

Town of Piermont  
New Hampshire  
Warrant and Budget  
2017

To the inhabitants of the town of Piermont in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs you are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 14, 2017

Time: 10 AM

Location: Old Church Building

Details: Polling booths are open 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM. At 6:30 PM the meeting will adjourn to reconvene at 7:30 PM at the Piermont Village School in said Town of Piermont for consideration of the remaining articles on this  
WARRANT

**Article 01: To Elect Officers**

To choose by non-partisan ballot a Selectman for a term of three (3) years; a Treasurer for a term of one (1) year; a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years; a Road Agent for a term of three (3) years; and two Library Trustees for a term of three (3) years each.

**Article 02: Saturday Session of Town Meeting**

To vote by non-partisan ballot to see if the residents are in favor of authorizing the Selectmen to choose a second session of town meeting:

Do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the Selectmen, for transaction of other business. (*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0*) (Majority vote required)

**Article 03: To Define "Agriculture"**

To vote by non-partisan ballot to see if the residents are in favor of amending Article IV of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, definitions, to add the following definition as proposed by the Planning Board.

Amend Article IV, Definitions to add the following definition: "Agriculture-Farming: A wide variety of activities related to: the tillage of the soil; production of compost; the raising and sale of livestock, horses, birds, fish and insects, including the use, storage and transportation of agricultural equipment, materials and supplies; marketing of any of the above items. Refer to RSA 21:34a for complete definition"  
(*The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0*)

**Article 04: To Amend Zoning Ordinance**

To vote by non-partisan ballot to see if the residents are in favor of amending Article VIII, Section 2.12, as proposed by the Planning Board, by deleting the existing Section 2.12 and replacing it with:

The purpose of yard sales - including garage sales, barn sales, moving sales - is to sell unwanted, used household type items. Under no circumstances should such sales be considered to be a home-based business or a "flea market" or any other activity for selling new merchandise or goods unrelated to a homeowner's personal property. Agricultural sales as defined in RSA 21:34a are exempt from this ordinance. The number of yard sales held along a public roadway will be limited to three (3) days per month, four (4) times a year per property owner or tenant[s].

Anyone wishing to operate a yard sale shall notify the Piermont Police Department no less than 24 hours prior to the sale. Notification shall include the location of the sale and the proposed times and dates of the event. The violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of Fifty (\$50) dollars for each day the offense continues. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)*

#### **Article 05: Operating Budget of the Town**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand One Hundred Forty Four dollars (\$1,230,144) to be raised by Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000) Hazard Mitigation Grant, Two Hundred and Eighty Seven Thousand dollars (\$287,000) NH DOT Grant and Nine Hundred and Forty Thousand One Hundred and Forty Four dollars (\$940,144) by general taxation for general municipal operations. This does not include special or individual articles. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)*

#### **Article 06: Sewer District Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Fifty Six dollars (\$32,056) for the Sewer District to be funded through sewer user fees with no amount to be raised by taxes. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)*

#### **Article 07: To Purchase New Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the purchase of a new one-ton truck with plow, sander and dump for the use by the Road Agent, at a cost not to exceed Eighty Eight Thousand and Forty Nine dollars (\$88,049) and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the funds to pay for the truck and negotiate a note payable over a term of 5 years. Further to raise and appropriate Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine dollars (\$19,899) for the first year's payment. In each of the following years the appropriation of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine dollars will be contained in the operating budget. 2/3 majority vote required for passage. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.21

#### **Article 08: Additional Ambulance Coverage**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement to provide alternative ambulance coverage for the Lake Armington area of Piermont by Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service and Lakes Region Dispatch. No amount to be raised by general taxation in 2017. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)*

#### **Article 09: Indian Pond Road Maintenance**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$10,500) for the purpose of grinding and adding material to the section of Indian Pond Road starting at Neil Robie's driveway and going as far as the former Hamilton house. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.11

