

**2014 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 Eleventh 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 8 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:

Are you in favor of authorizing the Planning Board to make editorial and structural amendments to the Francestown zoning ordinance, without changing its substance, as proposed by the planning board in order to allow code reference updates and provide consistency with State Law, titles and numbering? (By Official Ballot)

The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.

ARTICLE 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: remove Section 3.1.4 Merger of Lots? (By Official Ballot)

*The intent of this amendment is to bring the ordinance into conformity with state statutes. Municipalities may no longer merge lots without consent of the owner. **The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.***

ARTICLE 4:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: replace old regulations with current state reference language in Article II-A.6.3(2), Shoreland Overlay District, Permitted Uses? (By Official Ballot)

*This proposal would replace outdated regulations related to the cutting of trees within the Shoreland Overlay District with a reference to new State regulations and as amended. **The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.***

ARTICLE 5:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 3 as proposed by the planning board for the Francestown zoning ordinance as follows: add language to Section II-A.2.6(a)(2) Wetlands and Vernal Pool District, Prohibited Uses? (By Official Ballot)

*This proposal would relax current requirements to allow above-ground propane tanks if located at least 50 feet from the district boundary. The current ordinance prohibits location within 100 feet of the district boundary. **The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.***

ARTICLE 6:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 4 as proposed by the planning board for the Frankestown zoning ordinance as follows: add the words “to maintain an environment amenable to agricultural and farming activities” to the purposes in the Preamble to the zoning ordinance? (By Official Ballot)

*The intent of this proposal is to emphasize the importance of retaining farming and agriculture activities and possibilities in Frankestown. **The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.***

ARTICLE 7:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 5 as proposed by the planning board for the Frankestown zoning ordinance as follows: remove the stand-alone section of the ordinance Life Safety Code while retaining the Life Safety Code reference in its current position within the Inspector of Buildings and Approval of Building Plans section of the Ordinance? (By Official Ballot)

*The proposal preserves Life Safety Code requirements and clarifies appeals procedures and enforcement. **The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of this article.***

ARTICLE 8:

Are you in favor of Amendment # 6 as proposed by the planning board for the Frankestown zoning ordinance as follows: allow Farm Roadside Stands as a permitted use? (By Official Ballot)

*This proposal would a) add Article 3.16, “Farm Roadside Stands” which will make farm stands a permitted use, provided certain performance standards are met, instead of a use by special exception, and; b) allow such farm stands in the front setback area, and c) add or modify definitions and Table 2 related to such change. **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 Frankestown will be held at the Frankestown Elementary School on Saturday, the Fifteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the Town will act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$350,000 (“gross” basis) to finance a capital project for design, engineering, rehabilitation, reconstruction, repair, improvement and equipping of the Town Hall located at 2 New Boston Road and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$350,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with RSA 33 and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date,

maturities, denominations, interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, place of payment, form and other details of such bonds or notes and to enter into such agreements as are necessary to accomplish the financing and completion of such project. The appropriation made by this article will be a special nonlapsing appropriation per RSA 32 and will not lapse until such project is completed or December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. A 2/3 vote by ballot is required. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 2-1 and the Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this article 2-2.**

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to require that that NO municipal or other public funds may be spent by the Town on engineering studies, maintenance, repairs or replacement of Cressy Hill Road, and any bridges located thereon, in the section where said road is a Class VI road as defined within the town's master plan, and further affirmed by the below described "Agreement." The section of said road to which this article applies is described as follows: from the intersection of Cressy Hill Road with Russell Station road to that point at the B. Hardwick driveway where the said Cressy Hill Road then changes from a Class VI road to a Class A trail, as voted in Article 19 at Town Meeting March 17, 2001.

The declared purpose and intent of this article is to acknowledge and enforce the provisions of that Agreement and Release, "Agreement," recorded with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds on July 3, 1997 in Book 5829, Page 804, pursuant to and as required by RSA 674:41, which under said statute was a condition precedent to, and on which the Town relied, in granting at that time a building permit on said road to the landowner who signed the said Agreement, and under which permit said landowner did construct a residence. The land for which the building permit was issued, and which is subject to said Agreement, is described in the deed recorded with the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds in Book 5816, Page 588, and shown on the Tax Map of the Town as Lot 3 Map 8. Said Agreement specifically provides, in pertinent part, that the "Landowner's real property fronts a Class VI highway," that "Landowner...does hereby forever release and discharge the TOWN...from the obligation of maintaining said road..." and the "Landowner agrees that at his/her own expense or at the expense of him/herself and other owners of property located on the Road, to clear, repair and reconstruct the Road and any bridges located thereon to the standards prescribed by the Board of Selectmen..." (BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY (\$1,592,670) 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 3-1.**

