

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT 2016**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Coos qualified to vote in town affairs, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, 25 Main Street, in said Lancaster on Tuesday the 8th day of March, at Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon Article 1 by written ballot. The business meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the above mentioned Town Hall to act upon the remaining articles.

ARTICLE 1: To choose One (1) Selectman for Three (3) years; One (1) Moderator for Two (2) years; One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for Three (3) years; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for Six (6) years; One (1) Library Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for Three (3) years; One (1) Emmons Smith Fund Committee member for Three (3) years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for Three (3) years; Three (3) Colonel Town Spending Committee members for Three (3) years; One (1) Colonel Town Spending Committee member for One (1) year.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00)** for the purpose of installing solar PV arrays at the Transfer Station, Wastewater Treatment Lagoons and Wastewater Treatment Chlorinator Building; **Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00)** of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Voted on by written ballot after discussion – 2/3rds ballot vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Million Five Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eight Dollars (\$5,528,448.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$40,000
Fire Department	\$20,000
Library	\$ 5,000
Cemetery	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$70,000

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$93,570.00)** for the second payment on the three year lease/purchase agreement entered into in 2015 for a new grader with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$177,000.00)** for the purchase of a Dump Truck and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$97,500.00)** for the purchase of a new ambulance with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00)** for the purchase of a new sidewalk plow with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** for the purchase of a new police cruiser with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** for the purchase of a Fire Department forestry support vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Fire/EMS Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property (land/building) shown on tax map P05, Lot 023 approx .26 acres located at 59 Depot Street, (land/building) shown on tax map P11, Lot 005 approx. .295 acres located at 22 Mechanic Street and (building only – mobile home) shown on tax map R17, Lot 043 – PM – 087, 87 Rogers Campground Road. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$1,533.00)**, for the support of the American Red Cross.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the support of the Lancaster-Whitefield-Littleton Tri-Town Public Transit route.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the support of Senior Wheels Demand Response Program.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$5,921.00)** for the support of Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Health.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,280.00)** for the support of the Child Advocacy Center of Coos County.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00)** for the support of the North Country Senior Meals Program.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,640.00)**, \$.50 per capita, for the support of Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** to help support the Center for New Beginnings in Littleton, which provides counseling and mental health services to individuals throughout the North Country.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One Dollars (\$4,691.00)** for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$4,260.00)** for the support of the Caleb Caregivers.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00)** for the support of the Tri-County Community Contact programs.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** for the purpose of completing the engineering and construction of a new dam at the outlet of Martin Meadow Pond. This appropriation will only be used if necessary to complete the project (last money in). Any unused portion (or all) will be returned to the Town. (By Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800)** to assist with the cost of the weekend "Backpack" feeding program for twenty five (25) Lancaster Elementary School students which St Paul's Episcopal Church, 113 Main Street, Lancaster, NH, currently funds. This figure represents 10% of the cost of the food, and is operated by an all-volunteer group. (By Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 26: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this _____ day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

/s/ _____
Leon Rideout

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos
Board of Selectmen, Lancaster, NH

A TRUE OF COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Leon Rideout

/s/ _____
David Stickney

/s/ _____
Leo Enos