

*TOWN OF STODDARD, NH*  
*ANNUAL TOWN MEETING*  
*2020*

*Polls open 11 AM – 7 PM on JUNE 9, 2020*

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 (9<sup>th</sup>) day of June 2020 next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon (11:00 AM) to act upon the following article:

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

*BUSINESS MEETING*  
*JUNE 16, 2020*

**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 (16<sup>th</sup>) day of June 2020, 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 \$262,000 (gross budget) for the design, construction, replacement, and installation of a culvert to be located on King's Highway in the Town (the "Project"); to authorize \$150,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$35,000 to pay debt service of such bonds or notes in the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept any federal, state, or private funds that may become available in respect of the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and further to authorize the use of up to \$117,000 from the Town's undesignated fund balance and \$30,000 from the Bridges and Roads Expendable Trust Fund for the Project.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Two-thirds ballot vote required.**

**Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 (gross budget) for the purchase of a new Fire Vehicle and upgrade of an existing Fire Vehicle, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$125,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and raise and appropriate \$29,000 first year down payment on the vehicle with \$25,000 to come from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve fund and the remaining \$4,000 to come from general taxation. **Recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen. 2/3 ballot vote required.**

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425,763.00, for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. **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 \$261,300 for winter and summer maintenance, emergencies, and planned repairs of Town roads and bridges. **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 6:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$208,769 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.**

**Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$117,500 for the operating budget of the Stoddard & Rescue Department. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$67,475 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Police Department. **Recommended by Selectmen. Majority vote required.**

**Article 9:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$44,150 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.**

**Article 10:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$17,000 for the Lay Monitoring, Lake Host Programs and water testing. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 11:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$9,150 for the operating budget of the cemeteries. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 12:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$11,000 for providing ambulance services and other related services. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 13:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$8,450 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Zoning Board of Adjustments. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 14:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$7,350 for the operating budget of the Stoddard Planning Board. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 15:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$1,706 for the operating budget of the Conservation Commission. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Selectmen's recommended amount of \$1,800 for the operating budget of Emergency Management. **Majority vote required.**

**Article 17:** Shall the Town vote to appoint a Fire Chief, per RSA 154 yearly, based on secret ballot from current members of the Fire Department at Town Meeting; candidates for chief having been chosen by a committee composed of the Board of Selectmen, two members of the Stoddard Fire & Rescue Department, who shall be appointed to the selection committee by the Board of Selectmen, and the current Fire Chief? **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required.**

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve fund previously established. **Recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required.**

**Article 19:** 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. **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 \$1,200, 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 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,540.00, 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 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550, for support of The Community Kitchen, Inc., located in Keene, New Hampshire. **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 \$1000, for support of the New Hampshire Region of the American Red Cross. **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 \$851, for support of Southwestern Community Services. [Explanation: A non-profit agency which facilitates fuel assistance, weatherization and other related services to residents of Stoddard.] **Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 25:** To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000, for the support of Hundred Nights, Inc. located in Keene, New Hampshire for services provided to Stoddard residents. **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 \$10,000, to be placed in the Building Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2013. **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 \$5,000, to be placed into the Bridge and Roadway Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. **Majority vote required. Recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 28:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,785 for the third year's payment, of three, toward the lease purchase of a police cruiser approved at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. [The town will own the cruiser upon completion of the third payment] **Majority vote required. This is a special article recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article 29:** To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details 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 balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same for the purpose of special detail expenses only upon order of the Selectmen 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. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required.**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town of Stoddard will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of funding the Police Detail Revolving Fund created by Article #31 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action thereon. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.

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Christopher Madden, Chairman

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Charles Fosberry

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Robert Fee

A true copy of the herein Warrant, attested to by;

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Christopher Madden, Chairman

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Charles Fosberry

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Robert Fee

Stoddard Board of Selectmen