

TOWN OF STODDARD, NH

TOWN MEETING

MAY 9, 2017

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 ninth (9th) day of May 2017, 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. For Articles 1 and 2.

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

Article 2: Shall the Town vote to adopt the changes to the Community Planning Ordinance relating to Accessory Dwelling Units as approved and recommended by the Planning Board. **Majority vote required.**

FURTHER; you are hereby notified to meet at the James Faulkner Elementary School, Lucy B. Hill Community Room, in said Stoddard on Tuesday, the sixteenth (16th) day of May 2017, next at seven of the clock in the evening (7:00 PM) to act upon articles 3 through 28.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$414,781 for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. **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 \$6,950 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 \$6,550 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 \$55,820 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the Antrim ambulance service and other appropriate services. **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 \$100,800 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Fire & Rescue Department. **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 \$1,800 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Emergency Management. **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 \$14,000 for the Lay Monitoring, Lake Host Programs and water testing. **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 \$2,400 for the operation of the Stoddard Conservation Commission. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to adopt an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with a solar system as authorized by RSA 72:62, an amount equal to 100% of the value of a solar energy system as defined by RSA 72:61, up to a maximum value of \$15,000. **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 \$231,200 for Winter and Summer maintenance, emergencies and planned repair of Town roads and bridges. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$197,274 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 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,526 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 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,575 for the operating budget of the cemeteries. **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 \$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 18: 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 19: 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 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for support of The Community Kitchen, Inc., located in Keene, New Hampshire. **(By Petition) 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 \$470 for support of the New Hampshire Region of the American Red Cross. **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 \$804 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.**

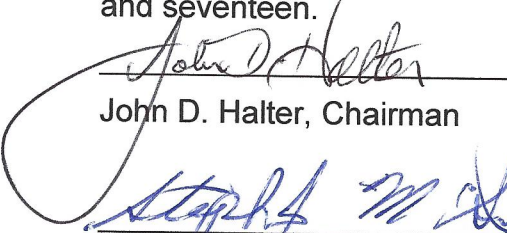
Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Building Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2013. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed into the Bridge and Roadway Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

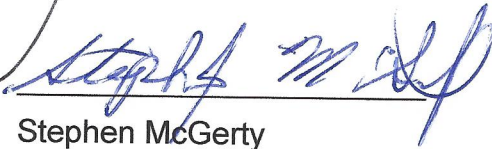
Article 25: Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and who is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$250, the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Stoddard under RSA 72:38. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 26: In all Public Hearings in the Town of Stoddard, conducted by Stoddard Land Use Boards, ALL residents of Stoddard will be permitted to speak and participate fully, regardless of so-called "standing" or other rules. **Submitted by Petition. Majority vote required. Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen.



John D. Halter, Chairman



Stephen McGerty



Margo Santoro

Stoddard Board of Selectmen