responded to our initial survey. The Road Agent and Town Engineer are currently investigating a colonial truss bridge which is a less expensive option that has come to the town's attention. <https://www.conteches.com/bridges-structures/truss-and-girders/steadfast-vehicular-truss>. (colonial truss bridge)

Finally, we would like to inform you that, sadly for Sugar Hill, PD Corporal **Zach Chicoine** will be moving to Alaska with his family in April. He has resigned and will be leaving his position this month. Zach has been an outstanding officer and committed member of the community. His willingness to take on more responsibility when asked and his enthusiasm for the job will be sorely missed. The department has hired Sarah Donahue as a full-time officer. Sarah has worked part time for Sugar Hill and is leaving a fulltime position in Bethlehem. We welcome Sarah to our Sugar Hill family.

Any questions, please contact the town office at 823-8468.

Sugar Hill Select Board

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