

Town of Whitefield
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2020

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 10, 2020

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 01-09 are voted on during the day from 8:00 am to 6:00 by ballot.

Article 01. To choose one Selectperson for a three year term; Two Library Trustees for three year terms, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three year term; one Cemetery Trustee for a three year term, one Treasurer for a three year term; one Moderator for a two year term.

Article 02. 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 XIII – Absolute Criteria for All Development, Section 6.29 to change the minimum setback for driveways to 10 feet from side property lines and remove reference to downtown area?

Article 03. 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 add a new Appendix IX to the end of the Code, establishing the Village District as a special zoning district and to adopt a new Zoning Map outlining this District, in which development will be subject to all other parts of the Code but the minimum setback will be 10 feet?

Article 04. 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 Appendix II – Open Space Conservation & Development Criteria, Section III, to correct an obsolete reference, and to amend Appendix IV, Airport Development Criteria, Section II, to correct a typographical error?

Article 05. 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 the introductory paragraph of Article VI – Development Criteria to clarify that the provisions of the various Appendix sections also apply to development applications as appropriate, and to amend the introductory paragraph of Article V – Process for All Development to incorporate all Appendix sections?

Article 06. 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 Article XIII – Absolute Criteria for All Development by adding a new Section 6.35 requiring street frontage of at least 75 feet and to amend Article VII – Procedures, Section 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 to require length of frontage in applications?

Article 07. 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 amend Article XIV – Activity: Commercial by adding bed and breakfast, boarding and rooming house, and short-term rentals to the definition of commercial activities in Section 7.1, and to add those uses to the parking criteria in Section 7.2?

Article 08. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Article XVII – Activity: Residential by adding apartment building and manufactured housing park to the definition of residential uses in Section 10.1, and to add provisions regulating manufactured housing parks to the criteria in Section 10.2?

Article 09. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Appendix I, Definitions, by consolidating and clarifying the definitions of “hotel/motel” and “time-shared unit” and provide that they are not residential uses; to clarify the definition of “commercial use”; to amend the definition of “dwelling” as having a minimum of 400 square feet and to exclude recreational vehicles from the definition; to incorporate frontage requirements in the definition of a “lot”; to clarify the definition of “manufactured home” as including those within manufactured home parks or subdivisions; to change definition references from “modular home” to “pre-site built home” to be consistent with State law; to amend the definition of “residential use” to make it consistent with State law and to clarify that short-term rentals are not residential uses; to add a definition of “short-term rental”; and to delete definitions of “condominium/hotel” and “modular home”, each of which are being replaced by other terms?

Article 10: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,861,298 for general municipal operations, as detailed below. 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 - \$110,605
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics - \$90,732
Financial Administration - \$124,774
Legal/Consultants/Forester - \$147,000
Planning & Zoning - \$4,500
General Government Buildings - \$43,500
Cemeteries - \$32,000
Insurance - \$81,618
NHMA Dues - \$1,915
Other General Government - \$4,912

Public Safety

Police Department - \$616,985
Fire-Rescue - \$300,085
Safety & Emergency Management - \$4,085

Airport Operations - \$9,000

Highways/Streets & Bridges

Highways, Streets & Bridges - \$790,559
Street Lighting - \$14,000

Sanitation

Transfer Station/Solid Waste Collection - \$163,840
Sewage Collection/Disposal & Other - \$30,000

Health

Health Officer - \$2,154
Vet Service - \$500

Welfare

Welfare/Direct Assistance - \$21,000

Culture & Recreation

Parks & Recreation - \$98,550
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 - \$107,605
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes - \$23,751
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes - \$7,500

