

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 10, 2016** IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, 41 LEBANON STREET, HANOVER, NH, 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 7:00AM AND CLOSE AT 7:00PM.**

ARTICLES FIFTEEN THROUGH TWENTY-EIGHT WILL BE PRESENTED, DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON BEGINNING AT 7:00PM IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, 41 LEBANON STREET, HANOVER, NH.

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

- One Select Board Member to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- One Etna Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years;
- One Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years;
- One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years;
- One Town Clerk to serve for a term of three (3) 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 Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 1:

The following question is on the official ballot:

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

Amendment No. 1 would fully re-number and re-organize the zoning ordinance for the purpose of presenting to Town meeting an Ordinance in which material on a single subject is gathered to one section; scattering is corrected; materials are organized logically, with readable everyday language; and errors are corrected. Ambiguity is resolved in favor of established, accepted practice. Substantive changes occurring, as a result of the re-organization, are presented as zoning amendments 2 through 6 (articles 3-7). If these are not adopted by Town Meeting, the re-organized Ordinance will be changed to reflect the voter’s actions on these amendments. Similarly, the content of amendments 7 through 13 (articles 8-14) will be added or subtracted from the re-organized Ordinance depending upon the outcome of the votes at Town Meeting.

At a public hearing held on March 15, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted 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 Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 2

The following question is on the official ballot:

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

Amendment No. 2 would replace the word “inclusionary” with the word “affordable” in the titles of Section 212 in the Table of Contents and the text of the Ordinance, create a separate definition for “density bonus” using the words existing in the definition of “inclusionary housing” and replace the definition of “Inclusionary Housing” with a new definition for “Affordable Housing”.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted 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 Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 3:

The following question is on the official ballot:

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

Amendment No. 3 would, provided that Amendment No. 1 is approved for adoption by Town Meeting, modify Section 902, definition of “lot” to read: a parcel of land with defined boundaries and of sufficient size to meet the minimum zoning requirements for use, coverage and area.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted 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 Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 4:

The following question is on the official ballot:

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

Amendment No. 4 would eliminate Appendix A and references to it in the Table of Contents and in Section 209.4 E; eliminate from Section 902 the definitions of “available land area” and “related land area”; and amend the definition of “Open Space Ratio” to read: *The ratio of the total available land area to the building footprint.*

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE SIX (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 5:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 5 would amend Section 323.1 Noise Standards Table of Restrictions to include the Goose Pond zoning district with the other residential zoning districts. When the Goose Pond district was created, this district was not added to the list of residential districts where exterior noise is permissible. Adoption of this amendment will allow exterior noise up to the noise levels permitted in other residential zoning districts.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE SEVEN (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 6

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 6 would amend Accessory Uses Section 210.4 to include the Goose Pond zoning district. Adoption of this amendment would prohibit display of merchandise and advertising in that district. Professional announcement signs would still be permitted.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE EIGHT (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 7

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 7 would modify the definition of “outdoor recreation” and makes it clear that buildings and structures associated with outdoor recreation are allowed as Special Exceptions. The proposed definition broadens the range of activities that could be considered “recreation” and clarifies that structures (such as tennis courts and zip lines) as well as buildings are treated as Special Exceptions. The new definition eliminates the need to show a proposed structure or building is “necessarily related” to the activity.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE NINE (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 8:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 8 would amend Section 317, Signs, and Section 330, Athletic Scoreboards, to eliminate content type references to conform to the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Reed v. Town of Gilbert, and in Section 317.2, add “GP” to the list of districts.

At a public hearing held on March 15, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE TEN (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 9:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 9 would amend Table 204.4 to modify building setbacks in the “I” zoning district adjoining GR-2 residential lots abutting NH Route 10A reducing the rear setback from 75 to 20 feet and reducing the side setback from 75 feet to 10 feet; and amend Table 204.4 to allow the maximum building height to be 60 feet in the “I” zoning district within 150 feet of a “GR-2” residential district abutting NH Route 10A.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE ELEVEN (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 10:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 10 would change the way land in certain zoning districts can be combined with land in other zoning districts to create new lots. In particular, it provides that lots, or portions of lots, in the F, NP and RR zoning districts must be at least the minimum lot size for the relevant district if being annexed to land in another zoning district. It also clarifies that the only uses allowed on an underlying piece of land are those uses allowed in the zoning district in which the land is situated.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE TWELVE (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 11

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 11 would add a new Section 331, Development in and Near Cemeteries which will allow construction, excavation or building within a known burial site or cemetery under certain circumstances.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN (submitted by petition) (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition in Amendment No. 12:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by petition for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 12 would add to Section 209.4, Height Regulations and Exceptions, a different method for calculating height in the “GR” and “SR” zoning districts.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **not adopt** this zoning amendment.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN (submitted by petition) (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition in Amendment No. 13:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by petition for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 13 would modify Section 802, Change and Expansion of Non-Conforming Use, to increase the limit of allowed expansion of structures associated with non-conforming uses from 20% to 65%.

