

Town of Whitefield

New Hampshire

Warrant and Budget

2019

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 12, 2019

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. McIntyre Building on Highland Street in Whitefield

Articles 1-8 are voted on during the day from 8:00 am to 6:00 by ballot.

Article 1. To choose one Selectperson for a three year term; Two Library Trustee for three year terms, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three year term; one Cemetery Trustee for a three year term, one Town Clerk for a three year term; and one Supervisor of the Checklist for a five year term.

Article 2. Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the Town of Whitefield?

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article IV – Administration and Permits to regulate the use of recreational vehicles, clarify the status of recreational vehicles that are not registered as motor vehicles, and provide for RV occupancy permits and special event RV permits to be issued by the Board of Selectmen?

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article IX – Zoning Board of Adjustment by revising the criteria for a special exception to conform to the provisions of RSA 674:33, IV?

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article XIV – Activity: Commercial by adding campgrounds to the list of commercial activities and adding a requirement for parking space for each campsite?

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article XVIII – Activity: Single Family Home to clarify that recreational vehicles may not be approved as detached ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units)?

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Appendix I – Definitions by adding definitions for “campground” and “recreational vehicle”?

Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To add a new Appendix VIII – Activity: Solar regarding the accommodation and regulation of solar energy collection systems pursuant to RSA 674:17, I(j), to classify different categories of solar uses based on location, purpose, nameplate capacity, and/or area; to require a development permit for solar systems (other than municipal systems) and establish standards and requirements for such permits related to height and lot coverage, location, impact to public health and safety, screening, system layout, emergency response, natural resource impacts and buffers, interconnection with utility, glare, noise, setbacks, stormwater management, lighting and decommissioning of systems?

Article 9: Supplementing the Whitefield Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) for the purpose of supplementing the Whitefield Wastewater Treatment Facilities (WWTF) Improvement Project authorized by the Town on March 14, 2017 in the amount of \$6,500,000 with One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. These supplemental project funds are being sought based on updated engineering recommendations to provide necessary project scope items to bring the WWTF into compliance with their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit as identified in the USEPA Administrative Order, CWA-AO-R01-FY19-04. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

Article 10: 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

General Government:

Executive - \$101,206
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics - \$77,917
Financial Administration - \$123,531
Legal/Consultants/Forester - \$127,000
Planning & Zoning - \$4,500
General Government Buildings - \$42,500
Cemeteries - \$30,000
Insurance - \$61,012
NHMA Dues - \$1,927
Other General Government - \$10,122

Public Safety

Police Department - \$595,519
Fire-Rescue - \$287,980
Safety & Emergency Management - \$4,085

Airport Operations - \$9,000

Highways/Streets & Bridges

Highways, Streets & Bridges - \$731,066
Street Lighting - \$15,000

Sanitation

Transfer Station/Solid Waste Collection - \$162,278
Sewage Collection/Disposal & Other - \$24,000

Health

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

Welfare

Welfare/Direct Assistance - \$21,000

Culture & Recreation

Parks & Recreation - \$94,000
Library - \$46,825
Memorial Day - \$700
Whitefield Historical Society - \$1,200
Band Concerts - \$3,000

Conservation Commission - \$2,500

Economic Development - \$5,000

Debt Service

Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes - \$134,826
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes - \$32,057
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes - \$7,500

Municipal Sewer Department

Operation & Maintenance Expenses - \$290,268

Municipal Water Department

Operation & Maintenance Expenses - \$475,612

Article 11: Fire Department Equipment Replacement 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 Fire Department Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2007.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 12: Bridge & Town Buildings Repair/Maintenance/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be added to the Bridge & Town Buildings Repair/Maintenance/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2010. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 13: Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve fund created in 2004. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 14: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 15: Road Projects Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars and Five Dollars (\$133,005) to be added to the Road Projects Capital Reserve Fund created in 2013. Seventy-Three Thousand Five Dollars (\$73,005) of said funds is to come from unassigned fund balance, which represents the FEMA funds received in 2018. The balance of Sixty-Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 16: Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500) to be added to the Highway Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2001. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 17: Sidewalk Repair/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Repair/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund created in 2011. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 18: Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Recycling Center Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 2012. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 19: Establish Emergency Services Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Emergency Services Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for additions, renovations, and construction of the Emergency Services Building and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 20: Establish Septage Receiving Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Septage Receiving Station Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be used for construction of the Septage Receiving Station at the Whitefield Wastewater Treatment Plant and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 21: Establish Sewer Collection System Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sewer Collection System Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for maintenance, repair, and construction of the Sewer Collection System and to raise and support the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 22: Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) to purchase a Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 23: Wastewater Asset Management Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of developing a Wastewater Asset Management Program for the Town's wastewater assets. The funds are being sought for the development of a program to identify areas of improvement and to maintain sustainable, cost effect and compliant operation of the Town's assets; to authorize the issuance of not more than \$30,000 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and the rate of interest thereon; and to further to authorize the Selectmen to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan. Repayment of the loan funds will include up to 100% forgiveness of loan principal in an amount up to \$30,000. This article is contingent upon the Town receiving loan forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in the amount of \$30,000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (2/3 ballot vote required)

