

Warrant Articles For Town Meeting 2006

The following are the warrant articles that Town Meeting 2006 will vote on. Background information is provided, where appropriate, in square brackets [].

Town Meeting starts at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 14 in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym.

Warrant Article 1

To choose the necessary officers for the ensuing year.

[This happens by ballot voting at AE/MS from 11:30 AM to 7:30 PM on March 14. See the article on page 1 for details about the ballot.]

Warrant Article 2

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[Last year we replaced the older of our two police cruisers. This article starts the process of saving some money each year so we can replace the other cruiser four years from now, when it will be eight years old.]

Warrant Article 3

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$245,000 to purchase a new road grader and to authorize the withdrawal of \$165,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. (Recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[We "raise and appropriate" the entire sum because that's the legal language the State requires us to use. We've already got \$165,000 set aside in a Capital Reserve Fund. This article adds \$80,000 from this year's budget to that amount so we can purchase a new road grader.]

Warrant Article 4

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the bridge rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[We've already got \$10,000 set aside in a Capital Reserve Fund for repairing Town-owned bridges. This article adds \$20,000 from this year's budget to that amount.]

Warrant Article 5

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 to purchase a new trash trailer for the transfer station and to authorize the withdrawal of the entire balance

of approximately \$30,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. (Recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[We "raise and appropriate" the entire sum because that's the legal language the State requires us to use. We've already got about \$30,000 set aside in a Capital Reserve Fund. This article adds \$22,000 from this year's budget to that amount so we can purchase a new trash trailer.]

Warrant Article 6

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of repairing monuments and fixtures in the Lake View and Lake Side Cemeteries. This will be a special non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the restoration is completed or December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The "non-lapsing" language in this article is special legal language that we use when we appropriate money for a project that may not be completed by the end of the year.]

Warrant Article 7

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000 as the town's share of the cost to rehabilitate the bridge on Bradley Lake Road over the Hameshop Brook. (Recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[The State is picking up 80% of the cost of repairing this Town-owned bridge. The \$24,000 represents our 20% share.]

Warrant Article 8

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$1,144,239.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee.)

[This is our usual "approve the budget" warrant article. The amount mentioned does not include any of the amounts mentioned in any of the other warrant articles. The amounts of all the warrant articles that pass get added together to determine the final 2006 Town budget.]

Warrant Article 9

To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Safety Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h. The revenue received from fees and charges for police detail services remaining after deducting all costs associated with

providing those services shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, shall not be considered to be part of the town's unreserved general fund balance, and shall be expended only after a vote of town meeting.

[This article is about the money we receive from road contractors and the State to pay our police officers for directing traffic at road construction sites. A new State law gives us the option to manage that money separately from the Town's General Fund, which makes the process more efficient. This article must pass before we can take advantage of the new State law.]

Warrant Article 10

To see if the town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b to modify the exemption from property tax for the disabled in the Town of Andover, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be \$30,000. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$19,300; or if married, a combined income of less than \$28,900; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

[This article brings our policies for tax exemptions for the disabled more into line with the policies of other New Hampshire towns of our size.]

Warrant Article 11

To see if the town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:39-a to modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Andover, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 year of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five 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 for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,800; or if married, a combined income of less than \$30,300; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

[This article brings our policies for tax exemptions for the elderly more into line with the policies of other New Hampshire towns of our size.]

Warrant Article 12

To see if the town will vote to designate all of Chase Hill Road as a Scenic Road under the provisions of RSA 231:157 & 158, for the purposes of protection and enhancing the scenic beauty of the Town of Andover. (Submitted by petition.)

Warrant Article 13

To see if the voters will vote to establish an ordinance restricting the taking of real property by eminent domain and the taking of personal property without a two thirds vote of the voters at a regular town meeting for each taking. (Submitted by petition.)

[The Department of Revenue has advised the Town that this article, if passed, would have no effect, as a Town ordinance cannot change a procedure already set out in state law, which the taking of property by eminent domain is.]

Warrant Article 14

To see if the town will vote to rename the ball field at Blackwater Park the Howard George Ball Field. (Submitted by petition.)

[See the letter to the Beacon on page 2 for background supplied by Jim Emerson, the petitioner.]

Warrant Article 15

To see if the town will vote to reclassify 625 +/- feet of Hoyt Road from Class VI to a Class V conditioned on this section of road being brought up to current town road specifications. (Submitted by petition.)

[See the Town Forum on page ?? for background information on this article.]

Warrant Article 16

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

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