

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

GRAFTON, ss

TOWN OF HANOVER

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs:

TAKE NOTICE AND BE WARNED, that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire, will be held as follows:

ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010 AT THE GYMNASIUM, HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, LEBANON STREET, HANOVER, THERE WILL BE VOTING BY OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS AND ALL OTHER ARTICLES REQUIRING VOTE BY OFFICIAL BALLOT. THE POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 7:00 PM.

ARTICLES SIX THROUGH TWENTY-FIVE WILL BE PRESENTED, DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON BEGINNING AT 7:00 PM AT THE GYMNASIUM, HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, LEBANON STREET, HANOVER.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote (by nonpartisan ballot) for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- One Town Clerk to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- One Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years;
- One Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years;
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE TWO (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 1:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 1 would amend Section 702 by replacing the word “preliminary” with the words “the Design Review phase of” subdivision and site plan review.

At a public hearing held on February 9, 2010, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE THREE (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 2:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 2 would amend Section 803 to allow a specified limited category of additions to existing non-conforming structures without the need for a Special Exception.

At a public hearing held on February 9, 2010, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE FOUR (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 3:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 3 would amend Section 1001 to specify that abutters shall be notified of a pending application for a residential zoning permit.

At a public hearing held on February 9, 2010, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE FIVE (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 4:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 4 would amend Section 1006 to revise the criteria by which the Zoning Board of Adjustment would consider applications for variances so that these criteria are consistent with recent changes to State Law.

At a public hearing held on February 9, 2010, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
7:00 PM

ARTICLE SIX: To choose the following Town Officers to be elected by a majority vote:

- One member of the Advisory Board of Assessors for a term of three (3) years;
- Three Fence Viewers, each for a term of one (1) year;
- Two Surveyors of Wood and Timber, each for a term of one (1) year;
- Such other Officers as the Town may judge necessary for managing its affairs.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and other Town Officers and to vote on any motion relating to these reports and to receive any special resolutions that may be appropriate and to vote thereon.

A motion will be made to approve Article Eight through Article Thirteen jointly as written, however anyone is free to discuss any part of these articles and may move for separate action on any one article.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,650 for deposit into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Land Use Change Tax Reserve, with no funds being raised by taxation. The amount appropriated is the equivalent of 50% of the total collected in the Land Use Change Tax Reserve in the fiscal year 2008-2009. Funding deposited into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund derives from 50% of the land use change tax proceeds, paid by property owners when they take land out of current use.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,650 for deposit into the Conservation Fund created as authorized by RSA 36-A:5.1, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Land Use Change Tax Reserve, with no funds being raised by taxation. The amount appropriated is the equivalent of 50% of the total collected in the Land Use Change Tax Reserve in the fiscal year 2008-2009. Funding deposited into the Conservation Fund derives from 50% of the land use change tax proceeds, paid by property owners when they take land out of current use.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,660 for deposit into the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Transportation Improvement Fee Reserve, with no funds being raised by taxation. This amount is equivalent to the total Transportation Fee surcharge received for each motor vehicle registered in the Town of Hanover (\$5.00 per vehicle) during fiscal year 2008-2009.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,145,740 and authorize payment into existing capital reserve funds in the following amounts for the purposes for which such funds were established:

Ambulance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 47,000		
Bridge Replacement and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000		
Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000		
Dispatch Equipment and Dispatch Center Enhancements and Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 6,500		
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000		
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$249,600		
Parking Operations Vehicles and Parking Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 62,210		
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 73,000		
Road Construction and Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000		
Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$527,430		
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000		
Selectmen	For 5	Against 0	Absent 0

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,135,134 for the purposes listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds in the following amounts:

Bridge Replacement and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund <i>River Road and/or Ruddsboro Road bridge repair</i>	\$ 95,000
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>Backhoe loader, loader, truck with plow</i>	\$ 300,100
Howe Library Building Repair and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>Portion of migration costs to open source library information system</i>	\$ 20,034
Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,700,000
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund <i>Contracted labor for Town-wide property revaluation program</i>	\$ 20,000

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until these purchases are complete or June 30, 2015, whichever is sooner.

