

Town of Bradford
State of New Hampshire

Town Warrant of Town Meeting March 14th, 2017

The Polls will open at 8:00 am, and not close earlier than 7:00 pm, on March 14th, 2017.

To the inhabitants of the town of Bradford in the County of Merrimack in the said State qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bradford Town Hall on West Main Street in said Bradford, N.H. on Tuesday the fourteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the morning to act on the following articles:

Article One: To choose all necessary town officials for the ensuing year.

Article Two: Zoning Ordinance - To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions which seek to add new language and delete existing language to Article VII (Sign Regulation) as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 1. Copies of the complete proposal are on file for public inspection at the Town Offices and will be available on the day of voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Bradford Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 1 changes Article VII (Sign Regulation) by adding subsections for clarification of topics; makes changes to current verbiage regarding intent of ordinance; addresses the site plan review process; assigns approval authority from the Board of Selectmen to the Planning Board; amends sign requirements pertaining to size, duration, permits, and uses; provides the types of prohibited signs and specifies exceptions to such regulations.”

Article Three: To adjourn the meeting until Wednesday, March 15th, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School on the Old Warner Road in Bradford. Raising the money and remaining articles in the Warrant will be taken up at the adjourned meeting.

Article Four: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty One Thousand Dollars (\$861,000.00) (gross budget) for the renovation and restoration of the Historic Town Hall at Map 16 Lot 92. The project will provide a full basement and a completely operational first floor for town offices and meeting rooms. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than Six Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33). Further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon, the term and other details. The balance of One Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000.00) has been raised from donations and grants. The following funds are currently on hand to offset this balance:

- \$105,000.00 LCHIP Grant
- \$ 81,000.00 Cash and In-Kind donations

The Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends. This article requires a paper ballot and two-thirds vote. Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2017.

Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$2,042,610.00) for general municipal operations. This article does not include amounts appropriated by other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

	Selectmen	Budget Committee
1. Executive	172,000.00	172,000.00
2. Elections & Vital Records	6,500.00	6,500.00
3. Financial Administration	105,000.00	105,000.00
4. Revaluations	24,000.00	24,000.00
5. Legal	30,000.00	30,000.00
6. Planning & Zoning	10,000.00	10,000.00
7. General Gov	67,000.00	67,000.00
8. Cemetery	25,950.00	25,950.00
9. Insurances	68,500.00	68,500.00
10. Other General Gov	7,000.00	7,000.00
11. Police Department	472,000.00	472,000.00
12. Fire Department	57,000.00	57,000.00
13. Rescue Services - FAST	17,000.00	17,000.00
14. Rescue Services – Contract	92,200.00	92,200.00
15. Building Code Department	15,000.00	15,000.00
16. Emergency Management	2,500.00	2,500.00
17. Highway Department	505,000.00	505,000.00
18. Bridge Account	70,000.00	70,000.00
19. Street Lighting	4,700.00	4,700.00
20. Solid Waste Collection	81,000.00	81,000.00
21. Solid Waste Disposal	24,000.00	24,000.00
22. Inoculations	1.00	1.00
23. Welfare Administration	7,000.00	7,000.00
24. Welfare Payments	30,000.00	30,000.00
25. Parks and Recreation	2,000.00	2,000.00
26. Library	70,000.00	70,000.00
27. Patriotic Purposes	17,500.00	17,500.00
28. Community Center	21,000.00	21,000.00
29. Other Conservation	925.00	925.00
30. Long Term Notes	33,834.00	33,834.00
31. Interest on TAN notes	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total	2,042,610.00	2,042,610.00

Article Six: To see if the Town will vote to approve an investigation with the Town of Warner regarding the possibility of adjusting the town-line on Bradford’s South East corner (Warner’s South West corner) to incorporate a portion of Warner into Bradford. (The area in consideration

runs from the peak of Guild Hill to the Henniker Town Line next to Day Pond, adjacent to the East side of Route 114. The exact co-ordinates are yet to be determined.) (Majority vote required.)

Article Seven: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate joint efforts with surrounding Towns that would reduce departmental budgets in the future. Initial areas of operation that will be investigated would include:

- a. Property Valuation Administration
- b. Cemetery Care: mowing & beautification projects
- c. Building Inspection
- d. Welfare Administration

(Majority vote required.)

Article Eight: To see if the Town will vote to appeal to the State of New Hampshire to replace the intersection between Route 114 and Route 103, presently controlled by a traffic light, with a roundabout, thereby no longer requiring a traffic light operation. (Majority vote required.)

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to appeal to the State of New Hampshire to replace the intersection between Bradford's Main Street and Route 103, presently controlled by a traffic light, with a roundabout, thereby no longer requiring a traffic light operation. (Majority vote required.)

Article Ten: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) for repair work on asphalt roads. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eleven: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for shimming and repairing asphalt roads. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twelve: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement to acquire a John Deere 4WD loader and further to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (This agreement will contain a fiscal funding non appropriation clause). The total cost of the loader is One Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$165,917.00). One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$125,917.00) will be borrowed with the remaining Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) from trade in. The leased amount of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$125,917.00) will be payable over a term of 10 years with an annual appropriation of not more than Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$16,800.00). Passage of this article will have no tax impact in 2017. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Thirteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to fund the Highway Department Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget committee recommends.

Article Fourteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the repair of the Historic Bement Bridge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee does not recommend.

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$30,400.00) for the third payment on the Highway Dump Truck lease/purchase approved at the 2015 meeting. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Sixteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00) for the second payment on the Police Sports Utility Vehicle lease/purchase approved at the 2016 meeting. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Seventeen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to continue work on the Master Plan update. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Eighteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) (gross budget) to replace the furnace at the Brown Memorial Library. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will come from Library funds. The balance of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) will be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until the money is spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Nineteen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) to support Bradford, Newbury, Sutton Youth Sports. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to fund the inspection of watercraft and the educational operations of the Boat Launch on Lake Massasecum. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty One: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to purchase a 6000 PSI breathing air compressor with air purification system, cascade control panel and 6000 PSI cascade cylinders for the Fire Department. This will be a non lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will continue until

spent or December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Two: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Three: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund the Bradford School Scholarship Trust Fund. (Majority vote required.) Selectmen recommend. Budget Committee recommends.

Article Twenty Four: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority vote required.)

Article Twenty Five: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Offices. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bradford Board of Selectmen

John Pfeifle, Chairman
Delbert Harris III, Selectman
James Bibbo, Selectman