

TOWN OF MOULTONBOROUGH 2016 TOWN MEETING VOTER INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

**TOWN ELECTIONS
TUESDAY MARCH 8TH
FROM 7:00 AM TO
7:00 PM AT PSB.**

**ANNUAL TOWN &
SCHOOL MEETINGS
MARCH 12, 2016 AT
MOULTONBOROUGH
ACADEMY**

On Saturday March 12th the annual School Meeting will begin at 9:00 am followed immediately by the annual Town Meeting at the Moultonborough Academy. All registered voters are urged to attend!

32 WARRANT ARTICLES - PLEASE COME & VOTE!

The following is a brief summary of the warrant articles that will be discussed at the annual meeting:

Article 1: Is the election of officers to be voted at the polls on March 8th.

Article 2: To raise and appropriate \$6,491,001 for the design and construction of a new community center on property owned by the Town and the School District in the village center. This proposed center will combine and centralize several community activities currently scattered throughout the community at the Lions Club, the Recreation Center, the Public Safety Building, the Moultonborough Central School and the Moultonborough Academy into one facility in one location. The project is proposed to be paid for through municipal bonds at an approximate interest rate of 2.8% for either 10 or 15 years. The article must pass by a 2/3 majority ballot vote. If approved, the final design of the property will be developed by members of the community with the guidance of the Select Board. The Selectmen and the ABC recommend this article 4-1.



Article 3: This ratifies the new 3 year Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the MPD union and appropriates the additional funds necessary to cover the wage and benefit increases in FY16. The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0.

Article 4: If article 3 is defeated than this article, if approved, will allow one special town meeting to consider a new proposal negotiated with the MPD union. The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0

Article 5: To raise \$825,000 for numerous road repair and rebuilding projects as listed in the town warrant. The Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee Recommend this article 5-0.



Article 6: To raise \$635,700 for various capital equipment purchases for the Fire (\$400,000 for a new pumper truck), Police (15,200 for a message sign) and Highway Departments (\$154,000 for equipment). This article also includes continuing work on the Pathway (\$36,500) and energy improvements to the Public Safety Building (\$30,000). The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0.

Article 7: To raise \$175,000 to begin repairs to the parking lot at the Public Safety Building. This amount should cover approximately 50% of the work needed to stabilize the subsurface of the parking area. The balance of the repair is scheduled to be done in 2017. The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0

Article 8: To raise \$521,500 to be placed in a number existing capital reserve funds. These funds will be used to cover all or a portion of the cost of future capital improvements without significantly impacting the Town tax rate. The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0.

Article 9: To raise \$227,700 for contributions to two municipal trusts, one for the milfoil program (\$225,000), and one for Lee's Mills (\$2,700). The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0.

Article 10: To raise \$7,594,327 for the operating budget for all departments, approximately \$100,000 less than 2015. The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0



Article 11: To raise \$536,241 for the operating budget of the Town Library. The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0.

Articles 12 & 13: To establish two new capital reserve funds, one for computer hardware and software for all Town departments (\$30,000) and one for improvements to States Landing beach and park area (\$125,000). The Selectmen and ABC recommend this article 5-0.

“Always vote on principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.” – **John Quincy Adams** (6th U.S. President)

Article 14: To see if the Town will approve amending the Town's current Competitive Bidding Policy so to increase the amount from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for disposal of municipal property and \$2,500 to \$5,000 for the three bid requirement. The cost of many items purchased for general operations now exceed \$2,500 and a higher minimum will allow for less time and cost seeking multiple bids through a formal process. Purchasing Best Practices will still apply to all purchases.

Article 15: To see if the Town will amend the Indemnification Policy to add a policy number of No 4A.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to change the Road Agent position from elected to appointed. If approved, this would allow the Select Board to seek and hire a fully qualified Road Agent/DPW Director, one who is capable of managing personnel, has the education and experience to save the Town Highway and other design and engineering costs and will have appropriate budget management skills. This would also allow for continuity of management for many years. The ABC recommend this article 5-0, the Selectmen recommend 3-1-1.

Article 17: To see if the Town will amend the current Noise Ordinance limiting noise on Sundays and holidays from 10:00 pm to 8:00 am versus 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. This is to allow folks to sleep later on Sundays!

Article 18: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell property owned by the Town at 4 Whittier Highway, known as the former Alvord Pharmacy, land only. This will get the Town out of the landlord business and put some valuable lake front property back on the tax roll.

Article 19: If the voters elect to keep the Town property at 4 Whittier Highway, approving this article will extend the existing lease to the building owner by 20 years to allow for bank financing for a new owner to purchase and improve the building.



Articles 20 – 32: Citizen petition articles for twelve organizations who are requesting support for the work they do for the citizens of Moultonborough. (Please see the Town Warrant for the Recommendations by the Select Board and ABC on each article).

We encourage all voters to be sure they are registered to vote prior to Town Meeting as you will not be allowed to register the day of Town Meeting. This is your community's future and your hard earned property tax dollars. Please come and vote!

