

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10 & 11, 2015**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 & 2 herein; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven thirty o'clock in the evening (or immediately following the annual school district meeting whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the eleventh day of March, 2015, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

Article 2: 2015 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes Article 2. To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Remove *Accessory building or structures and uses* from the list of permitted uses in Section 300.4.1.1, Section 300.4.2.1 and Section 300.4.3.1. in order to clarify that these buildings, structures and uses are accessory to the permitted uses listed in these sections ?"
2. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Sections 300.4.1.5: Shore Frontage; 300.4.2.6: Shore Frontage; and 300.4.3.5: Shore Frontage to read, *Shoreland Frontage: When the boundary of a lot is the shore of a water body or river, the minimum water frontage shall not be less than 200 feet?*"
3. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 400.6.5.1: Political Signs: to replace the entire section with the phrase, *as per State law and regulations, RSA 644.17 ?*"
4. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 400.12.1, under Shoreland Structures: to replace the word, *may*, with the word, *shall ?*"
5. "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend, delete, or add definitions to Section 1300: Definitions for Accessory Structure; Applicant; Application; Approval; Board; Compliance Officer; Decision-Making Authority; Dwelling, Two-Family; Family; Funeral Home; Health Care; Health Officer; Lake Shore District; Motel-Lodging; Multi Use Facilities/Property; Municipal or Government Building; Museum; Nursing Home;

Ordinary High Water Line; Park; Plat; Plot Plan; Professional Offices; Public Safety Facility; Reference Line; Restaurant; Retail; Shore Frontage; Sign, Subdivision; and Unsuitable Land ?”

6. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Making numerous housekeeping, nonsubstantive changes to correct spelling, grammar, and formatting ? “

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended sum of Two Million Two Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$2,275,000) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (4 yeas, 0 nays)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$40,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	2,000
Municipal Buildings	30,000
Revaluation	35,000
Library	5,000
Fire Equipment	5,000
Public Works Vehicles	46,000
Police Cruiser	26,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	5,000
Conservation	5,000
Town Office IT Fund	10,000
Library IT Fund	10,000
Master Plan Fund	<u>5,000</u>
	\$375,000

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (4 yeas, 0 nays).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Revaluation (cycle inspections)	25,000
FD Thermal Imaging Camera	<u>11,000</u> (funds from the FD Equipment CRF)
Total:	\$186,000

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (4 years, 0 nays).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for a biological study of conservation property known as Map 224 Lot 001 located on the corner of Sargent and Smith Roads owned by the Town and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/15.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (4 years, 0 nays).

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund for the purpose of payment of post-employment benefits such as earned vacation and other accrued leave time to Town employees at separation and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in said fund and further to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund without further approval of the legislative body; and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/15.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (4 years, 0 nays).

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding half of the expense of extending cable television and broadband on East Holderness Road in order to enhance economic development in the Town, increase the connectivity of homes and businesses and to afford greater educational opportunities, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be deposited in this fund said amount to come from cable franchise fees and furthermore to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (4 years, 0 nays).

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) for the replacement of the roof shingles and for an addition to the building for a police department “sally port”, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the government building capital reserve fund and authorizing the withdrawal of the balance of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/15.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 yeas, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (4 yeas, 0 nays).

Article 11: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Article 12: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a multi-year lease for a portion of property owned by the Town located on E. Holderness Road known as Map 252 Lot 016-001 for a solar array. The length and terms of the lease agreement to be in the best interest of the Town as determined by the Select Board.

Article 13: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

HOLDERNESS

Shelagh Connelly, Chairman

BOARD OF

John Laverack, Vice-Chairman

SELECTMEN

Peter Francesco

Jill White

Samuel Brickley

Cumulative Appropriations:

	Article Amount	Purpose
5,	\$ 375,000	To Capital Reserve Accounts
6, 7, 8, 9, 10	<u>\$ 496,500</u>	Capital Outlay
Subtotal	\$ 871,500	
4	<u>\$ 2,275,000</u>	Operating Budget
	\$ 3,146,500	Proposed Gross Budget