

Town of Littleton
New Hampshire
Warrant
2018

To the inhabitants of the town of Littleton in the County of [COUNTY NAME] in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: Monday, February 5, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Littleton High School Cafeteria

Details: Deliberative Session

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Time: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Location: Littleton High School Cafeteria

Details: Town Meeting

Article 01: Election of Officers

To choose necessary officers, including one (1) Moderator (2) year term; one (1) Selectman (3) year term; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6) year term; one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (2) year term; one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds (3) year term; one (1) Park Commissioner (3) year term; three (3) Library Trustees, (3) year terms.

Article 02: Mill Street Sewer Bond

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$340,000 (Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of Repair and Replacement of Sewer Lines within the existing wastewater collection system, and any other costs related thereto and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$340,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project. WITH THE AMOUNT OF SUCH BONDS OR NOTES TO BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT, and to further authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required). Non-Lapsing until 2019. No Tax Impact in 2018. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0.

Article 03: Road Repairs - Foster Hill and Other Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of Repair, Replacement of Paving on Foster Hill Road, and any other roads and any other costs related thereto, to bring the roads up to Town Standards, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project. WITH THE AMOUNT OF SUCH BONDS OR NOTES TO BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT, and to further authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required). Non-Lapsing until December 31, 2019. No Tax Impact in 2018. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 2-5.

Article 04: 2018 Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$8,503,232 Dollars (Eight Million Five Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Dollars) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$9,035,611 Dollars (Nine Million Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Estimated Tax Impact \$7.828 Per Thousand.

Recommended by the Selectmen: 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 05: Transfer Station Operating Appropriations

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$384,937 (Three Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars) for the purpose of the Transfer Station Operations with \$278,675 to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.147 Per Thousand. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen: 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 06: Operating Budget for the Opera House/Town Promotional

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,422 Dollars (Eighty Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars) for the purpose of the Opera House / Town Promotion Operations with \$60,870 to come from the Opera House Special Revenue Fund; This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. (Majority vote required). Estimated Tax Impact \$0.068 Per Thousand. Recommended by the Selectmen: 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 07: Operating Budget for Parking Meter Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,510 Dollars (Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars) for the purpose of the Parking Meter Operations with said sum to come from the Parking Meter Special Revenue Fund. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. No Tax Impact. Recommended by the Selectmen: 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 08: Full Time Patrol Officer (9 Months)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,443 (Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Three Dollars), for the purpose of increasing the level of Patrol Officer staffing for the Town's Police Department. The nine month estimated cost is \$63,443 and is inclusive of benefits, equipment and uniform, the full year is estimated to be \$94,621 and if approved the full cost will be added to the 2019 default and proposed budget. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.088 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1.

Article 09: Municipal Record Retention System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 (Twenty Three Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a record retention file system. Once implemented, the system will be utilized by various departments that are required to retain financial and administrative records. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.032. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 7-0.

Article 10: Full Time Highway Employee (4 Months)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,547 (Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven Dollars), for the purpose of increasing the level of full time staff in the Highway Department. The four month estimated cost is \$17,547 and is inclusive of benefits. The full year inclusive cost is estimated to be \$59,068 and if approved the full cost will be added to the 2019 default and proposed budgets. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.056 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1.

Article 11: Public Works Generator - Fire Department Doors

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,252 (Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a generator at the Public Works Building, and the replacement of overhead doors and exterior doors at the Fire Department. The cost will be offset by a USDA Grant in the amount of \$31,900 (Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars). Estimated Tax Impact \$0.046. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-0.

Article 12: Highway Department Ten Wheel Truck (5 Year Lease)

To See if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement in the amount of \$170,000 (One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of leasing a new Ten Wheel Truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,333 (Thirty Three Thousand Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement has an escape clause. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.046 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-2.

Article 13: Transfer Station Repair/Replacement/Equipment/Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 (Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars) to replace, fix, purchase and maintain Transfer Station equipment, buildings, containers, vehicles and the purchase of an additional supply of bags. And to authorize the withdrawal of \$27,000 (Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund created for the above purposes. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 14: Transportation Improvement Fund

