TOWN WARRANT FOR 2016

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF DUNBARTON IN THE COUNTY OF MERRIMACK IN SAID STATE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 8, 2016 FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM OR UNTIL SUCH HOUR AS THE MODERATOR SHALL DETERMINE.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Dunbarton Community Center in said Dunbarton on Tuesday the eighth day of March next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, and cast ballots from that hour until at least seven o'clock in the evening of said day for such town officers and school officers, as they may be listed on the ballots, as well as whether to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Dunbarton, NH on the second Tuesday of March which requires a 3/5-majority vote of those voting.

You are also notified to meet at the same place at seven o'clock in the evening of the same day to act upon the following subjects:

1. **To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.**
2. **To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Dunbarton, NH on the second Tuesday of March. Passage requires a 3/5-majority vote of those voting.**
   (By Petition) (3/5 Majority Vote Required) (By Official Ballot)

   Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

   Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 0-3)

3. **To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same in the amount as follows but excluding all appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately:**

Executive	**106,083**
Selectmen (Elected Official salary)	**6,275**
Elections, Registrations & Vital Stats	**13,259**
Town Clerk (Elected Official salary & benefits)	**75,332**
Financial Administration	**70,791**
Tax Collector (Elected Official salary)	**16,806**
Treasurer (Elected Official salary)	**6,602**
Board of Assessors (Elected Official salary)	**1,681**
Assessing Department	**26,294**
Legal Expenses	**25,100**
Personnel Administration	**242,613**
Planning & Zoning	**20,125**
General Government Buildings	**94,793**
Cemeteries	**15,700**
Insurance	**14,560**
Police	**383,846**
Fire	**85,022**
Building Department	**61,908**
Emergency Management	**1,000**
Highway Department	**570,000**

Solid Waste Expenses & Disposal	**210,938**
Welfare	**14,705**
Parks & Recreation	**1,700**
Old Home Day/Memorial Day	**3,800**
Library	**93,610**
Total	**2,162,543**
**** Less estimated revenues:***	***($997,427)***
**** This appropriation to be offset with from unassigned fund balance***	***($68,116)***
Net to be raised from taxes:	***$1,097,000***

Estimated 2016 tax rate: $3.64 for operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 3-0)

4. **To see if the town will vote to discontinue as a public highway the following described portion of a certain gravel drive which is an extension of Kelsea Road and has been previously maintained by the town: beginning at the westerly boundary of the Class V Kelsea Road right of way, running for distance of approximately 127 feet westerly along said gravel drive, terminating at a point along the gravel drive even with a Rebar Found near the southeastern corner of the barn on Tax Map B6, Lot 01-05 North presently owned by Michael Guiney, having an approximate total width of 3 rods from the centerline of the Cart Road Easement, as depicted and more particularly described as the "Cart Road" on the Cart Road Easement Detail on a "Boundary Plat, Land of Michael Guiney, Tax Map B6-01-05, Kelsea Road," dated September 16, 2015, and recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds as Plan #201500016476.**

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 2-A)

5. **To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the 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 conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded. (Majority vote required)**

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 2-1)

6. **To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 2.5 percent.** ***(By Petition) (3/5 Ballot Vote Town Meeting)***

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 0-3)

7. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($25,000) to be added to the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan.**

   Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .08

   Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 3-0)

8. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($14,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan.**

   Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .05

   Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 3-0)

9. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($60,000) to be added to the Fire Department Emergency Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan.**

   Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .20

   Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 2-1)

10. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($20,000) for the purchase of a forestry truck as summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan.**

    Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: .07¢

    Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 3-0)

11. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($44,000) to purchase a new police cruiser with equipment and installation of equipment as summarized in the Capital Improvements Plan. A portion of these funds to come from the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund in the amount of ($18,000). The balance of ($26,000) to come from taxes.**

    Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .09

    Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 2-1)

12. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($100,000) to reconstruct a section of Grapevine Road (phase II) approximately 7,500 feet. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2021, whichever comes first.**

    Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .33

    Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 3-0)

13. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($10,068) for the milfoil control at Gorham Pond and to authorize the selectmen to accept a grant from the State of New Hampshire DES in the amount of ($4,027), known as the Variable Milfoil Control Grant. The balance of ($6,041) to come from taxes.**

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .02

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 0-3)

14. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($9,860) to fund the position of Deputy Town Clerk.** ***(By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)***

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .03

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 0-3)

15. **To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ($101,894) to purchase breathing apparatus for the volunteer fire department. Furthermore to withdraw ($4,852) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose and to authorize the board of selectmen to accept a Federal grant of ($97,042) for this purpose. This article is contingent on the receipt of the grant. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is non-lapsing and will not lapse until the equipment is purchased or December 31, 2021 whichever comes first.**

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 3-0)

16. **To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the maintenance and upkeep of town cemeteries and to appoint Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend and further to authorize the transfer of cemetery lot funds received for the sale of said lots to be added to the fund per RSA 289:2-a. Said authority will remain until such time as it is rescinded.** ***(Majority Vote Required)***

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 3-0)

17. **To see if the Town of Dunbarton will vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a, II (which became effective July 26, 2014), to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds, without further action of the town meeting, to charge any expenses incurred for professional banking or brokerage assistance for capital reserve funds in their custody as authorized in RSA Chapter 35, against the capital reserve funds involved, such authority to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting, which said vote to rescind such authority shall not occur within 5 years of the adoption of this article. (Majority vote required)**

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 0-3)

18. To see if the town will vote to exclude all funds from unassigned general fund balance (aka surplus) for the purpose of passage of all future warrant articles. This policy to remain in effect until rescinded by the legislative body.

(By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 1-2)

19. To see if the town will vote to have the Selectmen provide, within 60 days, and easily located "link" on the town website for quick access to videotaped Selectman's Meetings, with disclaimers as necessary. Videotaping is being done by volunteers and posted uncut on YouTube and Facebook.

(By Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Estimated 2016 tax rate impact: $ .00

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (Vote 0-3)

20. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 18 day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

Selectmen of Dunbarton

Brian Pike, Chairman

Ted Vallieres

Thomas Groleau

A true copy of Warrant – Attest:

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Eighth of, March, 2016

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Dunbarton Town Office building, Dunbarton Elementary School and the Dunbarton website www.dunbartonnh.org being public places in said Town, on the 18 of February, 2016.

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Selectmen of Dunbarton, N.H.