

Town Warrant

A

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,538,000 for the reconstructive renovations of the Safety Center, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,538,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorized the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$56,000 for the purposes of paying the first year's bond issuance costs and interest payments on the bond. (3/5 ballot vote required)

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.03 for the first year
15 year bond with principal payments of \$101,600 plus interest of \$80,000 (estimated tax impact is \$0.11 each year)*

Requires bond hearing per Charter 5.4.c between Feb 9th and April 26th

B

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$_____? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$_____, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of Town Meeting or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This Article does not include special warrant articles #X through #XX.

C

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ _____(_____ Dollars) for salaries and benefits to be set aside in a merit wage pool for non-union full-time and part-time Town and Library personnel.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
2011-12		

*Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.___.
Reflect a ___% increase*

This article includes all 53 full-time nonunion and 20 part-time employees with the exception of the police department and the Town Administrator.

<u>Nonunion Wage increase</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Potential Tax Effect</u>
0.50%	13,434	2,481	15,915	.01
1.00%	26,868	4,963	31,831	.02
1.50%	40,302	7,444	47,746	.03

D

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hooksett Police Commission and the Hooksett Police Union which calls for the following increases in salaries, taxes, retirement and other benefits at the current staffing level:

Estimated increase over prior year

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Taxes, Benefits & Retirement</u>
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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$_____ for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

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Shall the Town, if article #D is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #D cost items only?

E

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000 (Thirty-three Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Town Wide Computer Development Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02

Balance held by the Trustees as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$0.00

F

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,000 (Sixty-two Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.04

Balance held by the Trustees as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$43,314.01

G

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be placed in the Town of Hooksett's Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01

Balance held by the Trustees as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$10,128.29

H

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,500 (Twenty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be placed in the Road Impact Fee Traffic Study Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02

Balance held by the Trustees as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$37,535.52

I

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Conservation Current Use Fund for the purpose of conservation land purchases.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02

Balance held by the Treasurer as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$1,092,854.22

J

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Council to enter into a seven year lease agreement for \$375,000 the purpose of leasing a tanker for the Fire-Rescue Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,550 (Sixty-two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.04

K

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Fire Apparatus, such as engines, tankers, and forestry vehicles etc. and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.06

L

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Air Pack and Bottles Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01

Balance held by the Trustees as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$91,179.88

M

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Plow Dump Trucks for Public Works and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (Seventy-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.05

N

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing 1-Ton Dump Trucks for Public Works and to raise and appropriate

the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.02

O

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Backhoes and Loaders for Public Works and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 (Seventy-five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.05

P

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01

Balance held by the Trustees as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$41,063.71

Q

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund already established.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.03

Balance held by the Trustees as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$151,930.33

R

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Pickup Trucks for Public Works and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund, and to name the Town Administrator as the agent to expend.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.01

S

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$920,000 to purchasing equipment for an automated trash collections/curbside recycling program; of this amount \$680,000 (Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars) is be withdrawn from the Solid Waste Disposal Fund and \$240,000 (Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) to be raised from general taxation.

Note: Estimated tax increase is \$.15

Balance held by the Treasurer as of November 30, 2010 for this fund is \$730,224.80

T

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of ambulance services. All revenues received for ambulance services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Town Administrator and no further approval is required by the legislative bond to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

Note: 1)Agent can approve spending from this fund for only ambulance service expenditures.

Voters, through a warrant article, could restrict expenditures from the fund by limiting types of items or services that may be purchased. Also no money may be spent from the revolving fund for any item or service for which an appropriation has been specifically rejected by the voters during the same year.

2) After the first year of this fund passing Ambulance expenses should be removed from Fire-Rescues operating budget.

U

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues from Hooksett School District for snow plowing & grass mowing to expenditures for the purpose of Public Works provided maintenance and equipment for the school's parking lots and grounds, including plowing, sweeping, mowing, painting of fields etc.? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund known as the Parking Lots and Grounds Maintenance fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. Majority vote required."

Note: Voters need to approve spending from this fund via warrant article.

Requires public hearing per RSA between March 11th and April 26th

V

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required).

- Air Conditioning Unit for Library (established in 2001) with a zero balance
- Field Lights at Danoti Park (established in 1994) with a zero balance
- Safety Complex (established in 1991) with a zero balance
- Computer Network (established in 1996) with a zero balance
- Town Hall Computer Development (established in 2002) with a zero balance
- Rubbish Truck (established in 1995) with a zero balance
- Assessing Certification (established in 2003) with a zero balance
- Forestry Truck with Skid Unit (established in 2003) with a balance of \$4.32

W

Shall the Town vote to authorize until rescinded the acceptance of privately-donated gifts, legacies and devises which shall be invested and accounted for separately from and not commingled with, amounts appropriated for expendable trust funds created under RSA 31:19-a, paragraph I and shall be subject to the custody and investment provisions applicable to trust funds accepted under RSA 31:19. Majority vote required.

Note: This would allow Town Council to setup expendable trust funds for donations, without having to ask the voters each time. The donations can only be utilized for the purpose in which they were given.