#### **Article 10: Indian Pond Road Maintenance**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Three Thousand dollars (\$43,000) for the purpose of paving and shouldering the section of Indian Pond Road from Patty Field's driveway to Alex Medicott's driveway. This is the section of road that was rebuilt in 2013 and left unpaved at the time. *(The Selectmen voted 1-1 on this article)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.45

#### **Article 11: Add to Town Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.05

**Article 12: Add to Town Bridge ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Town Bridge Expendable Trust Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.01

**Article 13: Add to New Building CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the New Building Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.10

**Article 14: Add to Town RC/TS ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Recycling/Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.05

**Article 15: Add to Town Fire & Emergency Vehicles CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Fire and Emergency Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.05

**Article 16: Add to Town Revaluation CRF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.06

**Article 17: Add to Police Training and Equipment ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Six dollars (\$3,106) to be added to the Police Training and Equipment Trust Fund with the funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2016. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* This warrant article will have no impact on the tax rate.

**Article 18: Non-Profit Donations**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six dollars (\$13,156) for the following charitable organizations: *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* The tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.14

Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH	\$3,250
Tri-County Community Action	\$1,200
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	\$3,000
Support Center at Burch House	\$345
Tri-County CAP Tyler Blaine Homeless Shelter	\$250
Northern Human Services, White Mountain Health	\$896
Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc.	\$335
Bridge House	\$2,000
Good Shepherd Ecumenical Food Bank	\$790
Public Health Council of the Upper Valley	\$590
CASA	\$500
Total Charitable Organizations	<u>\$13,156</u>

#### **Article 19: To establish an ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Underhill Canoe Campsite Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the Conservation Commission to maintain the Underhill Canoe Campsite and the Sarah Moore Canoe Access and to raise and appropriate \$4,077 to be placed in said fund, with the funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2016; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from that fund. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)* (Majority vote required) This warrant article will have no impact on the tax rate.

#### **Article 20: Petition Warrant Article**

To see if the residents are in favor of immediately voiding and terminating any and all recently awarded property assessment contract(s) with Avitar Associates of New England, Inc., on the grounds that the contracts was improperly awarded without due diligence on the part of the Selectboard.

Upon approval of Article Sixteen by the legislative body to terminate the Avitar contract(s), to vote by non-partisan ballot to see if the residents will require the Selectboard to:

- A) Take all proper steps to legally terminate the Avitar contract as soon as possible in accordance with all applicable State laws;
- B) Prepare an RFT for a replacement contract in accordance with DRA Rev 600;
- c) Properly advertise the RFT locally and state-wide for a period of not less than two weeks;
- d) Ensure that all proposals are opened in a properly-called public meeting;
- e) Ensure all received proposals are openly discussed at a properly-called public meeting;
- f) Ensure that the final award of the contract(s) to the successful bidder shall duly consider the opinions and requests of Piermont citizens.

#### **Article 21: Petition Warrant Article**

To see if the Town will vote "No Confidence" in the Piermont Board of Selectmen: Randy Subjeck and Teran Mertz. If the vote is affirmative, the Town asks that both Board members resign. We then ask that a special election occur to vote in a new Selectman to replace them, using the remainder of their terms.  
(This is a Petition Warrant Article)

#### **Article 22: To increase polling hours**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the polling hours from 10 AM - 7 PM, to 7 AM - 7 PM. *(The Selectmen RECOMMEND this article 2-0)*

#### **Article 23: Petition Warrant Article**

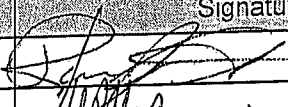
To see if the residents of Piermont are in favor of the Board of Selectmen, following the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) re-licensing process and information on the Connecticut River, would request that TransCanada Corporation or any subsequent owners, modify current dam operations and create a mitigation fund to reimburse towns and landowners for any and all damages as a result of the operation of the Connecticut River Dams. (Wilder, Vernon, Bellows Falls)

#### **Article 24: All other business**

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hands, February 27, 2017

We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2017 we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Post Office, Four Corner Store and delivered the original to the Town Clerk

Printed Name	Position	Signature
RANDY SUBJECK	CHAIR	
COLIN STUBBINS	SELECTMAN	