2013 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 Twelfth 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 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)

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 Sixteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 2:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND SIXTY-SEVEN ($1,547,067) DOLLARS to pay the normal operating costs of the Town, such sum to be raised by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 3:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND AND SEVEN HUNDRED ($369,700) DOLLARS to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

$ 5,000	Future Replacement of Fire Equipment
$ 85,000	Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment
$ 150,000	Future Town Road Improvements
$ 120,000	Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges
$ 4,700	Future Cemetery Improvements
$ 5,000	Future Replacement of Police Vehicles

Such sums to be raised by the withdrawal of FORTY ONE THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY ($41,850) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus and THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY ($327,850) DOLLARS by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation**.

ARTICLE 4:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ($180,000) DOLLARS for the continuance of the reconstruction of Pleasant Pond Road, work to begin at the point where it ended last year and to continue as far as funding allows, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Town Road Improvements." **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 5:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND THREE HUNDRED ($25,300) DOLLARS to complete the basement support modifications to bring the first floor up to assembly load as part of the structural repairs at the Town Hall, such sum to be raised by the acceptance of grants in the amount of ELEVEN THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED ($11,800) DOLLARS and the withdrawal of THIRTEEN THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED ($13,500) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 6:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ($280,000) DOLLARS to purchase a motor grader, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement of Highway Equipment," or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 7:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND ($1,400,000) DOLLARS for the replacement of Town Bridges, such sum to be raised by the acceptance of grant funds and the withdrawal of up to TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ($280,000) DOLLARS from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges", or take any other action related thereto. This is a special non-lapsing warrant article until the project is complete or December 31, 2018, whichever comes sooner, pursuant to RSA 32:7 (IV). **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 8:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED ($24,400) DOLLARS to purchase a defibrillator, such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of TWELVE THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED ($12,200) DOLLARS from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement of Fire Equipment" and the acceptance of TWELVE THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED ($12,200) DOLLARS from Mt. Crotched Firefighters' Association, or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 9:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE ($18,575) DOLLARS for the treatment of invasive milfoil in Scoby Pond (aka Haunted Lake), SEVEN THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ($7,430) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of a grant and ELEVEN THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE ($11,145) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 10:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND AND 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 2013, such sum to be raised by taxation, or to take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation**

ARTICLE 11:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND AND SEVEN HUNDRED ($4,700) DOLLARS, such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus and deposited into the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust , said amount representing revenue received from the sale of cemetery lots in the year 2012. **The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 12:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND ($30,000) DOLLARS to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Town Building Improvements", such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of SEVEN THOUSAND ($7,000) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus and TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND ($23,000) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this appropriation; the majority of the Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 13:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND ($45,000) DOLLARS to perform the necessary work to allow for the removal of the six temporary posts as part of the structural repairs to the Town Hall, TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED ($22,500) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation and TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED ($22,500) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of grants and or private donations. This is a special non-lapsing warrant article until the project is complete or December 31, 2018, whichever comes sooner, pursuant to RSA 32:7 (IV). Funds from taxation will not be expended unless and until other matching funds materialize. **The majorities of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee do not recommend this appropriation.**

ARTICLE 14:
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with RSA 33:7-b, to borrow funds during construction, in anticipation of receipt of full payment of 80% of the project costs from the State of New Hampshire upon completion of the projects outlined in Article 7 of the 2012 Town Warrant and Article 7 of the 2013 Town Warrant. No funds are to be borrowed until confirmation is received from the state that the town will receive grant payments. This article requires a 2/3 ballot vote. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.**

ARTICLE 15:
To see if the Town will vote to support the Board of Selectmen's recommendation that the title of "Administrative Assistant" be changed to "Town Administrator" to more accurately reflect the responsibilities of the job, or taken any other action related thereto. The salary and benefits for this position are contained in the operating budget (Advisory). **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article.**

ARTICLE 16:
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue electing a treasurer and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a town treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26e. **The majority of the Board of Selectmen recommends this article.**

ARTICLE 17:
To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand thirteen.

Scott S. Carbee

Abigail Arnold

Betsy Hardwick

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

Scott S. Carbee

Abigail Arnold

Betsy Hardwick

Francestown Board of Selectmen