



Town of Danville



2012 TOWN WARRANT ARTICLE SUMMARY

TO BE VOTED ON March 13, 2012

Dear Resident:

This warrant article listing is being provided to help you better understand the ballot articles on which you will be voting. There are two zoning Warrant Article put forth by the Planning Board. Warrant Articles #5 through #15 inclusive are Selectmen and Department articles. Articles 16 and 17 are citizen petition warrant articles. The tax impact noted on the various articles is the Selectmen’s best estimate based on the town’s 2011 valuation of \$326,673,874 as defined by the MS-1 line 21.

You will note that some articles have recommendations by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee and some do not. This is a requirement by RSA 32:5, V- (a) which states that only special warrant articles shall contain the notation on whether or not the appropriation is recommended by these Boards. This doesn’t mean the Boards do or do not recommend the other articles. The Boards are not allowed to add this notation except for those warrants require by State law.

On Monday, February 27th, 2012 (7 PM at the Town Hall) there will be a Candidate’s Night. We encourage the public to ask questions of the election candidates and on the ballot articles. The Selectmen’s Office has requested each department to be present to explain their ballot article and to participate in this public discussion.

Please vote on March 13th. Polls will be open 8 AM to 7 PM. You may register to vote on March 13th at the polls (Danville Community Center) if you are not already registered.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting)

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, the 13th day of March 2012, at 8:00 o’clock in the forenoon at the Danville Community Center, Danville, New Hampshire to vote by official ballot on the election of town officials, and on all warrant articles.

Article 2012-1 **Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (March 13th only)**

Article 2012-2 **Choose all School District Officers for the year ensuing. (March 13th only)**

Article 2012-3 **Planning Board**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote for a change to the Town of Danville Zoning Ordinance to allow drive-through windows in the Danville Village District. Specifically, this will remove Article IV.B.3.a, which restricts drive-through service windows, and renumber the remainder of IV.B.3.

Recommended by the Planning Board 4-1, 1 abstention

Article 2012-4 **Planning Board**

To see if the Town of Danville will vote for a change to the Town of Danville Zoning Ordinance that will modify Article IV.A.3.e.2.b to remove the words “with a fifty foot (50’) right-of-way” and insert verbiage specifying that the street shall have a right-of-way that meets the standards set forth in the Subdivision regulations. Specifically, this will reword Article IV.A.3.e.2.b as follows:

“Article IV.A.3.e.2.b) The primary access road entering the development shall have one hundred foot (100’) contiguous frontage, fee simple interest on a Class I through Class V roadway, with a right-of-way that meets the standards set forth in the section of the then current Danville Subdivision Regulations titled ‘Construction Standards,’ plus a twenty five foot (25’) vegetative buffer on each side. Internal roadways shall conform to Town street standards. Exception: Where the primary access road entering the development would be utilizing an existing fifty foot (50’) right-of-way, the one hundred foot (100’) contiguous frontage would not be required.”

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0, 1 abstention

Article 2012-5 **Operating Budget**

“Shall the town of Danville 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

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by vote for the first session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling two million seven hundred thirty two thousand nine hundred forty three Dollars (\$2,732,943)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be two million seven hundred fifteen thousand five hundred eighty four Dollars (\$2,715,584) 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.”

Discussion: The Operating Budget this year is 6.7% above last year’s Operating budget. This budget includes salary adjustment due to a MRI Salary study that has been long overdue to ensure that Town employees are compensated fairly and adequately relative to other Towns and the private sector. Other increases are due to an increase in the number of elections, medical benefits, cemetery expansion, Welfare, NH Retirement contribution, and the Library.

Article 2012-6 Protection of Personnel Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to be added to the Protection of Personnel Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the future replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to protect firefighters.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Discussion: This fund was established to provide required, periodic replacement of FD personnel safety equipment. The end-of-year 2011 balance: \$21,776.67. Estimated tax impact: \$0.024/thousand.

Article 2012-7 Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Discussion: This fund was established to provide for future FD vehicle purchases. The 2011 end-of-year balance in this fund is \$109,845.76. As with all capital reserve funds, setting smaller amounts of funds aside now will help offset much higher costs when it becomes necessary to replace our existing vehicles. This article is part of the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) of the Town of Danville Master Plan. Estimated tax impact: \$0.092/thousand.

Article 2012-8 Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be placed in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund for future cemetery expansion.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Discussion: The town is running out of available space for future cemetery lots. In accordance with RSA 289:2 “Every municipality shall provide one or more suitable cemeteries for the internment of deceased persons within its boundaries”. The Cemetery Trustees will utilize these funds in the future to develop Town owned land previously designated by the Board of Selectmen for future cemetery expansion. The end-of-year 2011 balance: \$27,647.03. Estimated tax impact: \$0.003/thousand.

Article 2012-9 Long Pond Road Culvert Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Long Pond Road Culvert Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

Discussion: This project will replace the rotted culvert on Long Pond Road. Several temporary repairs have already been done to the culvert area, but further repair options are not possible due to the deteriorated state of the culvert. The end-of-year 2011 balance: \$22,130.34. Estimated tax impact: \$0.031/thousand.

Article 2012-10 Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Highway Sand/Salt Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund to fulfill a future EPA requirement for storm water management.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

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Discussion: The Environmental Protection Agency is expected in the near future to require municipalities to provide run-off protection for stored sand/salt reserves. This fund will provide a storage building for the entire year's supply of sand and salt. The end-of-year 2011 balance: \$90,630.45. Estimated tax impact: \$0.061/thousand.

