

**FISCAL YEAR 2021
TOWN MEETING 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 7th day of April 2020, at 7:00 p.m.*** for the first session of the Annual Town Meeting (to deliberate on Articles 3 - 17).

You are hereby further notified to meet at the Peterborough Community Center, 25 Elm St, in said Town on ***Tuesday, the 12th day of May 2020, 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- 17).

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 13th day of May 2020, at 7:00 p.m.***

**OFFICIAL BALLOT ARTICLES
MAY 12TH, 2020**

ARTICLE 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMAN for Three Years;
vote for not more than one

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than two

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

PLANNING BOARD for Three Years;
vote for not more than two

BUDGET COMMITTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than three

PLANNING BOARD for One Year;
vote for not more than one

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT for
Three Years; *vote for not more than two*

RECREATION COMMITTEE for Three
Years; *vote for not more than two*

CEMETERY TRUSTEE for Three Years;
vote for not more than one

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST for
Six Years; *vote for not more than one*

OTHER BALLOT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2. ZONING AMENDMENTS

ZONING AMENDMENT 2-A:

ARTICLE 3. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - \$17,057,941

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventeen Million Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$17,057,941)** for the support of General Government, Water, and Wastewater. This represents the fiscal year 2021 budget period, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. 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 7-1

ARTICLE 4. CAPITAL RESERVE AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS - \$73,100

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy-Three Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$73,100)** to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve and expendable trust funds:

- Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the GIS Capital Reserve Fund
- Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$18,100) to be placed in the Police Department Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund
- Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) Fire Department Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Winter Operations Expendable Trust Fund

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 5. BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$194,256

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$194,256)** to be placed in the previously established Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund. The sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 6. TRANSFER FROM CEMETERY FUND - \$3,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000)** to be added to the previously established Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund, and further, to transfer said amount from the Cemetery Trustee's checking account to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund. This amount is funded 100% by the sale of deeds for burial lots.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 7. PUBLIC GARDENS AND PLANTERS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of an Expendable Trust Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 31:19-a) to be known as the "Public Gardens and Planters Expendable Trust Fund" for the purpose of maintaining and/or enhancing the public gardens and planters located in Peterborough, and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend. This fund shall be funded in whole or in part

by the proceeds of the Fred and Betty Fry Garden Fund held by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 8. LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND – \$220,746

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of an Expendable Trust Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 31:19-a) to be known as the “Library Renovation Project Expendable Trust Fund” for the purpose of retaining funds previously appropriated for the debt service of bonds not yet taken, and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,746 to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 9. TRANSCRIPT DAM PROJECT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND \$73,976

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of an Expendable Trust Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 31:19-a) to be known as the “Transcript Dam Project Expendable Trust Fund” for the purpose of retaining funds previously appropriated for the debt service of bonds not yet taken and to designate the Select Board as agents to expend; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$73,976 to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

ARTICLE 10. DISCONTINUE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds with said funds accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the municipality’s general fund:

- Financial Software Capital Reserve Fund, date of establishment 9/11/2018, approximate balance of Two Hundred Two Dollars and Twenty-five cents (\$202.25)
- Union Street Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, date of establishment 8/2/2006, approximate balance of Zero Dollars (\$0.00)
- GAR Hall Expendable Trust Fund, date of establishment 1/1/2017, approximate balance of Zero Dollars (\$0.00)

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 11. FLY POND DAM RECONSTRUCTION \$270,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000)** for the purpose of designing, engineering and reconstructing the Fly Pond Dam located off of Summer Street, and to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept Federal,

Sate or any and all other aid, grants, gifts or revenue source that may become available for said project, and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or any other action relative thereto. It is intended that this appropriation will be supported by a FEMA grant and other matching funds.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 12. ROADWAY SYSTEM UPGRADES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND \$400,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)** to be placed in the previously established Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 13. FIRE STATION DESIGN \$200,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and authorize the expenditure of the same of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** for the development of a conceptual design, preliminary cost estimate and construction drawings for a new Fire Station on a town-owned parcel located off of Elm Street.

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

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 8-0

ARTICLE 14. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN THE RIVERWALK PARKING LOT \$35,000 – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to allocate a sum of up to Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the Greater Downtown Tax Incremental Finance (GDTIF) funds to be used for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the Riverwalk Parking lot. Implementation of this Article will draw funds from an established account and not increase or otherwise affect the Peterborough tax rate. Both the GDTIF Advisory and Economic Development Authority support this Article. By petition.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 2-1

The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation by a vote of 4-4

ARTICLE 15. NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE POLLUTION – BY PETITION

We the town of Peterborough hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in the critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to our Town's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to our town's Congressional Delegation and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by our town's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. By Petition.

ARTICLE 16. MEDICARE FOR ALL – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (HR1384 by Representative Pramila Jayapal of Washington and Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont) would provide publicly-funded health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including prescription drugs, hospital and surgical care, outpatient clinic- doctor's office visits, primary and preventative care, emergency services, women's reproductive care, long-term and home care, vision, hearing and dental care, mental health and substance-use disorder care and other appropriate medical services, and

WHEREAS, the Act would provide guaranteed coverage without deductibles, copays and other out of pocket expenses, slash bureaucracy, bloated overhead and profiteering in the system, assure unfettered choice of doctors and hospitals, and protect doctor-patient relationship, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Peterborough will save over \$850,000.00 per year now being spent on healthcare for its employees, and as this cost will be shifted to the Federal budget, the Town being relieved of the drain would provide tax relief for property-owners, and

WHEREAS, a simple and unified public financing system as a social insurance plan, in an efficient, comprehensive, inclusive, affordable and sustainable manner, maintaining care delivery private as now, is supported by 70% of Americans across the political spectrum:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IF the voters of Peterborough support the Medicare for All Act the Select Board shall notify New Hampshire's Congressional delegation of the constituents' instructions in writing within 30 days of the vote, to strive towards its immediate enactment thus assuring healthcare as a basic human right of ALL Americans. By Petition.

ARTICLE 17. NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census, will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular political parties or candidates.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the Town of Peterborough's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. By Petition.

OPEN SESSION ARTICLES
MAY 13TH, 2020

ARTICLE 18. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 - \$17,057,941

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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 7-1

Pursuant to the Peterborough Charter, if the Official Ballot Session adopts an annual budget by approving **Article 3**, this article will be passed over.

SUBMITTED THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2020, PETERBOROUGH SELECT BOARD



Tyler Ward, Chair

Karen Hatcher

Bill Taylor