Selectmen	For 5	Against 0	Absent 0
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ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,950 for up to \$22,950 of signal and pedestrian improvements at the Lyme Road and North Park Street intersection and for general improvements up to \$7,000 proposed by the Bike and Pedestrian Committee, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this sum from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VA and will not lapse until these improvements are complete or June 30, 2015, whichever is sooner.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

END OF ARTICLES PROPOSED TO BE JOINTLY VOTED ON.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,760,540 to pay the operating expenses of the Town for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, for the purposes set forth in the Town budget. This sum does not include the funds voted in any of the preceding or succeeding articles.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 22, 2009, between the Town of Hanover and the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 27, which calls for the following increases in total compensation for its members:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2009-2010	\$36,979
2010-2011	\$32,423

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,423 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in total compensation over the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year and which became effective in July, 2009.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 22, 2009, between the Town of Hanover and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Local 3288, which calls for the following increases in total compensation for its members:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2009-2010	\$22,022
2010-2011	\$20,775

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,775 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in total compensation over the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year, and which became effective in December, 2009.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase of a 9.4 acre parcel known as the Hayes property in Etna Village, Tax Map 29, Lot 12, off Etna Road, upon which the Etna Library currently resides, for the purchase price of \$360,000, and to raise and appropriate that sum for this purpose as follows:

- a. \$190,000 by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund;
- b. \$84,000 by withdrawal from the Conservation Fund;
- c. \$128,000 by private donations.

And further to permanently protect 4.2 acres of that property through the establishment of a conservation easement and management plan for that portion of the property, to be approved by the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the Hanover Conservation Council, with the conservation easement to be conveyed to the Hanover Conservation Council.

No funds raised in this article will come from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until this purchase is complete or June 30, 2015, whichever occurs sooner.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to permanently protect 12.9 acres known as the Trescott Ridge Wetlands, Tax Map 5, Lot 46, 11 Woodcock Lane, and adjacent to the Hayes Property, through the creation of a conservation easement and management plan to be approved by the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen, and the Hanover Conservation Council and to be conveyed to the Hanover Conservation Council.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to \$220,000 for the purpose of acquiring the Steele Property, Tax Map 8, Lot 2, on Route 10, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing withdrawal of this sum from the Conservation Fund, with no funds being raised by taxation. And further to permanently protect this 6 acre parcel through the establishment of a conservation easement and management plan to be approved by the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the Hanover Conservation Council, with the conservation easement to be conveyed to the Hanover Conservation Council.

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until this purchase is complete or June 30, 2015, whichever occurs sooner.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to permanently protect the 17.6 acre Rinker Tract, Tax Map 8, Lot 4, on Route 10 and adjacent to the Steele Property, through the creation of a conservation easement and management plan to be approved by the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen, and the Hanover Conservation Council and to be conveyed to the Hanover Conservation Council.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: (Article submitted by petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,410 to support the services provided for the residents of Hanover by the Outreach House. This is the third year this article has appeared on the warrant.

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: (Article submitted by petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 to support the services provided for the residents of Hanover by ACoRN.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: (Article submitted by petition) To see if the Town will vote to affirm our state constitution's guarantee that all persons are "equally free and independent". We therefore strongly affirm the new marriage equality law, which promises equal freedom, dignity and respect for all our citizens. We also strongly condemn the efforts by some to repeal the new marriage law and enshrine discrimination in our constitution, all in order to deny our fellow citizens the fundamental right of equality to which we are all entitled. We direct the Board of Selectmen to report the passage of this warrant to the clerks of the State House of Representatives and the Senate, to each of our State Representatives, to our State Senator and to Governor Lynch.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: (Article submitted by petition) To see if the Town will vote to affirm the following:

Shall New Hampshire's Congressional Delegation be instructed to pursue a new and independent investigation to address thoroughly all of the evidence and unanswered questions related to the events of September 11, 2001?

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Hanover this 5th day of April, 2010.

TOWN OF HANOVER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Brian F. Walsh, Chairman
Katherine S. Connolly
Peter L. Christie
Judith A. Doherty
Athos J. Rassias