2017 OFFICIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Host Community Agreement negotiated by the Select Board and North Country Environmental Services, Inc., a copy of which is available in the Select Board’s office and on the Bethlehem Website. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 5: To determine if the Town will ratify and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other applications voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget presented with the warrant as amended by vote of the first reading, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $2,877,679 (Two Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $2,816,209 (Two Million Eight Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars). Which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by the two new governing board may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X on 9%, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14, to authorize the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation thereon. After the Selectmen receive the recommendation of the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, they shall hold public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale. RSA 41:14:4 also provides that upon the written petition of 50 registered voters presented to the Selectmen, prior to the Selectmen’s vote, the proposed acquisition or sale shall be inserted as an article in the warrant for the next town meeting. The Selectmen’s vote shall take place no sooner than 7 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing is held. The provisions of RSA 41:14:4 shall not apply to the sale of land and the Selectmen shall have no authority to sell (a) town-owned cemetery land which is managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A:4; (b) Any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:11 and managed under RSA 31:12; and (c) Any real estate that has been given, deeded, or bequeathed to the Town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 1:68-b:1 or RSA 647:3-d. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to ratify the acceptance of the gift of land donated to the Town by the Livingston Investment Trust, said land being Tax Map #13 Lot #48. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 8: To determine if the Town will appropriate the proceeds of RSA 31:90-c to restrict 30% of the revenue from the Host Community Fees (HCF) paid to the Town by North Country Environmental Services, its successors or assigns, for the purpose of retaining a portion of the HCF to be used for future solid waste disposal needs of the Town and its residents at such time the landfill no longer has capacity or accepts Municipal Solid Waste at the landfill. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a separate revenue fund to be known as “Special Revenue-Fund-Future Solid Waste Needs” separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a copy of the legislative body-funding a special account must be filed for a specific purpose related to the disposal of the fund’s source of revenue. It is the intent of the Meeting to annually raise 30% of the HCF to offset the cost of landfill 5-yearly when the Town closes to specifically fund to provide for the Town’s solid waste collection, and/or disposed, and/or transportation to another facility. The establishment of this fund is contingent on the passage of Article 4. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $126,000 (One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $290,000 (Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Officer Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to the purchase of a new fiber system for the post and have it installed. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $220,000 (Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of Mapping and GIS Development which includes MLT parcel data update, special recreation and GPS field data collection. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $140,000 (One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200,000 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Officer Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article)

Articles: 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
Article 24: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($5,500) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the ServicesLink Resource Center for services for Bethelham residents in 2017. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outings, housekeeping, ServicesLink Support, and more. In FY2016-17 Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 150 Bethelham residents. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article.)

☐ YES ☐ NO
564 257

Article 25: To raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($5,800) for Sommermussen Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provides primary preventative care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 320 current BETHLEHEM patients, as well as many more of those in need. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article.)

☐ YES ☐ NO
435 322

Article 26: To raise and appropriate the sum of $7,200.00 for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Bethelham. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article.)

☐ YES ☐ NO
455 300

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,121.32 as the Town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Community Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and developmental service needs of Bethelham residents. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article.)

☐ YES ☐ NO
432 333

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North County in order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school and vacation camp environment for children from Bethelham and the local community. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article.)

☐ YES ☐ NO
414 319

Article 29: To raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for Northwoods Home Health & Hospice to be used to assist in the delivery of home health and hospice services to the residents of this Town of Bethelham. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article.)

☐ YES ☐ NO
564 257

OFFICIAL WARRANT ARTICLES BALLOT
for the
Town of Bethelham, NH

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