

Town of Whitefield  
New Hampshire  
Warrant and Budget  
2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of Whitefield, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 8, 2016

Time: Town Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.; Polls for voting will be open from 8:00am to 6:00pm

Location: C.D. McIntrye Building on Highland Street in Whitefield

**Article 1.** To choose one Selectperson for a three year term; one Moderator for a two year term; one Town Clerk for a three year term; two Library Trustee for three year terms, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for a two year term; one Trustee of the Trust funds for a three year term; one Cemetery Trustee for a three year term.

**Article 2. – Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

General Government:

Executive - \$103,435  
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics - \$74,670  
Financial Administration - \$87,996  
Legal Expense - \$47,500  
Planning & Zoning - \$4,500  
General Government Buildings - \$31,800  
Cemeteries - \$30,000  
Insurance - \$76,455  
NHMA Dues - \$1,741  
Other General Government - \$9,558

Public Safety

Police Department - \$493,315  
Fire-Rescue - \$262,665  
Safety & Emergency Management - \$4,085

Airport Operations - \$9,000

Highways/Streets & Bridges

Highways, Streets & Bridges - \$667,206  
Street Lighting - \$25,000

Sanitation

Transfer Station/Solid Waste Collection - \$139,310  
Sewage Collection/Disposal & Other - \$24,000

Health

Health Officer - \$1,077  
Vet Service - \$500

Welfare

Welfare/Direct Assistance - \$25,000

Culture & Recreation

Parks & Recreation - \$67,087  
Library - \$41,350  
Memorial Day - \$700  
Whitefield Historical Society - \$1,200

Conservation Commission - \$2,500

Economic Development - \$5,000

Debt Service

Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes - \$113,490  
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes - \$37,447  
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes - \$7,500

Municipal Sewer Department

Operation & Maintenance Expenses - \$234,795

## Municipal Water Department

Operation & Maintenance Expenses - \$230,640

### **Article 3: Fire Department Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars \$(35,000) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2007. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 4: Bridge & Town Buildings Repair/Maintenance/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Bridge & Town Buildings Repair/Maintenance/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 5: Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve fund created in 2014. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 6: Recycling Center Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Recycling Center Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, created in 2012, and to use income generated from the Transfer Station Metal Pile Recyclables to fund this article. No money will come from taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 7: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 8: Road Projects Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Road Projects Capital Reserve Fund created in 2013. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 9: Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 10: Sidewalk Repair/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Repair/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created in 2011. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 11: Road Grader**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) for this year's payment on the road grader for the highway department. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 12: Backhoe Lease**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a six year lease agreement for One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$144,000) for the purpose of leasing a backhoe for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 13: Capital Improvement Plan Update**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) for the purpose of updating Whitefield's Capital Improvement Plan. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation.

### **Article 14: Northern Pass Resolution**

To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Northern Pass Transmission Project as presently proposed would pass through the Town of Whitefield utilizing overhead transmission lines, and

WHEREAS this project would blight the landscape and devastate the values of properties within its transmission corridor and lines of sight, and

WHEREAS this project would make the area less attractive for outdoor recreational activities and tourism and negatively impact sightseeing, hunting, hiking, and other activities that this region depends on for revenue, and

WHEREAS this project would adversely impact wildlife and wildlife habitat and wetlands located within the region, and

WHEREAS the adverse health effects of such high voltage transmission power lines on human, animal and plant life within the electromagnetic field created by the liens are not fully understood, now be it

RESOLVED that the Town of Whitefield strongly opposes this project as currently proposed utilizing overhead transmission lines in part of the project rather than placing the lines underground along the entire route, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, the United States Senators and Representatives from the State of new Hampshire, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, and the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee.

This is a non-binding article and is advisory only to the Board of Selectmen.

### **Article 15: North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400) for the purpose of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency, Inc. to provide home health

and home care services to the underinsured and uninsured Whitefield residents. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 16: North Country Transit**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to support North Country Transit's Senior & Public Transportation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 17: Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provides primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 597 current WHITEFIELD patients, as well as reach more of those in need. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 18: Senior Meals Program**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800) in support of Tri-County CAP, Inc.--North Country Elder Programs for Town of Whitefield funding in support of the Senior Meals Program. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 19: Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nineteen Dollars (\$1,019) (.50 per capita) for the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 20: Child Advocacy Center of Coos County**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Six Dollars (\$2,306) in support of the CAC-CC, a not-for-profit community partnership dedicated to the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child victims of crime. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 21: Northwoods Home Health & Hospice Services**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen Dollars (\$11,513) in support of Northwoods Home Health & Hospice Services, a division of Northern New Hampshire Healthcare Collaborative, Inc. The requested funds shall be used to assist in the delivery of home health and hospice services to the residents of the Town of Whitefield. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 22: White Mountain Mental Health & Common Ground**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen Dollars (\$2,919) as the Town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and developmental services needs of Whitefield residents. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 23: Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to help support Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, that serves the needs of Seniors in the community. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 24: The Center for New Beginnings**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to support "The Center for New Beginnings". The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 35 Whitefield residents in 2015. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 25: Above the Notch Humane Society**

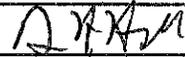
To see if the Town of Whitefield will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to help support Above the Notch Humane Society for the purpose of rehabilitation and care of surrendered and abandoned dogs and assistance in investigating animal cruelty and abuse in New Hampshire's North Country. The Board of Selectmen recommends this appropriation. (By Petition)

**Article 26: Solar Energy Property Tax Exemption**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value not to exceed \$50,000.00 of qualifying equipment under these statutes. (By Petition)

**Article 27: Solar Energy System Proposals**

To see if the Town will vote to seek proposals for installation of a solar energy system of sufficient design to offset 100% of the annual electrical energy usage of the town hall and EMS/fire station. Such proposals shall be reviewed and evaluated by town officials for cost, rate of return on investment, warranty, siting, grant availability, and other relevant factors. The proposal selected for best value shall be presented by warrant article at the 2017 Town Meeting for a vote of approval or disapproval of any expenditure associated with the installation of said solar energy system. (By Petition)  
This is a non-binding article and is advisory only to the Board of Selectmen.

Given under our hands, February 17, 2015		
We certify and attest that on or before February 17, 2015, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Whitefield Public Library, Whitefield Post Office, Whitefield Town Hall, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Wendy Hersom	Selectperson - Chairperson	
Duane Hall	Selectperson	
Mark Lufkin	Selectperson	