At a public hearing held on March 1, 2016, the Hanover Planning Board voted to recommend that Town Meeting **not adopt** this zoning amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: 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;
- One Pine Park Commissioner for a term of three (3) years;
- 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 SIXTEEN: 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.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 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, a designation of the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, 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 2014-2015. 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.

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ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for deposit into the Conservation Fund created as authorized by RSA 36-A:5.I, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Land Use Change Tax Reserve, a sub-accounting of the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, 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 2014-2015. 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.

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ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,260 for deposit into the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Transportation Improvement Fee Reserve, a designation of the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance, with no funds being raised by taxation. This amount is equivalent to the total Transportation Fee surcharge for each motor vehicle registered in the Town of Hanover (\$5.00 per vehicle) during fiscal year 2014-2015.

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ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,183,418 for deposit into existing capital reserve funds:

Ambulance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$61,028
Bridge Replacement and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund	\$15,000
Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	\$110,000
Dispatch Equipment and Dispatch Center Enhancements Capital Reserve Fund	\$25,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$143,090
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$392,000
Parking Operations Vehicles and Parking Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$105,000
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$84,000
Road Construction and Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$24,000
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$130,000
Water Treatment and Distribution Equipment and System Capital Reserve Fund	\$84,300

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ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,034,700 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>Great Hollow Road Bridge #098/053</i>	\$25,000
Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund <i>Police Station Boiler; Town Hall HVAC</i>	\$37,500

Dispatch Equipment and Dispatch Center Enhancements Capital Reserve Fund <i>50% Town Match for Grant-Funded Police Department Simulcast Radio System</i>	\$80,000
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>Truck #13; Roadside Mower Boom; Truck #6</i>	\$207,000
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>Replace Unmarked Vehicles (Cruisers #7, #8) and Marked Sport Utility Vehicle (Cruiser #5)</i>	\$117,600
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>Replace Fire Car #2; Etna Fire Station Building Capital Maintenance</i>	\$60,100
Parking Vehicles and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund <i>Replace Parking Operations Vehicle</i>	\$21,000
Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund <i>Grit Removal System; Truck #27106; Replace Sport Utility Vehicle</i>	\$459,500
Water Treatment and Distribution Equipment and System Capital Reserve Fund <i>SCADA and Related Instrumentation Upgrades</i>	\$27,000

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until these specified purchases are complete or June 30, 2021, whichever is sooner.

Select Board For 4 Against 0 Absent 1

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,000 for funding of a sidewalk at Hemlock Road and a mid-block pedestrian crossing on East Wheelock Street between Crosby and South Park Street, 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, 2021, whichever is sooner.

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ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen on March 28 2016 between the Town of Hanover and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 27, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2016-2017	\$62,070

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,070 for 2016-2017 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and benefits required by the proposed agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement.

Select Board For 4 Against 0 Absent 1

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,195,345 to pay the operating expenses of the Town for the 2016-2017 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.

Select Board For 4 Against 0 Absent 1

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement of property located at 9 Allen Street (map 33, lot 43). This action will enable the Town to operate a 16 space parking lot for public use, with revenue generated by the lot to be split between the Town and the property owner. The Town’s costs to operate the parking lot will be fully offset by the revenue shared with the Town.

Select Board For 4 Against 0 Absent 1

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of three parcels of property owned by Dartmouth College in Lebanon, NH, consisting of Lebanon Tax Map 8, Lot 27 (approximately 27,000 square feet), the northern portion of Lebanon Tax Map 8, Lot 28 (approximately 12,000 square feet), and a portion of Lebanon Tax Map 5, Lot 1 (approximately 137,000 square feet), and authorize the Hanover Select Board to negotiate and execute all related documents. All three parcels are located adjacent to the southwestern boundary of Sachem Field, which contains Campion Arena. The Town’s acceptance of the donated land from Dartmouth College will be contingent on the receipt of approvals of the proposed skating rink addition by the Lebanon Zoning Board, Lebanon Planning Board, and possibly other federal, state, or local government agencies having jurisdiction over the same.

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ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote (a) to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (“C-PACE”) district pursuant to the provisions of RSA 53-F (the “Act”) for the purpose of financing energy conservation and efficiency and clean energy improvements; (2) to adopt the provision of the Act as is authorized by RSA 53-F:2(II); (3) to designate the Hanover Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy District as the entire area within the municipality; (4) to authorize the Town, pursuant to RSA 53-F:3(IX), to enter into a written agreement with the Jordan Institute, Inc., to administer such a program on its behalf in accordance with this Act; and (5) to authorize the Town to adopt any rules, procedures, guidelines or documents that are necessary and appropriate for the creation, implementation and administration of the purposes of the Act and this Article. This motion will have no impact on the municipal tax rate.

Select Board For 4 Against 0 Absent 1

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: 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 4th day of April, 2016.

**TOWN OF HANOVER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Peter L. Christie, Chairman
Athos J. Rassias, Vice Chairman
Nancy A. Carter
William V. Geraghty
Joanna Whitcomb, Secretary