Municipal Sewer Department

Operation & Maintenance Expenses - \$426,981

Municipal Water Department

Operation & Maintenance Expenses - \$543,922

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 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) 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 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Road Projects Capital Reserve Fund created in 2013. (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-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) 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: Emergency Services Building 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 Emergency Services Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 20: Septage Receiving Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Septage Receiving Station Capital Reserve Fund under created in 2019. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 21: Sewer Collection System 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 Sewer Collection System Capital Reserve Fund created in 2019. (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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 23: Jaws-of-Life Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to purchase Jaws-of-Life Equipment for Whitefield Fire Rescue. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 24: Speed Enforcement Signs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) to purchase and install Speed Enforcement Signs. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 25: Repair & Pave Parker Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) to repair and pave Parker Road. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 26: Electric Vehicular Charging Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of installing an Electric Vehicular Charging Station, with Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to come from grants. This article is contingent on the receipt of grants. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 27: Discontinue Lunn Drive

To see if the Town will vote to completely discontinue Lunn Drive, effective June 1, 2020, at the intersection of Jefferson Road (Route 116) and running 325 feet to the residence at 16 Lunn Drive. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 28: Class V Public Road - Airport Road Extension

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V public road the Airport Road extension connecting Airport Road to Localizer Drive, as dedicated to the Town by Presby Plastics, Inc. through a Public Right-of-Way easement Deed dated July 11, 2019 and recorded at the Coos County Registry of Deeds at Book 1515, Page 976, pursuant to RSA 229:1. (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 Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) 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 602 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 Sliding Scale Program, who provided services to twenty-nine(29) Whitefield residents in 2019. (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: Androscoggin Valley Home Care

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in support of Androscoggin Valley Home Care and the Seniors it supports in the community. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 37: Tri-County Community Action Homeless Intervention & Prevention Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$1,180) to support Tri County CAP's Homeless Intervention and Prevention Program, 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 38: Tri-County Community Action Fuel Assistance Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,050 {Three Thousand and Fifty Dollars) for the operation of Fuel Assistance Program, 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: White Mountain Mental Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen Dollars (\$2,919) 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 40. Resolution to Oppose Landfill Development

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Whitefield, hereby present by petition the following resolution for inclusion as a Warrant Article at the 2020 Town Meeting:

Resolution to Oppose Landfill Development


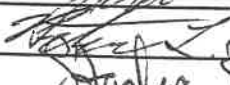
To see if the town will vote to declare its opposition to a landfill development in Dalton.

1. Casella's proposed landfill in Dalton, being on the Whitefield side of Dalton Ridge, will affect the quality of life in Whitefield much more than Dalton. The town can expect decades of negative

impacts and little or no public benefit in service to Casella's corporate goals, among them the importation of out of state trash anticipated to fill 30-40% of the dump's capacity

2. Communities located near Casella landfills, including Bethlehem, NH and Coventry, VT, report those dump's negative effects on public health and their quality of life including water and air contamination, heavy truck traffic, noise and scavenger animals.
3. Major concerns for Whitefield include
 - a. **TRUCK TRAFFIC AND SPILLS:** Up to **90 trash hauling trucks making round trips daily**, as well as tankers with toxic landfill leachate, are planned rolling past our Elementary School and right through the center of town to Rte 116--then back again to Rt. 3.
 - b. **A RUINED FOREST LAKE:** Forest Lake and nearby waterbodies are vulnerable to **water pollution from toxic materials entering surface waters or leaching into groundwater.** In addition, **fecal contamination** from thriving seagull populations is expected to limit recreational activity and damage aquatic life. The abutting Forest Lake State Park and Beach will be **within range of sickening odors and gas emissions** that often plague neighborhoods near landfills
 - c. **FALLING PROPERTY VALUES:** Homes and lands within several miles of a landfill often lose property value. When this happens, residents ask for **assessment reductions**, resulting in lowered property tax revenues for the town.

Therefore, we declare Whitefield's strong opposition to Casella's proposed landfill in Dalton and that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the State Governor, our State Senators and Representatives, Governor's Council Members and NH Dept. of Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management Bureau. (By Petition)

Given under our hands, February 10, 2020		
We certify and attest that on or before February 17, 2020, 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
John Tholl	Selectperson - Chairperson	
Peter Corey	Selectperson	
Stanley Holz	Selectperson	