

2015 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Pittsfield, Merrimack County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 85 Main Street in said Town on the second Tuesday in March next, March 10, 2015, to act upon the subjects mentioned in Articles 1 through 2. You are hereby warned that on said date and at said place the polls will be opened at 7:00 AM and will remain open until 7:00 PM for the reception of your ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System. You are hereby warned that on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 10:00 AM at the Pittsfield Elementary School Gymnasium, the matter of appropriations and such other business properly brought before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

TO BE TAKEN UP TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Article 1:

To choose by ballot the following officers: two Selectmen for a three (3) year term; two Planning Board Members for a three (3) year term; two Zoning Board of Adjustment members for a three (3) year term; one Library Trustee for a three (3) year term; one Cemetery Trustee for a three (3) year term; one Town Clerk/Tax Collector a three (3) year term; and one Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.

Article 2:

Are you in favor of adoption of the amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by the planning board as follows: Revise the definition of "JUNK YARDS" to say, "A facility as defined in RSA 236:112, I, II, IV and V(c)." (Recommended by the planning board 3-2-0)

TO BE TAKEN UP SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

Article 3:

To see if the Town shall adopt the provisions of NH RSA 261:153, VI, authorizing the collection of an additional vehicle registration fee in the amount of \$5.00 for the purpose of supporting the hereby established Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund, and to further authorize the Selectmen to act as agents of said fund. Such funds shall be restricted in their use for improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-5)

Article 4:

To see if the municipality will vote to discontinue the Fire Alarm System Capital Reserve Fund created in 2002. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$11,462.97)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0)

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Article 5:

To see if the Town shall authorize the Selectmen to act as agents of the Town Hall capital reserve fund and to expend and close such fund.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$5,196.95)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4)

Article 6:

To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a, II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$2,440.00) for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at the Town pool. This sum to come from the Parks and Recreation fund and no amount raised from taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$10,314.85) (Submitted by Parks and Recreation Commission)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1)

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for engineering costs necessary for the repair of the dam at the Town pool. This sum to come from the Parks and Recreation fund and no amount raised from taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$10,314.85)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1)

Article 9:

Are you in favor of adopting the Floral Park Cemetery as a Town Cemetery and instructing the Board of Selectmen to initiate any legal documentation necessary to acquire said cemetery? And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) for the current fiscal year? This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.07)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$44,570.00) for the purchase of a police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$19,570.00) is to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$26,083.47) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.07)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)

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Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$344,972.11) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.11)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1)

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$20,145.24) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.06)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0)

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$2,014.66) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.11)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0)

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$150,762.18) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.04)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-3)

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Grader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$37,884.44) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.06)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$75,929.53) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.02)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4)

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Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation.

(Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$92,779.12) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.04)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 1-11)

Article 18:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the previously appropriated amount for the investigation and evaluation of whether the town should consider the purchase of Pittsfield Aqueduct.

(Estimated gross tax impact \$0.09)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$123,753.00) for the purpose of funding 1.) ambulance repair, 2.) eight hours of the forty-eight hour work week, 3.) ambulance overtime, 4.) on-call personnel , 5.) paramedic intercepts, and 6.) replacement of ambulance vehicles; and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Special Revenue Fund previously created, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article and the appropriation shall not lapse until adjournment of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. (Fund balance on 12-31-14 is \$294,039.09) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)

Article 20:

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and Pittsfield Town Employees AFT-NH, Local 6214, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2015 \$49,313.00 (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.18)

2016 \$26,519.00

2017 \$31,671.00

2018 \$212.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$49,313.00) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0)

Article 21:

Shall the Town of Pittsfield, if article 20 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article 20 cost items only?

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Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Thirty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$4,032,398.00) to fund the Town Budget and Capital Outlay as recommended by the Budget Committee. Said sum does not include the sums contained in special or individual articles of this warrant. (Estimated gross tax impact \$9.67)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-1) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)

Article 23:

To see if the town will vote to amend Housing Standards Ordinance 201.3 Terms Defined in Other Codes to read, "Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the most recent International Building Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Property Maintenance Code, NH State Fire Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, or the ICC Electrical Code, or any other code adopted by reference, such terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them as in those codes." (Submitted by Housing Standards Agency)

Article 24:

To see if the town will vote to amend Housing Standards Ordinance 603.5 Portable Cooking Equipment to read, "Portable equipment such as hot plates, gas grills, hibachis, etc. is prohibited for primary cooking. Any portable cooking equipment employing a flame is prohibited from use on all porches or balconies on multi-story structures. All portable cooking units shall be kept a minimum of 15'-0" from structure during use." (Submitted by Housing Standards Agency)

Article 25:

To see if the town will vote to amend Housing Standards Ordinance 101.5 Inspectors to read, "The Board shall appoint a Chief Inspector and Inspectors who shall not be members of the Housing Standards Board. Inspectors must become ICC Certified." (Submitted by Housing Standards Agency)

Article 26:

To see if the town will vote to amend Housing Standards Ordinance 102.3 Application of Other Codes to read, "Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or changes of occupancy, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the most recent International Building Code, International Plumbing Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, the ICC Electrical Code and NFPA # 101 Life Safety Code. Nothing in this code shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any provision of the State of New Hampshire's Adopted Codes or the Town of Pittsfield Zoning Ordinance." (Submitted by Housing Standards Agency)

Article 27:

Are you in favor to remove Jessie Pacheco from building inspector position and (1) instruct the selectman to hire a temporary inspector (2) appoint a committee to hire someone more helpfull (3) put Dan Schroth on this committee? (sic) (By citizen petition)

Article 28:


To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to exempt the Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, a 501.c3 non-profit corporation, from having to pay property taxes on its

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properties at 1 Cram Ave. and 33 Bridge St. as recommended by the town's assessor, Avitar Associates. All income from these rental properties is used in the operation and maintenance of the Pittsfield Community Center and the building housing the Blueberry Express Day Care, which are the other properties owned by the Pittsfield Center Development Corporation. (By citizen petition)

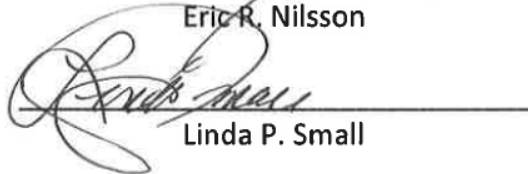
Article 29:

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


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