Article 24: Library Roof

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to repair the library roof with said funds coming from unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 25: Fire Department Exhaust Removal System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for an exhaust removal system for the Fire Department. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 26: Pay Off General Obligation Bond

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$68,400) to pay off the General Obligation Bond with Rural Utilities Service (USDA) dated October 27, 2011 which was for the purposes of financing the costs of renovations and improvements to the Whitefield Public Library. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 27: Rescind Solar Energy Property Tax Exemption

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, (which were adopted at the 2016 town meeting), 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 as currently in effect is in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value not to exceed \$50,000 of qualifying equipment under these statutes. (Recommend by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 28: Adopt RSA 41:11-a

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:11-a to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the town. Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 29: Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., Tri County Transit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the operation of Tri County Transit a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 30: 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. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 31: Tri- County Community Action Program Inc., Senior Meals Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800) for the operation of Senior Meals a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 32: 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 cents per capita) for the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 33: North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen Dollars (\$14,913) in support of North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency to assist in the delivery of home health and hospice services to the residents of the Town of Whitefield. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 34: 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, who provided services to twenty-four (24) Whitefield residents in 2018. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 35: 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. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 36: Tri-County Community Action, Coos ServiceLink Resource Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in support of Tri County CAP, Inc., Coos ServiceLink Resource Center. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 37: Saint Paul's Episcopal Church Weekend Food Backpack Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,348) in support of the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church Backpack Program which provides weekend and vacation meals and snacks to eligible children attending the Whitefield Elementary School. This request represents 10% of the anticipated cost of the program for the 2019/2020 school year. The Whitefield School was added to the program in September, 2016 and has served an average of 55 children each week—up from 25 last year. This includes the food and snacks as well as a voucher for ½ gallon of milk each week. Saint Paul's is currently serving an average of 250 students weekly compared to 190 last year in the towns of Stratford, Groveton, Stark, Lancaster, and Whitefield. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 38: Tri-County Community Action Homeless Outreach

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the operation of Homeless Outreach a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 39: Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., Tyler Blain House

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the operation of The Tyler Blain House a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 40. White Mountain Mental Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars and 24 cents (\$2,919.24) for White Mountain Mental Health, recognizing that untreated mental illness results in loss of productivity at work, disruption to families and children, risk to the community and loss of life through suicide. Treatment works, but only if it is available and affordable. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

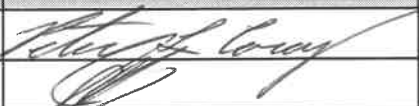

Article 41: Northwoods Estates: Indian Ridge Lane and Sunrise Drive

To see if the Town will vote to accept the road known as Sunrise Drive located off of Northwoods Drive and to accept the road known as Indian Ridge Lane located off of Sunrise Drive, (see Northwoods Estate Subdivision Plan #2715 for specific location), as Class V. Highways pursuant to N.H. R.S.A. 229:1 and N.H. R.S.A. 229:5. (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 42: Establish a Town Forest

Pursuant to RSA 31:110-113, shall the Town establish as Whitefield Town Forest the following parcels:

- Tax Map #234-4.3 (Town of Whitefield, Abutting Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge)
 - Tax Map #234-4.2 (Town of Whitefield, Abutting Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge)
- and that the management of the Whitefield Town Forest be the responsibility of the Whitefield Conservation Commission (per RSA 31:112); any proceeds from the forest (such as a selected timber harvest) shall be placed in a special forest maintenance fund (per RSA 31:113). (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Given under our hands, February 11, 2019		
We certify and attest that on or before February 15, 2019, 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
Peter Corey	Selectperson - Chairperson	
John Tholl	Selectperson	
Stanley Holz	Selectperson	