

**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 12, 2013, at 7:00 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) 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
- One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- One Board of Adjustment member to serve for a term of two (2) 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 raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$ 48,375.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	20,189.00
Payroll Taxes	31,009.00
Financial Administration	19,765.00
Property Revaluation	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	15,000.00
Planning Board	2,500.00

Zoning Board of Adjustment		500.00
Insurance		173,846.00
General Government Buildings		43,775.00
Buildings & Grounds		29,708.00
Cemetery		12,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations		7,585.00
North Country Council	1,085.00	
Franconia Notch CC	6,500.00	
Police Department		175,751.00
Fire Department		73,025.00
Ambulance		4,000.00
Emergency Management		700.00
Airport		423.00
Town Maintenance		178,174.00
General Highway Department Expense		174,658.00
Highway Block Grant		34,607.00
Street Lighting		9,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal		55,367.00
Health, Hospitals		4,730.00
NC Home Health	1,613.00	
Grafton County Senior	100.00	
American Red Cross	250.00	
WM Mental Health	692.00	
Littleton Hospital	525.00	
Ammonoosuc Com Health	1,250.00	
Burch House	300.00	
Welfare		6,000.00
Tri County Cap	900.00	
Unemployment		100.00
Library		23,795.00
Parks & Recreation		29,330.00
Patriotic Purposes		2,000.00
Conservation Commission		750.00
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation		1,100.00
Long Term Notes		37,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes		30,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$1,260,262.00

The Selectmen recommend 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 Selectmen recommend 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. 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 5: 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 Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 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 Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$20,800) to purchase 4,000' of 4" Hose for the Sugar Hill Fire Department with Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$19,760.00) to come from a federal grant and the remaining One Thousand and Forty Dollars (\$1,040.00) to come from taxation.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for support of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country. The Boys & Girls Club is a fun, safe, positive place for all children of the North Country under the guidance of caring adults. The Club offers after school care and all day care during winter & spring vacation weeks and for 9 weeks in the summer.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for support of the Center for New Beginnings. A non-profit that offers general counseling for any mental health issues, alcohol and drug counseling, psychiatric testing and employee assistance program services.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for support of the Above the Notch Humane Society (ATNHS). ATNHS is a non-profit; no kill organization that serves the communities of Northern New Hampshire. The organization provides training and low cost spay/neuter clinics for the local communities.

Article submitted by Petition.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the tax exemptions for Solar Energy Systems (RSA72:62), for Wind-Powered Energy Systems (RSA72:66), and for Wood Heating Energy Systems (RSA72:70), all as defined in the relevant state statutes. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying equipment under these statutes up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 for each solar energy system, wind-powered energy system or wood heating energy system.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE: 16 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to appoint a representative to a governing body that will be formed for the purpose of holding and managing the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest?

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

ARTICLE 17: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of February, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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 Carolina Crapo Building fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III

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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 25th day of February, 2013.

Town Clerk