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TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Pursuant to the Peterborough Charter, you are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Town on *Tuesday, the 5th day of April 2016, at 7:00 p.m.* for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting (to deliberate on Articles 3-8).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Town House in said Town on *Tuesday, the 10th day of May 2016, at 7:00 a.m.* (Polls close at 7:00 p.m.) for the second session of the Annual Town Meeting (to act on Articles 1- 8).

You are hereby further notified that consideration of all other articles contained in the warrant will commence at the third session of the Annual Town Meeting at the Town House in said Town on *Wednesday, the 11th day of May 2016, at 7:00 p.m.*

OFFICIAL BALLOT ARTICLES
May 10th, 2016

Article 1. Election of Officers

SELECTMAN for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Barbara A. Miller
Anna M. Cote

CEMETERY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Linda M. Guyette

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Andrew Manns

FENCE VIEWER for One Year;
vote for not more than three
Roland Patten
John H. Franklin
Jim Grant

BUDGET COMMITTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than three
Paul E. Sullivan
Richard W. Clark III
Mandy Sliver

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Jeanie Derrick West
Andrew E. Dunbar

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT for Three Years;
vote for not more than one
Seth Chatfield

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for Two Years;
vote for not more than one
Karen Struthers

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT for One Year;
vote for not more than one
Loretta R. Laurenitis

PLANNING BOARD for Three Years;
vote for not more than two
Joseph Hanlon
Gerald J. Galus

PLANNING BOARD for One Year;
vote for not more than one
Robert Butler Holt

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for Six
Years; *vote for not more than one*
Denise A. Sweet

RECREATION COMMITTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than two
Heather McClusky

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for Four
Years; *vote for not more than one*
Carol A. Lenox

Other Official Ballot Articles

Article 2. Zoning Amendment – Amendments A through L

Planning Board Amendment A:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment A** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend §245-12 “**Shoreland Conservation Zone**” by replacing the requirement of obtaining a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for crossings and other uses, with a requirement of obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board based on the same criteria as currently exists.

The purpose of this amendment is to make the procedures required for obtaining a Shoreland Conservation Zone approval consistent with those required for the Wetland Protection Overlay Zone approval. This will simplify and streamline the application process while maintaining the same level of protection for the lands within Shoreland Conservation Zone.

Planning Board Amendment B:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment B** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend §245-24.1 “**Accessory Dwelling Unit**” (sometimes referred to as an “in-law apartment”) by updating the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and replacing the entire existing ordinance, make the ADU an allowed use by right, subject to standards set forth in the ordinance, and eliminating the requirement of obtaining a Special Exception. Changes to standards include allowing the maximum size of an ADU to be up to 750 square feet or 30% of the size of the single-family dwelling, whichever is larger, and allowing not more than three (3) bedrooms.

The effect of this amendment will be to bring the ordinance into compliance with recently adopted changes to the State Statute, the purpose of which is to “increase the supply of affordable housing opportunities...with minimal negative impact.” The amendment also seeks to address specific housing needs identified during the recent update of the Master Plan Vision Chapter.

Planning Board Amendment C:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment C** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To clarify the definition of “**Bed and Breakfast Establishment**” which is permitted within an owner-occupied single-family dwelling, and allow the use by Conditional Use Permit in the Family District, General Residence District and Rural District. This replaces the existing requirement of obtaining a special exception in the General Residence District. The ordinance also establishes a maximum of 12 guest bedrooms, and gives the Planning Board the authority to limit the number of

bedrooms based on the compatibility of the proposal with the surrounding neighborhood. The Conditional Use Permit criteria would be the same as was previously established for Bed and Breakfast Establishments associated with Agricultural Business Enterprise Uses in the Rural District.

The intent of this amendment is to expand opportunities for lodging establishments in Peterborough as identified during the recent update of the Master Plan Vision Chapter, streamline the application process, and clarify the criteria and standards needed to provide appropriate protections to existing neighborhoods.

Planning Board Amendment D:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment D** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend §245-2 “**Applicability**” to by adding a paragraph addressing “Severability”.

The purpose of the amendment is to make it clear that if any provision of the Zoning Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a final court decision, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole will not be affected.

Planning Board Amendment E:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment E** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add and modify definitions to §245-4 “**Definitions**” for “Dwelling, Two family”, “Impervious Surface”, “Impervious Cover”, and “Subdivision”. The definitions for “Impervious Surface” and “Subdivision” both exist either elsewhere in the Zoning Ordinance or in the Planning Board Regulations.

The effect of this amendment will also update both of these definitions to improve clarity.

Planning Board Amendment F:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment F** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend §245-5 “**Districts Established**” by adding a paragraph to clarify regulatory requirements for new condominium developments and condominium conversions of existing buildings.

The purpose of this amendment is to make it clear that condominium proposals must comply the zoning ordinance and are subject to applicable Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations and approvals.

Planning Board Amendment G:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment G** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend § 245-6 “**Family District**” by adding language to clarify that the existing minimum lot size standard of 50,000 square feet for siting a new two family homes also applies to the conversion of an existing single family home to a two family home.