Article 2012-11 New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-1)**

Discussion: This article is asking for monies to be added to the existing New Police Station Capital Reserve Fund for a future Police Station. This article is part of the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) of the Town of Danville Master Plan. The end-of-year 2011 balance: \$14,413.81. Estimated tax impact: \$0.122/thousand.

Article 2012-12 Colby Memorial Library Expend Interest

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy One Dollars and Twelve Cents, (approximately) (\$71.12) to purchase books and authorize the use of that amount from the interest income earned from the library's TD Banknorth checking account.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

Discussion: This article allows the library to expend the accumulated interest income from their checking account to purchase books. No tax impact

Article 2012-13 Colby Memorial Library establish a Trust Fund for a New Library Leach Field

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund per RSA 31:19-a for the repair and/or replacement of the Colby Library's Leach Field and to name the Board of Selectmen and the Library Trustees as agents to expend from this fund; and further to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to go into this fund.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (5-0)**

Discussion: This article is asking for the creation of a Trust fund and monies to be added to said Trust Fund for the replacement of the Library Leach Field. The existing Leach Field was put into place in 2004 and has a life expectancy of 10-15 years.

Article 2012-14 Modify the Elderly Exemption

“Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Danville, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be the following: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, Sixty-five Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$65,165); for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars (\$93,304); for a person 80 years of age or older, One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine (\$114,779). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three consecutive years, the person may own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years and the property must be the primary residence. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) or, if married, a combined net income of less than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000); and own net assets not in excess of Seventy Thousands Dollars (\$70,000) excluding the value of the person's residence.” This article shall take effect for the 2012 property tax year. (Majority vote required).

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

Discussion: The current Elderly Exemption values were modified in 2006 by Town vote after the entire Town was revaluated. The exemption amounts were increased to their current values based on the increase valuation of the Town during the previous revaluation period (State requires revaluations every 5 years). In a similar manner the numbers before you are adjusted by a ratio of .74051 from their existing values to reflect the reduction in the Town valuation in 2011. The 2010 Town valuation as defined by the 2010 MS1 Line 21 is \$441,147,859. The 2011 Town valuation as defined by the 2011 MS1 Line 21: \$326,673,874.

Article 2012-15 Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings or Both

To see if the town will vote adopt RSA 41:14-a to allow the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, provided however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the

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Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This authorization shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the Town at any duly warned meeting.

Discussion: By adopting the provisions of RSA 41:14-a, the town authorizes the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land and buildings providing they follow the provisions of the RSA which requires that they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. After the selectmen receive the recommendation of the planning board and the conservation commission, they shall hold 2 public hearings at least 10 but not more than 14 days apart on the proposed acquisition or sale. Pursuant to RSA 41:14-a, fifty (50) registered voters presenting a petition to the Selectmen before their vote can require that the acquisition or sale of land to be placed on a warrant Article on the next Town Warrant. The selectmen shall have no authority to sell:

(a) Town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the conservation commission under the provisions of RSA 36-A.

(b) Any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under RSA 31:112.

(c) Any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes except as provided in RSA 498:4-a or RSA 547:3-d.

Article 2012-16 Mandatory Recycling Program – Advisory Only

To see if the Town will vote to advise the Board of Selectmen to develop a mandatory recycling program for the residents of Danville.

Discussion: If the Town were to adopt a Mandatory Recycling Ordinance at a future Town meeting this would allow the Board to fine individuals whom are disposing of recyclable material into their normal trash containers. This costs the Town additional fees at a rate greater than \$80 per ton while recycle material is disposed of for free. It is the desire of the Board to see that recycling tonnage will increase, thus decreasing the overall cost of solid waste collection.

Article 2012-17 Public Safety Services Special Revenue Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Safety Services Revenue Revolving Fund and deposit any monies received for permit fees from the Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Health Inspector into this fund as per RSA 31:95h and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to withdraw funds as necessary to pay Inspector fees for permits that have been closed and transfer Town fees into the General Fund at a minimum of once per year.

Discussion: Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Inspectors are paid 75% of the revenue received from the permitting process. 25% is earmarked for the Town. The 75% amount paid to the respective inspector is currently a budget line item. It is a crystal ball process to properly forecast these expenses, but the Town will always come out ahead with 25% of the cost of the permit. The CCRC (\$100 million) project off Route 111 will have a projected building permit in the neighborhood of \$25k - \$50K and will be a multi-year inspection process. This Revolving Fund will allow monies received from permit to be automatically deposited into this account and expense will be withdrawn at a time when required. When an Inspector has completed the final inspection of a project the 25% remain cost of the permit fee will be withdrawn from this Revolving Fund and deposited into the General Fund. This is a NO TAX IMPACT Warrant Article.

Article 2012-18 Citizen Petition – Animal Control Officer

To see if the Town will vote to require that the Animal Control Officer position be reinstated and be elected every three years as permitted by NH RSA 41:2 (so that the Animal Control Officer position will be on the Town Ballot in March 2013) and that the fiscal year 2013 budget for said Animal Control Officer be reinstated as it existed in fiscal year 2011.

Article 2012-19 Citizen Petition – Discontinue Cross Road

To see if the town will vote to discontinue completely (pursuant to RSA 231:43) the entire length of the Cross Road – so called, from the intersection of Beach Plain Road to the intersection of Back Road.