



Sugar Hill

The inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

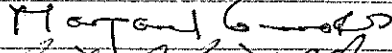
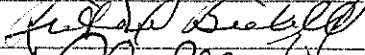

Date: March 12, 2024
Time: 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Location: Sugar Hill Meetinghouse
Details: Voting by ballot on Articles 1-9

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)

Date: March 12, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Sugar Hill Meetinghouse
Details: Discussion and Voting on Articles 10-29

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 26, 2024 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Crapo Building and that an original was delivered to Town Clerk Lissa Boissonneault

Name	Position	Signature
Margo Connors	Select Board Chair	
Richard Bielefield	Select Board Member	
Chris Ellms	Select Board Member	



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 Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) 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 Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of four (4) years

Two Board of Adjustment member to serve for terms 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 Change Board of Selectmen from 3 to 5

Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members? (Majority ballot vote required)

(Warrant Article by petition).

Article 03 Zoning Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 15 Section 1504.1 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Schedule of Requirements. 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 the day of the meeting. The following question is on the official Ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: to reduce the required width of a parking space from 12 ft. to 9 ft. which is a more typical standard (Sections 1506 and 1602); make the requirement for all residential uses be 2 parking spaces per dwelling unit, except one space for accessory dwelling units; and provide the Planning Board with some flexibility in determining the required number of parking spaces for nonresidential uses (Section 1504)?

_____ YES _____ NO

Article 04 Zoning Amendment



Article 4: (To Vote by Official Ballot)
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 16
Section 1602 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning
Ordinance relating to Definitions. 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 the day of the meeting. The following
question is on the official Ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.
2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Sugar
Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: to correct the
terminology used in the Zoning Ordinance to
differentiate between two-family dwellings and
multifamily dwellings; eliminate the need for a two-
family dwelling to have double the acreage of a
single-family dwelling; and, in the General
Residential (GR) and Rural Residential One (RR1)
Districts, eliminate the requirement for a Special
Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment in
order to convert an existing single-family dwelling to
a two-family dwelling (Articles 3, 4, 14, 15 and 16)?

_____ YES _____ NO

Article 05 Zoning Amendment

Article 5: (To Vote by Official Ballot)
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the
existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to
Districts and District Regulations. 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 the day of the meeting. The following
question is on the official Ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.
3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Sugar
Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: to provide the
opportunity for the owner of a two-family dwelling in
the General Residential (GR) or Rural Residential
One (RR1) Districts to apply for a Special Exception
to add one accessory dwelling unit to a two-family
dwelling, or for the owner of a single-family dwelling
to add a second accessory dwelling unit under certain
conditions (Article 3)?

_____ YES _____ NO



Article 06 Zoning Amendment

Article 6: (To Vote by Official Ballot)
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3, 14A and 16 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Accessory Dwelling Units. 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 the day of the meeting. The following question is on the official Ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: to make two changes to increase the opportunity to add an accessory dwelling unit; first, to remove the requirement that property with an accessory dwelling unit must be owner-occupied; and second, to allow a lot that does not meet the current minimum lot size to have an accessory dwelling unit in an existing accessory building if it is within the existing footprint and in compliance with setbacks; also remove provisions inconsistent with state law (Articles 3, 14A and 16)?

_____ YES _____ NO

Article 07 Zoning Amendment

Article 7: (To Vote by Official Ballot)
To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Cluster Development. 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 the day of the meeting. The following question is on the official Ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance as follows: to reduce the required minimum number of homes in a Cluster Development from 5 to 3; enable the Planning Board to reduce frontage and setbacks within a Cluster Development, provided there is at least a 50-foot separation distance between dwellings, and to increase setbacks and/or require screening from abutting properties and existing roads; and provide more guidance regarding use of the protected open space in a Cluster Development (Article 6)?

_____ YES _____ NO



Article 10 Operating Budget

To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Five Thousand, and Five Hundred and Fifty One Dollars (\$1,735,551.00) to defray Town charges.

- Executive \$85,150.00
- Election, Registration & Vital Statistics 38,120.00
- Financial Administration 26,085.00
- Property Revaluation 15,000.00
- Legal Expenses 15,000.00
- Payroll Tax 40,000.00
- Planning Board 36,000.00
- Zoning Board of Adjustment 1,000.00
- General Government Buildings 49,100.00
- Buildings & Grounds 54,625.00
- Cemetery 12,500.00
- Insurance 182,757.00
- Advertising & Regional Associations 9,155.00
 - North Country Council 1,155.00
 - Franconia Notch Chamber 8,000.00
- Unemployment 100.00
- Police Department 326,995.00
- Ambulance 26,371.00
- Fire Department 118,800
- Building Inspections 12,000.00
- Emergency Management 6,000.00
- Airport 348.00
- Town Maintenance 289,368.00
- General Highway Department Expense 229,650.00
- Street Lighting 2,700.00
- Highway Block Grant 45,000
- Solid Waste Disposal 15,458.00
- Health, Hospitals 6,267.00
 - North Country Home Health 1,775.00
 - Grafton County Senior 1,250.00
 - White Mountain Mental Health 692.00
 - American Red Cross 300.00
 - Ammonoosuc Community Health 1,250.00
 - Center for New Beginnings 500.00
 - Franconia Children's Center 500.00
- Welfare 6,000.00
 - Tri County Cap 1,294.00
 - Pantry 1,000.00
- Parks and Recreation 28,420.00
- Library 36,087.00
- Patriotic Purposes 2,000.00
- Conservation Commission 1,000.00
- Interest Expense Tax Anticipation 1,000.00
- Capital Expense 17,495.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$1,735,551.00

The Select Board recommends these appropriations.



Article 11 Highway Dept Heavy Equipment 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 recommends this appropriation.

Article 12 Non lapsing Roadwork

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) 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 appropriation per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the funds are expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

Article 13 Fire Dept Heavy Equipment 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 recommends this appropriation.

Article 14 Fire Building 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 recommends this appropriation.

Article 15 Highway Building 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 Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.



Article 20 Fire Department Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purpose of providing funds and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars \$ {50,000} to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

Article 21 Tri Town Recreation – Vehicle Purchase

To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,742 for the purpose of purchasing a bus for the Tri Town Recreation Department. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. (Majority vote required).

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

Article 22 Tri Town Transfer Station - CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand (\$20,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation.

Article 23 Update Elderly Exemptions

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the town of Sugar Hill, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$45,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$ {65,000}; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

The Select Board recommends this article.



Article 24 Boys & Girls Club Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) 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.

(Majority vote required)

Article 25 Community Power

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Sugar Hill Community Power plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Sugar Hill Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.”

The Select Board recommends this Article.

Article 26 Petition Article - Resolution

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Sugar Hill request the Board to insert the following article on the Warrant for the March 12, 2023, Town Meeting of Sugar Hill New Hampshire.

It is the sense of the voters that all are welcome in Sugar Hill. In keeping with NH law (RSA 354), people of every age, sex, sexual preference, gender identity, race, creed/religion, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin are part of our vibrant community. Engaging with people of different backgrounds and experiences enhances the vitality and resilience of our town. Sugar Hill embraces these differences in all our residents and seeks to be a place where everyone feels they belong.

(Petition Warrant Article)

Article 27 Petition Article - Tax Impact

To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. (Majority vote required)

(Petition Warrant Article)



Article 28 **Petition Article – Pledge**

Are you in favor of the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to our American Flag be instituted as a ceremonial act during the opening of all official town meetings and town-sanctioned events? Audience participation is strictly voluntary. (Majority ballot vote required)

(Petition Warrant Article)

Article 29 **Other business**

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