

TOWN WARRANT

For the Town of Hillsborough

The State of New Hampshire

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

HILLSBORO-DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HILLSBORO-DEERING HIGH SCHOOL

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH, IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH,
IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Hillsboro-Deering Middle School in said Hillsborough, NH on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at seven o'clock in the morning. Balloting on Article One, the election of officers through Article Three will take place between seven o'clock in the morning through seven o'clock in the evening. Articles Twelve through Twenty-Six will be taken up at Hillsboro-Deering Middle School at 7:30 P.M.

Article 1

To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2

Shall the town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions, Accessory Dwelling Units section 229-14 by deleting and replacing the definitions of Accessory, Attached, and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units and moving them to Article II General Provisions 229-6 Definitions and Word Usage as shown on the Town website Planning Board page and in the Town Report. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 3

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions Accessory Dwelling Units section 229-14 Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance section B(4) to delete the current verbiage and replace it. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

“The maximum required number of parking spaces is 1 for the primary residence and 1 for the ADU.”

Article 4

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions Accessory Dwelling Units section 229-14 Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Letter D., Detached ADU, to remove the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article II General Provisions 229-6 Definitions and Word Usage to include the definition of Tiny Home, as shown on the Town Website Planning Board page and in the Town Report (Recommended by the Planning Board).

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Table 4 Chart of Uses/ Residential Uses to include Tiny Homes and permit them in all Residential zones except the Historic District. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article XIV Cluster Development Ordinance section 229-88 to add the following citation to section B. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

“per the authority of the Innovative Land Use RSA 674:21”?

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Article IX Administration and Enforcement A by adding a new number 1. which states “Building Permits on Class VI Roads shall be in compliance with RSA 674:41 1 (c) (3) which states “Prior to the issuance of a building permit, prove the lot and any buildings thereon are insurable”. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to amend Article II General Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance section 229-6 Definitions to amend the definition of Motor Vehicle Service Station and Repair Garage to include “cleaning”. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Article VI Special Regulations 229-35 Signs (D), Specific Sign Regulations by District, 4 Historic District by deleting letter C which states “Temporary signs are prohibited in the Historic District”. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Table 4 Chart of Uses, Residential Use to permit multi-family housing in Commercial Zones subject to note (2) which requires a Special Exception if there is no Commercial use at street level and note (3) which requires minimum floor area be 450sq feet for a 1-bedroom dwelling unit. Units with two bedrooms or more require an additional 120 sq ft per additional bedroom. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

Article 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,024,840.00 (Eleven Million Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four Dollars) as a 2026 Operating Budget? This amount does not include amounts from any other warrant articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$955,359.00 (Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Water Department during 2026? Of that sum, \$955,359.00 (Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars) is to come from Water Department income. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

Article 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,316,360.00 (One Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars) for the purpose of operating the Sewer Department during 2026? Of that sum \$1,316,360.00 (One Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars) is to come from Sewer Department income. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$230,000.00 (Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be deposited in the following established Capital Reserve Funds:

- Ambulance CRF \$ 25,000.00
- Fire Department Equipment CRF \$ 25,000.00
- Municipal Buildings Maintenance, Repairs & Upgrades CRF \$ 150,000.00
- Parks Equipment CRF \$ 20,000.00
- Sidewalks CRF \$ 10,000.00

Of that sum, \$230,000 (Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) is to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-lapsing sum of \$450,000.00 (Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of road work. This article is to be non-lapsing until December 31, 2027 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-lapsing sum of \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of the Park/Whittemore Street Infrastructure Project. Of that sum, \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) is to come from InvestNH funds. This article is to be non-lapsing until December 31, 2027 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the non-lapsing sum of \$225,000.00 (Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of the West Main Street Sidewalk Project. Of that sum, \$225,000.00 (Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) is to come from InvestNH funds. This article is to be non-lapsing until December 31, 2027 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease purchase agreement containing a non-appropriation clause, in the amount of \$208,500.00 (Two Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk tractor, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,106.00 (Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose? Of that sum, \$46,106.00 (Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Six Dollars) is to come from the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 10-year lease purchase agreement containing a non-appropriation clause, in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new heavy equipment/pumper truck for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000.00 (One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars) for the first year's payment for that purpose? Of that sum, \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) is to come from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and \$145,000.00 (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars) to come from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 21

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the amount of \$18,000.00 (Eighteen Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of offsetting home healthcare expenses through Granite VNA Organization for Hillsborough residents? (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 22

Shall the Town of Hillsborough vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14 – 32:24 to establish an official Budget Committee for the Town of Hillsborough? The Budget Committee shall consist of 4 (four) members-at-large to be elected for staggered 3-year terms, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Hillsboro-Deering School Board, and one member of the Emerald Lake Village District Commissioners as provided in RSA 32:15. If adopted, the members-at-large shall first be elected for one-year terms at the annual Town Meeting. (By Petition) (Ballot Vote) **If this warrant article passes, there will be nominations taken to fill the four members-at-large positions and voted on at the meeting. Nominated individuals do not have to be present but must be registered voters in the Town of Hillsborough.**

Article 23

Shall the voters of the Town of Hillsborough approve increasing the Board of Selectmen from three (3) members to five (5) members? (By Petition) (Ballot Vote)

Article 24

Shall the Town modify the Elderly resident property tax exemption amounts pursuant to RSA 72:39-a? The Elderly Exemptions shall change as follows: income for a person 65 years and up, single from \$30,000 to \$36,000; married from \$45,000 to \$48,000; Asset Limitations from \$71,500 to \$82,000; exemption for 65 - 74 years of age from \$34,500 to \$69,000; 75 – 79 years of age from \$51,750 to \$103,500; 80+ years of age from \$63,200 to \$126,400. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen). (Majority vote required)

Article 25

To see if the Town of Hillsborough will vote to rescind the authority granted to the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 41:9-a, which authorized the Selectmen to establish or amend fees for licenses, permits, and the use of Town facilities, until rescinded. If approved, all future establishments or amendments of such fees shall be determined by a vote of the Town Meeting. (By Petition)

Article 26

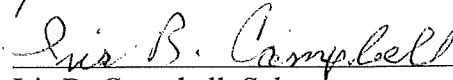
Do we call on the New Hampshire Legislature to protect local taxpayers by ensuring adequate state revenues for essential services and by avoiding policies that shift costs onto local property taxpayers? This question arises because recent state budgets have reduced or eliminated key revenue sources, forcing towns and counties to raise property taxes to maintain education, healthcare, county nursing homes, public safety, and infrastructure. These shifts burden working families, strain local budgets, limit flexibility, and undermine long-term community prosperity. A state budget that prevents cost-shifting and restores municipal revenue sharing eases the tax burden on local property taxpayers and strengthens communities. Be it further resolved that the Selectboard shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the General Court representing Hillsborough within 30 days. (By Petition)

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

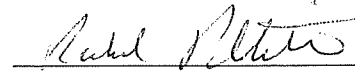
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen



James C. Bailey III, Chairman



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