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED (\$477,200) DOLLARS to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds in the following manner:

\$5,000	Future Replacement of Fire Equipment
\$60,000	Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment

\$350,000 Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges
\$2,200 Future Cemetery Improvements
\$10,000 Future Replacement of Police Vehicles
\$50,000 Future Replacement of Fire Trucks

Such sums to be raised by the withdrawal of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$112,200) DOLLARS from Undesignated Fund Surplus and THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$365,000) DOLLARS by taxation. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 4-0.**

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$95,000) DOLLARS to complete various Town building related maintenance projects and equipment upgrades, generally outlined as:

\$30,000 for resurfacing of the Town Clock and exterior maintenance to the Town Hall
\$20,000 for heating system upgrades to the Fire Station
\$15,000 for Town building alarm system upgrades
\$15,000 for clapboard repairs and painting of the Fire Station
\$8,000 for a generator for the Town Hall Annex
\$7,000 for Town Office file server

Such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this article 2-2.**

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$110,000) DOLLARS for the replacement of the bridge on Scoby Road over Scoby Outlet, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Repair and Replacement of Bridges" or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 4-0.**

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$70,000) DOLLARS to purchase and outfit a dump truck, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement or Purchase of Highway Equipment," or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 3-1.**

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND (\$38,000) DOLLARS to purchase and outfit a police cruiser, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Replacement of Police Vehicles," or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 4-0.**

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS to complete a statistical revaluation of all real estate as set forth by the Department of Revenue Administration, such sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Appraisal of Real Estate," or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 4-0.**

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND AND TWENTY (\$17,020) DOLLARS for the treatment of invasive milfoil in Scoby Pond (aka Haunted Lake), SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHT (\$6,808) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of grants, FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO (\$4,932) DOLLARS to be raised by taxation, and FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (\$5,280) DOLLARS to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, or take any other action related thereto. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee does not recommend this article 2-2.**

ARTICLE 19:

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 2014, 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 4-0.**

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA Chapter 31:19-a titled the "Master Plan Update Fund" for the purpose of funding updates to the Town's Master Plan and related documents under the direction of the Planning Board, to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000) DOLLARS to be placed in this fund with such sum to be withdrawn from Undesignated Fund Surplus, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 3-1.**

ARTICLE 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (\$3,600) DOLLARS to purchase a traffic data collection device, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$1,800) DOLLARS to be raised by the acceptance of a grant and ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (\$1,800) 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 does not recommend this article 0-4.**

ARTICLE 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$2,200) 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 2013. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0 and the Budget Advisory Committee recommends this article 4-0.**

ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the actions taken under Article 17 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting and all prior warrant articles regarding purchasing limits and further to vote that the Board of Selectmen is authorized and required to adopt purchasing policies governing the expenditure of Town funds to ensure that efforts shall be made to see that prices for supplies, equipment, and services reflect optimum utilization of funds. **The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-0.**

ARTICLE 24:

By petition of Lawrie Barr and other eligible voters of the Town of Frankestown, NH to see if the town will vote to urge:

That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that: 1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and 2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation support such constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

And furthermore, that this Town Meeting vote be a record that We the People want Congress and our state legislature to:

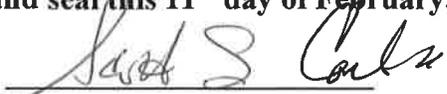
- Institute full, effective and immediate electronic disclosure of all election-related spending by any individual, group, corporation, party or institution.
- Provide for fair, nonpartisan and vigorous enforcement of existing campaign laws and regulations by federal and state agencies.
- Enact an absolute ban on campaign contributions by foreign governments, foreign agencies, foreign corporations or their subsidiaries and employees in the U.S.
- Enact legislation that would cut down the influence of big bankroll donors by multiplying the power of small donations through the use of voter vouchers, tax credits and matching public funds.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Frankestown's congressional delegation, and to Frankestown's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Board of Selectmen within 30 days of the vote. (BY PETITION)

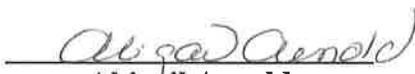
ARTICLE 25:

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 fourteen.



Scott S. Carbee



Abigail Arnold

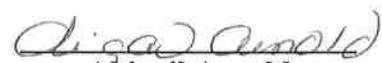


Betsy Hardwick

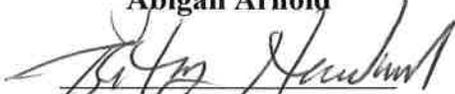
A true copy of Warrant-Attest:



Scott S. Carbee



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Francestown Board of Selectmen

