Lancaster

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Coos in the State of New Hampshire 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 10th 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 & 2 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.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before February 24, 2020, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Weeks Library, 128 Main Street, Lancaster, NH, and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk.

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TOWN OF LANCASTER

2020 WARRANT

Article 01 Election of Town Officers

To choose One (1) Selectman for Three (3) years; One (1) Moderator for Two (2) years; One (1) Town Clerk for Three (3) years; One (1) Treasurer for Three (3) 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.

Article 02 Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment, as proposed by the planning board, for the town zoning ordinance as follows: replace the current building code ordinance with a floodplain management ordinance based on the State's model ordinance to better comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Article 03 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Six Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars ($6,691,672.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include any other Warrant Articles.

Article 04 Appropriate to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.00) 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 $10,000

Total $75,000

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Article 05 Reimburse Industrial Development Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen Dollars ($28,819.00) to be added to the Industrial Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 06 Money received from fundraising & donations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars ($9,363.00) to be added to the Colonel Town Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. The amount represents monies from donations to Colonel Town Recreation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
Article 07  Town Office renovations
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) for the purpose of renovating the town offices, add a handicap ramp to the lobby of the town hall auditorium and contributing to the cost of curtains for the stage and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 08  Purchase New Loader
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars ($126,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new loader for the Highway Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 09  Lease/Purchase New Sidewalk Plow
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three year lease agreement for One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars ($191,106.00) for the purpose of leasing a sidewalk plow for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars ($63,702.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose with said fund to come from the unassigned fund balance. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Article 10  Purchase New Ambulance
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars ($140,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance for the Fire Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 11  Purchase Air Packs
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars ($45,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing 6 air packs for the Fire Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 12  Purchase Radios & Mobile Equipment
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars ($45,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing radios and mobile equipment for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
Article 13  Purchase Cardiac Monitors
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three year lease agreement for One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars ($105,000.00) for the purpose of leasing 3 cardiac monitors for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($35,000) for the first year's payment with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. ( Majority vote required)

Article 14  Purchase Grader Tires
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($14,400.00) for the purpose of purchasing six (6) grader tires for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 15  Upgrade/Renovate Col Town apartment kitchen
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) for the purpose of updating/renovating the kitchen in the apartment at the Colonel Town house with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 16  Engineering designs
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) for the purpose of hiring an engineer to design roadway reconstruction on Bunker Hill Street from Main to Summer Street in conjunction with the renovation of the old Parker J. Noyes building. The designs will be to replace water and sewer infrastructure, redesign the drainage of the municipal parking lot to include separating the storm water runoff from the sewer system, redesign the parking along Bunker Hill Street and the municipal parking lot behind the P J Noyes building, and to redesign the sidewalk along the street with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 17  Playground Project
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.00) for the purpose of upgrading the playground at the Colonel Town Recreation facility with Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) to come from the unassigned fund balance and the remaining Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00) to come from grant funding. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the playground upgrade is completed or by March 10, 2025, whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 18  CASA
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for the support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire.
Article 19  Tri-County Transit  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000.00) for the support of Tri-County Transit.

Article 20  Northern Human Services/White Mountain Mental Heal  
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 21  Senior Meals of Coos County  
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 Senior Meals of Coos County Program.

Article 22  Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars ($1,640.00) for the support of the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Article 23  Center for New Beginnings  
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 24  Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000.00) for the support of the Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers who serves the needs of senior citizens in the community.

Article 25  Tri County CAP Energy Services Program  
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 Energy Services program.

Article 26  North Country Home Health & Hospice  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars ($17,991.00) for the support of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency.
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| Article 27 | ServiceLink  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars ($1,820.00) for the support of Coos ServiceLink Resource Center. |
| Article 28 | Mt Washington Regional Airport  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars ($3,786.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt Washington Regional Airport for the current fiscal year. |
| Article 29 | Homeless Intervention & Prevention  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars for the support of Tri-County CAP's Homeless Intervention and Prevention Program. |
| Article 30 | NH North Country Veterans Inc.  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for the support of the New Hampshire North Country Veterans Inc. |
| Article 31 | Soup Kitchen  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster Soup Kitchen. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee) |
| Article 32 | Food Pantry  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster Food Pantry. (Submitted by Petition)(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) |
| Article 33 | Video Recording & Streaming  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) for the purpose of video recording and streaming of bi-monthly select board meetings at the Town Hall. (Submitted by Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee) |
Article 34  Backpack Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($2,400.00) to assist with the cost of the weekend "Backpack" feeding program which St Paul's Episcopal Church, 113 Main Street, Lancaster, NH, currently funds.

Article 35  Transact Other Business

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