

TOWN OF STODDARD, NH

TOWN MEETING

MAY 10, 2016

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 tenth (10th) day of May 2016, next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon (11:00 AM) 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 seventeen (17th) day of May 2016, next at seven of the clock in the evening (7:00 PM) to act upon articles 2 through 26.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$372,833 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 \$8,800 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Planning Board. **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 \$6,550 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Zoning Board of Adjustment. **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 \$47,530 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Police Department. **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 \$6,945 for the Antrim ambulance service and other appropriate services. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,400 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Fire & Rescue Department. **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 \$3,000 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Emergency Management. **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 \$14,000 for the Lay Monitoring, Lake Host Programs and water testing. **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 \$2,400 for the operation of the Stoddard Conservation Commission. **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 \$8,000 for the purpose of replacing culverts and correcting drainage deficiencies along North Shore Road and West Shore Road. **This is a special article as defined by RSA 32:7 V. 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 \$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 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,994 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 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,320 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 schedule as agreed upon by the Library Trustees and the Selectmen.] **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 15: 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 16: 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 17: 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. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. [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.]**

Article 18: 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 19: 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. **(By Petition) 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 \$577 for support of the New Hampshire Region of the American Red Cross. **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 \$675 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 22: 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 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed into the Bridge and Roadway Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to abolish in accordance with RSA 669:17-b the following optional elective board: Board of Fire Ward **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 \$8,500 for the purpose of purchasing a voting machine, and for training and set up of said voting machine. **This is a special article as defined by RSA 32:7 V. 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 \$2,900 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Fire Warden. **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 \$10,000 for the purpose of paving the Stoddard Fire Station truck ramp, and making any necessary drainage improvements. **This is a special article as defined by RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen.

John D. Halter, Chairman

Stephen McGerty

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Stoddard Board of Selectmen