To see if the Town will vote to collect an additional vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 (Five Dollars) for the purpose of supporting a Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund, which shall be a capital reserve fund established for this purpose and governed by the provisions of RSA 35. Of the amount collected, \$0.50 of each fee paid shall be retained by the Town for administrative costs. The remaining amount shall be deposited into the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund established to allow a community to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, and public transportation. And to further authorize the Selectmen to expend from said fund. The funds may be used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs of transportation facilities, including electric vehicle charging stations, and for operating and capital costs of public transportation only. The funds may be used as matching funds for State or Federal funds allocated for local or regional transportation improvements. Such funds shall not be used to offset any other non-transportation appropriations made by the municipality. The additional fee shall be collected from all vehicles, both passenger, and commercial, with the exception of all-terrain vehicles as defined in RSA 215-A:1, I-b and antique motor vehicles or motorcycles as defined in RSA 259:4. (3/5th if SB2) Majority vote required for passage. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 15: Transfer Station Trash Compactor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$25,000 for the purchase of a new Trash Compactor. And to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund to offset a part of the cost. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.014 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 16: Fire Pumper Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purchase of a fire pumper truck, with grant funds in the amount of \$475,000 (Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars), and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) from the Unassigned Fund Balance. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-1.

Article 17: Transfer of Town Property & Easements

To See if the Town will vote to authorize the Littleton Board of Selectmen to transfer land identified as (Tax Map 99, Lot 46) to the Littleton Industrial Development Corporation, a Non-Profit Corporation in the interest of future economic development. The land is a 41.96-acre parcel with a 60-foot right-of-way access to Mt. Eustis Road on land owned by the Town. This transfer carries no cost to the Town. And to authorize the Town of Littleton Board of Selectmen to exchange easements with the Littleton Industrial Development Corporation over the Town's parcel of land (Tax Map 99, Lot 17). The Select Board proposed to give LIDC a new right-of-way over (Tax Map 99, Lot 17) in exchange for LIDC releasing any claim to the old easement on (Tax Map 99, Lot 17) These conveyances carry no cost to the Town. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required). No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-2.

Article 18: Opera House Building Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of repairs and improvements in the building. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.014 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-1.

Article 19: Keno Games

Shall we allow the operation of Keno Games within the Town of Littleton? No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0.

Article 20: Amendment to Dog Ordinance - Municipal Athletic Fields

To see if the Town will adopt a revised Dog Regulation Ordinance which merges pre-existing regulations into one Chapter, brings the ordinance into conformance with new statutory changes, adds penalties for failure to remove feces, and prohibits dogs on municipal athletic fields. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-0.

Article 21: Amendment to Hawkers and Peddlers' License

Are you in favor of requiring any person who goes from door to door, place to place within a Town, or Town to Town, who sells, offers to sell, or takes orders for merchandise or offers to perform personal services for household repairs or improvements, to submit to Federal and State Records check at the applicant's expense? No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 22: Planning Board Master Plan Update

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to the sum of \$32,000 (Thirty Two Thousand Dollars) to update the Master Plan as required by RSA: 674, the duty of the Planning Board includes preparing and amending the Master Plan, with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. And to apply for any available grants for this purpose. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 23: Authority for Selectmen to Expend Opera House Special Revenue Fund

To see if the Town will change the provisions of the Opera House Building Special Revenue Fund established under RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of revenues after expenses from the Opera House building rentals to the expenditures for the purpose of Improvements, Repairs, Equipment, Events, and Upgrades to the Opera House. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund currently called the Town Promotion/Opera House Fund (from 1995 vote), separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be used or expended only after approval of the Selectmen for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (2/3 Majority vote). No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 24: Dumpster Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Dumpster Ordinance so that it becomes the Dumpsters, Offensive Matter & Standing Water Ordinance. The ordinance will require all discarded animal and vegetable matter to be placed inside a building, bear and other wildlife proof dumpster, or an appropriate town disposal site; but will allow discarded building material and household/office items to be placed in an open dumpster fitted with a waterproof or throw tarp during periods when it is raining. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 25: Public Works Sidewalk Tractor

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a Five Year lease/purchase agreement in the of sum of \$160,000 (One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of replacing and purchasing a new Sidewalk Tractor and equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000 (Thirty Three Thousand Dollars) for the first years payment for that purpose. If warrant article #12 Transportation Improvement Fund passes, all future payments will be paid from the previous year's revenues generated by that warrant article. If the warrant article #12 fails, all future payments will be part of the general fund expenditures. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.046 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-1. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1.

Article 26: Unexpended Conservation Commission Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) to be placed in the Conservation Commission Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This amount represents the unexpended portion of the Conservation Commission's 2017 appropriation. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-1.

