Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hooksett, New Hampshire, in the county of Merrimack in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at David R. Cawley Middle School on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 9:00 am for the first session of the Town Meeting to discuss and amend, as required, warrant articles 3 through 25.

The final ballot vote for warrant articles will take place at David R. Cawley Middle School on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The polls will be open from 6 am until 7 pm.

Article 1
To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2
Zoning Amendments
Amendment No. 1
Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment #1, as proposed by the Hooksett Planning Board, to rezone the following lots from Medium Density Residential to Commercial:

Map 31, Lot 29  Map 32, Lot 24  Map 32, Lot 25  Map 32, Lot 26

Map 32, Lot 23  Map 32, Lot 25-1  Map 32, Lot 25-2

The proposed re-zoning will convert the above mentioned lots from Medium Density Residential to Commercial for the purpose of creating uniformity in zoning along Londonderry Turnpike south of Farmer Road, one of Hooksett’s main commercial corridors.

Amendment No. 2
Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment #2, as proposed by the Hooksett Planning Board, to remove the following lots from the Performance Zone and to subsequently rezone said lots from Commercial to Medium Density Residential:

Map 30, Lot 1  Map 30, Lot 2  Map 30, Lot 10  Map 30, Lot 11

Map 30, Lot 12  Map 30, Lot 13  Map 30, Lot 58  Map 30, Lot 59

Map 30, Lot 60  Map 30, Lot 61  Map 30, Lot 62

The proposed re-zoning will remove the Performance Zone layer from the above mentioned lots and subsequently re-zone these lots from Commercial to Medium Density Residential for the purpose of maintaining the residential character of Benton Road.

Amendment No. 3
Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment #3, as proposed by the Hooksett Planning Board, to rezone Tax Map 43 Lot 24-1 from Commercial to Medium Density Residential?

The purpose of the proposed re-zoning is to maintain the residential character of Joanne Drive and adjacent neighborhoods.

Article 3
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Program for the Wastewater Public Facilities that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds (the “Project”); to authorize the issuance of not more than
$30,000.00 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the Town Council to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid for the Project, including the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, which may provide principal forgiveness in the amount of up to $30,000.00 at no cost to rate payers and tax payers. (3/5 ballot vote required) Recommended by the Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

**Article 4**
Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property’s assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes, not to exceed $30,000. (Majority vote required)

**Article 5**
Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, and other appropriations voted separately totaling $19,937,694.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $19,831,427.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town meeting, or by law or the Town Council may hold one special meeting, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Estimated tax rate impact $5.51. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 1 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (8 Yes - 2 No).

**Article 6**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $250,000.00 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.12. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (9 Yes - 1 No).

**Article 7**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200,000.00 to be added to the Public Works’ Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.10. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (8 Yes - 2 No).

**Article 8**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $150,000.00 to purchase a Truck Tractor to haul trash for the Recycling and Transfer Division of Public Works with said funds to come from the Solid Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund. No amount to be raised from general taxation. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

**Article 9**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $115,000.00 to purchase and install a salt storage facility for the Highway Division of Public Works. Estimated tax rate impact $0.06. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (9 Yes - 1 No).
**Article 10**
To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hooksett Town Council and theHooksett Permanent Firefighters Association Local 3264, IAFF which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

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<td>$ 74,520.00</td>
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and further to raise and appropriate $111,251.00 for the current fiscal year; of this amount $14,985.00 is authorized to be withdrawn from the Ambulance Revenue Fund, and the balance of $96,266.00 to be raised from general taxation. Such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.05. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (6 Yes - 4 No).

**Article 11**
Shall the town, if ARTICLE #10 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address ARTICLE #10 cost items only? (Majority vote)

**Article 12**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $106,068.00 for an increase in salaries and benefits for non-union full-time and part-time Town personnel.

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<td>$88,047.00</td>
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Estimated tax rate impact is $.05. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

**Article 13**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.05. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes - 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (9 Yes - 1 No).

**Article 14**
To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hooksett Town Council and the Hooksett Police Union Local 46, NEPBA which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

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and further to raise and appropriate $94,186.00 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.05. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes – 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (8 Yes - 2 No).

**Article 15**
Shall the town, if ARTICLE #14 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address ARTICLE #14 cost items only? (Majority vote)

**Article 16**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $93,390.00 to purchase and install a pavilion for community use; of this amount, not to exceed $50,000.00 is authorized to be withdrawn from the Public Recreation Facilities Impact Fees Special Revenue and not to exceed $43,390.00 to be withdrawn from the Parks & Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve. No amount to be raised from general taxation. Recommended by Town Council (8 Yes – 1 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

**Article 17**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $80,000.00 to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Funds and to apportion the sum among several funds as listed below:

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<td>Air Packs &amp; Bottles</td>
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<td>Fire Rescue Tools &amp; Equipment</td>
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<td>Fire Cistern</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Estimated tax rate impact is $0.04. Recommended by Town Council (6 Yes - 1 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

**Article 18**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 to be added to the Emergency Radio Communications Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.02. Recommended by Town Council (6 Yes – 1 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

**Article 19**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 to be added to the Drainage Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.02. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes – 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

**Article 20**
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $39,148.00 for salary and benefits to hire a full-time DPW Recycling & Transfer Administrative Assistant and replace the current part-time secretary position.

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Estimated tax rate impact is $0.02. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes – 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (8 Yes - 2 No).
Article 21
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Automated Collection Equipment Capital Reserve previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.01. Recommended by Town Council (6 Yes – 1 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (10 Yes - 0 No).

Article 22
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.01. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes – 0 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (9 Yes - 1 No).

Article 23
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000.00 to be added to the Parks & Recreation Facilities Development Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.01. Recommended by Town Council (7 Yes – 2 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (9 Yes - 1 No).

Article 24
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the Conservation Land Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Estimated tax rate impact is $0.005. Recommended by Town Council (5 Yes – 2 No), Recommended by Budget Committee (6 Yes - 4 No).

Article 25
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $52,000.00 to reimburse for private residential water hydrants to ensure public safety. SUBMITTED BY PETITION. Estimated tax rate impact $0.03. Not Recommended by Town Council (4 Yes – 4 No), Not recommended by Budget Committee (2 Yes - 8 No).

Given under our hands and seal,
On behalf of the entire Hooksett Town Council:

James A. Sullivan, Chairman
Avery Comai, Secretary

A True Copy of the Warrant – Attest:

James A. Sullivan, Chairman
Avery Comai, Secretary