

**2015 TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Offices, 27 Main Street, in said Francestown on Tuesday, the Tenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting of Article 1 through 3 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1:

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
(By Official Ballot)

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 41:45-a, to combine the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector to be held by one individual. The Town Clerk-Tax Collector shall be first elected to a three year term at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. (By Official Ballot)

ARTICLE 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption the amendment to Article IV: SIGNS of the Francestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board?

*This amendment would modify parameters for on-premises commercial signs and temporary signs and prohibit off-premise signage. **The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.***

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Francestown Elementary School on Saturday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED (\$1,619,200) DOLLARS to pay the normal operating costs of the Town, such sum to be raised by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED (\$489,100) DOLLARS to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$7,500	Future Replacement of Fire Equipment
\$125,000	Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment

\$205,000	Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges
\$1,600	Future Cemetery Improvements
\$15,000	Future Replacement of Police Vehicles
\$25,000	Future Replacement of Fire Trucks
\$100,000	Future Town Building Improvements
\$10,000	Future Appraisal of Real Estate

Such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (\$89,600) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus and THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$399,500) DOLLARS by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (\$1,600) DOLLARS to be added to the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust, an Expendable Trust Fund (said amount representing revenue received from the sale of cemetery lots in the year 2014), with such sum to be raised from the Undesignated Fund Surplus. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000) DOLLARS to be added to the Master Plan Update Fund, an Expendable Trust Fund, with such sum to be raised from the Undesignated Fund Surplus. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS to complete various Town building projects, generally outlined as:

\$70,000	for an exhaust treatment system for the Fire Station
\$30,000	for Town Office exterior painting, clapboard repairs, and window replacements

Such sum to be withdrawn from the "Future Town Building Improvements Capital Reserve", or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote that in lieu of statutory fees the Town Clerk-Tax Collector shall be paid an annual salary of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND (\$34,000) DOLLARS beginning in 2016. Such salary shall be included in the Town's operating budget going forward and shall be subject to increases or decreases as voted by Town Meeting. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000) DOLLARS to purchase a rescue truck, such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND (\$130,000) DOLLARS from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement of Fire Trucks" and the acceptance of TWENTY

THOUSAND (\$20,000) DOLLARS from Mt. Crotched Firefighters’ Association, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND (\$24,000) DOLLARS for the treatment of invasive milfoil in Scoby Pond (aka Haunted Lake), SIX THOUSAND (\$6,000) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of grants and EIGHTEEN THOUSAND (\$18,000) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500) DOLLARS to fund milfoil prevention efforts at Pleasant Pond by contributing to the funding of boat monitors between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2015, such sum to be raised by taxation, or to take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 5-0.**

ARTICLE 13:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand fifteen.

Betsy Hardwick

Scott S. Carbee

Abigail Arnold

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

Betsy Hardwick

Scott S. Carbee

Abigail Arnold

Francestown Board of Selectmen