Article 27: Petitioned Warrant Article Littleton Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,150 (Eleven Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars) to support the Downtown Beautification efforts of the Littleton Chamber of Commerce. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.015 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1. 1 Abstained.

Article 28: Petitioned Warrant Article Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,655 (Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five Dollars) to support the Downtown event efforts of the Littleton Chamber of Commerce. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.004 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0. 1 Abstained.

Article 29: Petitioned Warrant Article Foster Hill Road Repair

Foster Hill Road has been on the major repair list for more than 10 years; however, has been deleted from the Warrant Articles every year. Thirty families live on Foster Hill Road and get very little for our tax dollars except repairs and maintenance to our road. We respectfully request the Selectmen to keep Foster Hill Road on the Warrant Article or the 2018 vote to grind, repave and bring it up to current standards. No Tax Impact. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1.

Article 30: Petitioned Warrant Article Grafton County Senior Center

Shall the voters raise and appropriate Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Littleton residents in 2018? These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support services for 696 Littleton residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 353 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$416,159.65. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.048 Per Thousand. Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 31: Petitioned Warrant Article Boys & Girls Club

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school and vacation camp environment for children from Littleton and other area towns. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.014 Per Thousand. Not Recommended by Selectmen 1-1, 1 Abstained. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 32: Petitioned Warrant Article Support Center at Burch House

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,080 (Three Thousand Eighty Dollars) for the Support Center at Burch House. These funds will support essential domestic and sexual violence prevention services and emergency shelter for victims and survivors in the community. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.004 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 33: Petitioned Warrant Article Northern Human Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,696 (Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six Dollars) as the Town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and developmental service needs of Littleton residents. Tax Impact \$0.013. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 34: Petitioned Warrant Article Tri County Transit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) in support of the Tri-Town Public Bus Service. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.006 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 35: Petitioned Warrant Article Tri-County Community Action

To see if the Town of Littleton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 (Eleven Thousand Dollars) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Littleton. Estimated Tax Impact \$.015 per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 36: Petitioned Warrant Article North Country Home Health & Hospice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500 (Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency Inc. The requested funds shall be used to assist in the delivery of home health and hospice services to the residents of the Town of Littleton. Estimated Tax Impact \$.030 per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1.

Article 37: Petitioned Warrant Article Above the Notch Humane Society

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to support the Above the Notch Humane Society with the care and feeding of stray and unwanted animals in our area, which includes planning and building a new local dog park. Estimated Tax Impact \$.007 per Thousand. Not Recommended by Selectmen 1-1, 1 Abstained. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 1-5.

Article 38: Petitioned Warrant Article Ammonoosuc Community Health Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provides primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 2,226 current Littleton patients, as well as reach more of those in need. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.021 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Article 39: Petitioned Warrant Article Caleb Caregivers

To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) to help support Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, that serves the needs of seniors in the community. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.003 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-1.

Article 40: Petitioned Warrant Article Pathways Pregnancy Care

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for Pathways Pregnancy Care Center. Parenting education, life skills and baby boutique for young mothers/children and optional counseling. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.002 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by Budget Committee 4-3.

Article 41: Petitioned Warrant Article Tri-County Homeless Programs

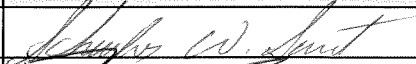
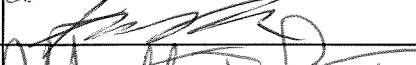
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) for Tri-County CAP's Homeless Programs. These funds will support essential prevention and intervention services for individuals who are experiencing housing issues. Such services include rental assistance, security deposit loans, transportation for appointments, and case management. Estimated Tax Impact \$0.007 Per Thousand. Recommended by Selectmen 2-0, 1 Abstained. Recommended by Budget Committee 5-1.

Article 42: Petitioned Warrant Article Honorable Discharged Veterans Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to adopt additional Veterans Property Tax Credit for Honorable Discharged Veterans in accordance with HB430 in conjunction with NHRSA 72:28 "Veterans Tax Credit." No Tax Impact in 2018. Reduction of Property Tax Revenue in 2019. Recommended by Selectmen 3-0. Recommended by Budget Committee 6-0.

Given under our hands, <<DATE>>

We certify and attest that on or before January 29, 2018, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Littleton Town Office, Littleton High School, Littleton Fire Department, Town of Littleton Website, and delivered the original to the Littleton Town Clerk

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Schuyler Sweet	Chairman	
Franco Rossi	Vice Chairman	
Milton Bratz	Selectman	