

TOWN OF STODDARD, NH

TOWN MEETING

MAY 12, 2015

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard in the County of Cheshire in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Stoddard Town Hall, 1450 Route 123 North in said Stoddard on Tuesday, the twelve (12th) day of May 2015, next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon (11:00AM) to act upon the following articles:

The Polls will be open from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Article 1: To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

FURTHER; you are hereby notified to meet at the James Faulkner Elementary School, Lucy B. Hill Community Room, in said Stoddard on Tuesday, the nineteen (19th) day of May 2015, next at seven of the clock in the evening (7:00 PM) to act upon articles 2 through 30.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$365,717 for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,000 for the purpose of completing major additions and renovations to the Davis Public Library, including increased library space, new rest room facilities and other related improvements. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the renovations are completed or by September 30, 2017, whichever is sooner. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,690 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Planning Board. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,875 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Zoning Board of Adjustment. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,530 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Police Department. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a municipal lease purchase agreement, with a non-appropriation escape clause, for about \$197,600 and to raise and appropriate the sum \$35,000 for the initial year's payment. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the Antrim ambulance service, or other appropriate service. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,000 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Fire & Rescue Department. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,000 for the purpose of purchasing personnel protective equipment for the Stoddard Fire and Rescue Department. Explanation: This provides for protective gear for fire fighters. Present protective gear is old and must be replaced to meet NFPA standards. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,050 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Fire Warden. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Emergency Management. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,750 for the Lay Monitoring, Lake Host Programs and water testing. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 for the operation of the Stoddard Conservation Commission. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 15: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25-a to account for revenues up to \$10,000 in a fiscal year received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund? Any surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund shall not be part of the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have had the opportunity at an

annual meeting to vote to appropriate a specific amount from the land use change tax fund for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the constitution of this state. After an annual meeting any unappropriated balance of the land use change tax revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as general fund revenue for the current fiscal year.

Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$216,200 for Winter and Summer maintenance, emergencies and planned repair of Town roads and bridges. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,423 for all Recycling, Solid Waste and related expenses for the ensuing year for the Stoddard Transfer Station, use of the Washington Transfer Station by certain residents and for hazardous waste disposal services provided by the City of Keene. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,902 for the operation of the Davis Public Library. [Per RSA 202-A:11, the funds raised and appropriated, other than payroll and utilities, shall be paid over to the Library Trustees pursuant to a payment scheduled as agreed upon by the Library Trustees and the Selectmen.] **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 19: "Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?" **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,375 for the operating budget of the cemeteries. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 to Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services to support the continuance of visiting nurse and home health services being provided to the residents of Stoddard. **(By Petition) Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services to support continuance of the Age In Motion program provided to the residents of Stoddard. [Explanation: This program, for all area Seniors (60+), normally meets in the Town Hall on Tuesday and Thursday for a period of 20 weeks. The funds will cover the cost of a trained physical exercise leader and equipment.] **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,540 for Monadnock Family Services, a non-profit agency which provides quality mental health services to residents of Stoddard, which is requesting said amount to help underwrite the cost of services provided to residents. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for support of The Community Kitchen, Inc., located in Keene, New Hampshire. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$470 for support of the New Hampshire Region of the American Red Cross. **[Request is based on a \$0.45 per-capita rate and the 2009 Stoddard population of 1045.] Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$543 for Southwestern Community Services, a non-profit agency which provides fuel assistance, weatherization and other related services to residents of Stoddard, which is requesting said amount to help underwrite the cost of services provided to residents. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Building Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2013. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing major reconstruction and repair of municipal bridges and roadways, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed into this fund. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to abolish in accordance with RSA 669:17-b the following optional four elective offices: constable, auditor(2) and sexton. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to change the terms for the Board of Fireward from one year to three years, staggered, as allowed by RSA 669:17, VIII.. [To become effective at the 2016 Annual Meeting.] **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Given under our hands and seal this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen.

Arnold Stymest, Chairman

John D. Halter

Stephen McGerty
Stoddard Board of Selectmen