

June 7, 2021

TO THE VOTERS OF DALTON, NH

Re: Proposed Change to the Order of Warrant Articles

The Moderator proposes the following changes in the order in which the Warrant Articles are considered at the June 8, 2021 Town Meeting. This information was shared with the Select Board on June 7, 2021.

The Select Board has recommended discussion with the Moderator at the Select Board meeting (working session) on June 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm (remote meeting via zoom, with the log-on information posted on the Select Board website). It is possible further changes in the order of Warrant Articles may be recommended.

At the beginning of the Town Meeting, the voters will have the opportunity to vote whether or not to accept the proposed changes in the order of the Warrant Articles.

Thank you,

- Jo Beth

Jo Beth Dudley

Dalton Select Board, Chair

May 26, 2021

Subject: Dalton town Meeting, June 8, 2021

Order of presentation of warrant articles: Natch Graves from the NHMA legal office has verified that I can, as Moderator, change the order of Warrant Articles presentation. I will state at the beginning of the town meeting I have done so and will list the presentation as follows:

- 1) Election of Officers once the votes have been tallied
- 2) Article 11:, To Extend the ETZ for 1 year
To see if the town will vote to continue for 1 additional year the temporary zoning enacted under the provisions of RSA 67 4:24-29. If a majority of those present and voting on said article vote in the affirmative, the provisions of RSA 676 4:24-29 shall remain in effect in the town for one year from the date of such meeting. If a majority of those present and voting on the article vote in the negative, the provisions of RSA 67 4:24-29 shall cease to be in effect. Select Board recommends this article, majority vote required.SB
- 3) Article 2: Operating Budget; To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy Two thousand One Hundred Eighty Three Dollars, (\$872,183) for the General Town Operations.
- 4) Article 17) Master plan Update: To see if the town will vote to establish a Master Plan Update Capitol Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for updating the Town's Master Plan and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in this fund. Further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommends this article, majority vote required.
- 5) Article 19) By Petition, Imposing a limitation on legal fees: To see if the town of Dalton will vote to limit the dollar amount spent by the Select Board on legal fees concerning businesses considering doing business in Dalton to a yearly amount of \$10,000. Not recommended by the Select Board, majority vote required.
- 6) Article 21) By Petition; Restrictions on Running for town offices. To see if the Town of Dalton will vote in an ordinance for" integrity and moral structure" prohibiting either a person from being elected to the Select Board if a relative works for the town or preventing a person from working

in any capacity for the town in which that person's earnings and hours are controlled by the Select Board either directly or via the department budget. This is not recommended by the Select Board, a majority vote is required.

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- 7) Article 12) Fireworks Ordinance; To see if the town will adopt a Fireworks Ordinance, requiring users to a permit prior to discharging fireworks, pursuant to RSA Chapter 160-B The Select Board recommends this article, majority vote required.
- 8) Article 18) by Petition; Negotiate HCA with Casella; (Secret Ballot) To see if the people will vote to demand the Select Board to immediately start negotiations with Casella to develop an equitable Host Community Agreement, that there will be a special town meeting on this agreement no earlier than July 31, 2021 and no later than August 30, 2021 and to put the town's voters best interests forward. This article confirms the sense of the town that the town's voters-all of us, not just the Forest Lake Faction-should make the key decisions about the proposed landfill. The sense of the town is that the select board is not working for the entire town but instead is working only for Forest Lake.

It is the sense of the town that the select board is not taking into account the huge benefits the landfill would have for all Dalton taxpayers, including the possibility of the landfill paying our property tax bills in full. Instead the select board is stonewalling, refusing to negotiate with the landfill sponsor and potentially setting up our taxpayers to have to waste millions in legal fees to fight the landfill in a losing battle without the town's support.

The sense of the town is that the select board should immediately start negotiations with the Host Community Agreement with the landfill sponsor. This should be done with the direct participation of a citizen's committee open to all who volunteer.

It is the sense of the town that the select board and the citizen's committee should negotiate the best possible deal for the town of and for the taxpayers and then put the agreement up for a town wide vote at a special town meeting. The special meeting should be no later than June 30, 2021.

It is the sense of the town that this approach will put the landfill decisions where they should be, with the town's voters as a whole and not just the Forest Lake faction or their representatives on the select board. This article is not recommended by the Select Board, majority vote required, SB

- 9) Article 20), By Petition; Requiring 3 Bids To see if the town of Dalton will vote in an ordinance requiring the Select Board to get 3 bids on any equipment purchase or repair or building repair needing to be done for the town exceeding \$2,000.00. The exception is emergency vehicle repairs or building maintenance. The Select Board does not recommend this, Majority vote required.
- 10) Article 3) Town Building CRF ;To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Town Owned Buildings Improvement, Expansion and Renovation Capitol Reserve Fund. Select Board recommends this, majority vote required
- 11) Article 4), Sewer Pump CRF; To see if the town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars , (\$2,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capitol Reserve fund. Select Board recommends this; majority vote required
- 12) Article 5), Highway Dept CRF to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five Thousand dollars,(\$25,000),to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capitol Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this, majority vote required
- 13) Article 06) Paving CRF to see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy five Thousand dollars , (\$75,000) to be added to the Paving Capitol Reserve Fund the Select Board recommends this, majority vote required
- 14) Article 07), Fire Dept Vehicle Equipment 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 Fire Department Vehicle Equipment Capitol Reserve Fund The Select Board recommends this, majority vote required
- 15) Article 08), Fire/EMS Equipment CRF, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be added to the Fire/EMS equipment Capitol reserve Fund the Select Board recommends this, Majority vote required
- 16) Article 14) Sale of the Fire Tanker Truck; To see if the town will vote to authorize the sale of the fire tanker truck. Proceed, net of the associated costs (advertising, legal etc) to be returned to the general fund. Select Board recommends this, majority vote required.
- 17) Article 13) Sale of the police cruiser; to see if the town will vote to authorize the sale of the police cruiser. Proceeds, net of associated costs,

(advertising, legal title transfer etc.) to be returned to the general fund. Select Board recommends this; majority vote required.

- 18) Article 15) Legal Fund; To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate to sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Legal CRF previously established. Select Board recommends this, majority vote required.
- 19) Article 17) Dispatch Service; To see if the town will vote to establish a Dispatch Service Capitol Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding a shared emergency services dispatch center and to raise and appropriate to sum of \$2,500 to be placed in this fund. Further to name the Select Board members as agents to expend from this fund. Select Board recommends this, majority vote required.
- 20) Article 09) Discontinue Pay Per Bag Expendable Trust fund; To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Pay Per Bag Expendable Trust Fund created in 2001. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 10; the Select Board recommends this, Majority vote required.
- 21) Article 10) Establish Revolving Fund for Pay per Bag Program; to see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Pay Per Bag Transfer Station Support Program, Twenty five percent, (25%) of the revenues received for Transfer Station from sale of transfer station "Pay Per Bag" will be deposited into the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund. The town Treasure shall have custody of the money in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 09, (item 20). Select Board recommends this, majority vote required.
- 22) Article 22), Other Business: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.