

Town of Sugar Hill  
New Hampshire  
Warrant and Budget  
2015

To the inhabitants of the town of Sugar Hill in the County of [COUNTY NAME] in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 10, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Sugar Hill Meetinghouse

Details: Polls open from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm

**Article 01: Election of Officers**

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 members 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 02: Zoning Amendment**

ARTICLE 2: (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Light Commercial Use. . The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 11 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. This amendment will make the following changes affecting light commercial uses (which will continue to be allowed by special exception from the Zoning Board): the maximum combined floor space for all buildings is limited to 4000 square feet; the total portion of the lot area occupied by structures or impervious surfaces is limited to 40%; and the ZBA is given authority to require structural or vegetative barriers in order to shield neighboring properties.

**Article 03: Zoning Amendment**

ARTICLE 3: (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 13 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Signs, Fences, Mailboxes. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 13 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. This amendment will permit fences, mailboxes, driveways, retaining walls and stone walls to be located in setback areas without a variance, subject to certain limitations.”

**Article 04: Zoning Amendment**

ARTICLE 4: (To Vote by Official Ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 14 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Multifamily Dwellings. . The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to Article 14 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. This amendment will allow accessory dwelling units to be located on the same lot as a single family dwelling, subject to several detailed requirements.”

(The Planning Board Recommends the adoption of these amendments.)

**Article 05: Operating Budget**

To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand, Sixty Eight Dollars (\$1,257,068.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive	\$	49,200.00	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		19,975.00	
Payroll Taxes		29,594.00	
Financial Administration		29,640.00	
Property Revaluation		15,828.00	
Legal Expenses		12,000.00	
Planning Board		2,000.00	
Zoning Board of Adjustment		500.00	
Insurance		164,187.00	
General Government Buildings		40,900.00	
Buildings & Grounds		29,650.00	
Cemetery		8,500.00	
Advertising & Regional Associations			
North Country Council	1,085.00	1,085.00	
Police Department		167,153.00	
Fire Department		75,950.00	
Ambulance		11,270.00	
Building Inspections		1,000.00	
Emergency Management		500.00	
Airport		700.00	
Town Maintenance		179,620.00	
General Highway Department Expense		184,083.00	
Highway Block Grant		35,000.00	
Street Lighting		6,500.00	
Solid Waste Disposal		47,675.00	
Health, Hospitals		5,417.00	
NC Home Health	1,775.00		
Grafton County Senior	300.00		
American Red Cross	292.00		
Ammonoosuc Com Health	1,250.00		
Burch House	300.00		
Above the Notch	500.00		
Boys & Girls Club	500.00		
Center for New Begin	500.00		
Welfare			
Tri County Cap	950.00	6,000.00	

Unemployment	100.00
Library	29,975.00
Parks & Recreation	31,806.00
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	\$1,257,068.00

The Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 06: Highway CRF**

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 recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 07: Non lapsing Roadwork**

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 recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 08: Fire CRF**

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 Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 09: Fire Bldg CRF**

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 Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 10: Bridge CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 11: Highway Bldg CRF**

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 recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 12: Crapo CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 13: Meetinghouse CRF**

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 Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 14: Police CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommend these Appropriations.

**Article 15: FCC**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for support of the Franconia Children's Center. The non-profit center provides all day care and after school care for North Country families.

**Article 16: Chamber**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) for support of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to promote member businesses, and the area as well.

**Article 17: Veterans Credit**

Shall the town modify the Veteran’s Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$100 per year to \$500 per year? (Majority vote required)

**Article 18: Wood Heat**

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:69-72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property’s assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with wood heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100 % of the assessed value of qualifying wood-heating energy system equipment under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000. (Majority vote required)

**Article 19: Solar**

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property’s assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000. (Majority vote required)

Yes                      No

**Article 20: State Education**

“Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our governor and our state legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and state legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.”

**Article 21: Other business**

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

Given under our hands, 2-23-2015		
We certify and attest that on or February 23, 2015 we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Crapo Building, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Margaret J. Connors	Select Board Chair	
Richard Bielefield	Selectman	
John J. Strasser III	Selectman	