The purpose of this amendment is to improve clarity of the ordinance.

Planning Board Amendment H:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment H** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend § 245-14.B. “**Ground Water Protection Overlay District**” by adding examples to the existing definition of “Impervious Surface.”

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the clarity of the definition and make it consistent with a definition that is proposed to be added in Amendment E to § 245-4 “Definitions.”

Planning Board Amendment I:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment I** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend § 245-15 “**Wetlands Protection Overlay District**” to add “Restoration of a previously disturbed area within the District” as a permitted use subject to conditional use permit.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow restoration activities in the Wetlands Protection Overlay District without needing to obtain a variance.

Planning Board Amendment J:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment J** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend § 245-24.3.D.1.e “**Wireless Communication Regulations**” by correcting a citation to the State Statute related to regional notification requirements.

The purpose of this amendment is to correct an error in the ordinance.

Planning Board Amendment K:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment K** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend § 245-33.D.5 “**Lighting and Glare**” to add “LED” as a permitted type of light source for exterior lighting.

The purpose of this amendment is to update the ordinance to reflect changes in technology.

Citizen Petition Amendment L:

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment L** as proposed by Citizen Petition for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To rezone land consisting of one (1) Parcel numbered “R003-024-000” located on the east side of Route 202 south, from General Residence District to Business/Industrial District.

This land was previously within the Business/Industrial District and was rezoned by petition to General Residence District in 2012. The Planning Board supports this petition.

Article 3. Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 - \$13,927,031

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Thirty One Dollars (13,927,031)** for the support of General Government, Water, and Wastewater. This represents the fiscal year 2017 budget period, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5-0

Article 4. Financial Management Software/Hardware Capital Reserve Fund - \$43,113

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$43,113)** to be placed in the previously established "Financial Management Software/Hardware Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of the orderly replacement and/or upgrades of the present outdated Financial Management Software/Hardware Systems. This amount is partially paid by the water and sewer funds in the amount of \$18,152.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5-0

Article 5. Geographic Information System Capital Reserve Fund - \$5,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)** to be placed in the previously established "Geographic Information System Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining the aerial maps and planimetric data.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5-0

Article 6. Study of the Withdrawal from the Contoocook Valley Regional School District

To see if the Town will vote to direct the School Board to conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of one or more member districts from the Contoocook Valley Regional School District.

Petition Warrant Article

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 2-3

Article 7. Financial Support to Review the Withdrawal Study of the Town from Contoocook Valley Regional School District - \$20,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of contractual services to support the Town of Peterborough's review of the study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of one or more member districts from Contoocook Valley Regional School District.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4-1

OPEN SESSION ARTICLES

May 11th, 2016

Article 8. Main Street Bridge Reconstruction and Improvements to Route 202, Pine Street

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Million Six Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Dollars (\$5,693,000)** for the purpose of designing, engineering constructing and replacing the Main Street Bridge and Improvements to Route 202, Pine Street, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **One Million One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,138,000)** of bonds or notes for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State, or any and all other aid or revenue source that may be or may become available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Select Board to pass any vote relative thereto and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto; and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any such vote or take any other action relative thereto; with \$4,554,400 to come from Federal Highway Administration/New Hampshire Department of Transportation Municipal Bridge Aid funds.

By ballot vote (Requires 2/3 vote).

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5-0

Article 9. Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 - \$13,927,031

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The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5-0

Article 10. Union Street Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund - \$60,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000)** to be placed in the previously established Union Street Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation is to be supported 100% by the West Peterborough TIF District Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5-0

Article 11. Union Street Bridge Reconstruction – \$300,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000)** for the purpose of engineering and reconstruction of the Union Street Bridge and furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of **Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000)** from the previously

established Union Street Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund and the remaining \$240,000 to come from the NH Department of Transportation Municipal Bridge Aid Program. This Article has no effect on the tax rate.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 5-0

Article 12. Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of RSA 261:153 VI to collect an additional fee at the time of vehicle registration for the purpose of supporting a municipal and transportation improvement fund, which shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose. The maximum fee shall be \$5. And to see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) to be known as the "Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of transportation improvements as defined in RSA 261:153 VI and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. This article voted by ballot

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-2

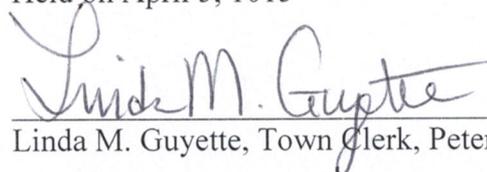
Article 13. Economic Development Authority Support - \$48,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Eight Thousand Dollars** (\$48,000) for the purpose of a contractual service to support the Economic Development Authority in their efforts to promote business retention and new business development.

Petition Warrant Article

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 4-1

Submitted this 6th day of April, 2016,
PETERBOROUGH TOWN CLERK as amended
By the First (Deliberative) Session of Town Meeting,
Held on April 5, 1015


Linda M. Guyette, Town Clerk, Peterborough, NH