

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 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Articles 1-3 (the election of Town Officers and Zoning Amendments). 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 Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years

A Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six (6) years

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

Tow Board of Adjustment members 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 vote by Official Ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 Section 309 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Performance Standards. The full 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 the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the planning board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3 Section 309 relating to Performance Standards by prohibiting and defining nuisances and adding junk, stagnant water, and certain sewage conditions to the list of prohibited property conditions?”

ARTICLE 3: (To vote by Official Ballot) To see if the Town will vote to add a solar ordinance to the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance. The full official copy of the Solar Ordinance is on file and available to the public at the office of the Town Clerk and will be on display at the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the planning board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Ordinance by adding a new section addressing solar energy collection systems and distributed generation resources, regulate and permit residential and roof mounted solar collection systems by

right, and regulate and permit commercial solar by right or special exception depending upon district?”

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$1,497,748.00) to defray Town charges.

Executive	\$63,750.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	26,935.00
Financial Administration	25,740.00
Property Revaluation	15,000.00
Legal Expenses	25,000.00
Payroll Taxes	32,000.00
Planning Board	2,500.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	750.00
General Government Buildings	42,150.00
Buildings & Grounds	35,750.00
Cemetery	15,000.00
Insurance	164,041.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,245.00
North Country Council	1,245.00
Franconia Notch Chamber	6,000.00
Unemployment	100.00
Police Department	243,738.00
Ambulance	25,256.00
Fire Department	89,975.00
Building Inspections	1,500.00
Emergency Management	2,500.00
Airport	665.00
Town Maintenance	221,950.00
General Highway Department Expense	194,075.00
Street Lighting	3,500.00
Highway Block Grant	45,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal	56,774.00
Health, Hospitals	5,604.00
North Country Home Health	1,775.00
Grafton County Senior	500.00
American Red Cross	292.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health	1,250.00
Burch House	287.00
Above the Notch	500.00
Center for New Beginnings	500.00
Franconia Children’s Center	500.00
Welfare	6,000.00
Tri County Cap	1,750.00
Parks and Recreation	31,670.00
Library	42,380.00

Patriotic Purposes	2,000.00
Conservation Commission	700.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation.....	1,000.00
Long Term Notes	52,500.00
Interest Long Term Notes	15,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,497,748.00

The Select Board recommends these Appropriations.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) 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 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 Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

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 Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Select Board recommends 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 Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends 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 Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three year lease agreement for One Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$196,356) for the purpose of leasing a Ten Wheel Truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required).

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$24,097.32) to be placed in the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve created in 2019 and sum shall come from unassigned fund balance.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of purchasing automated software for the

Richardson Memorial Library with Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to come from the Library Trust Funds and the remaining Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to come from taxation.

The Select Board recommends this Appropriation

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for support of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country. The Boys and Girls Club is a fun, safe, positive place for all children of the North Country under the guidance of caring adults.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Sugar Hill Noise Ordinance by amending Section 1(a) to establish maximum noise levels in each zoning district and the method for measuring such noise?

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 24th day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty

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 10, 2020, 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 24th day of February, 2020.