

**Warrant for the Hollis Annual Town Meeting
for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017**

To Any Resident, in the Town of Hollis, County of York and the State of Maine:

Greetings;

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hollis, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the 405 Plains Road, Fire Station, in said Town on **Tuesday, June 14, 2016**, at 7 am in the forenoon to act on Article 1. The polls will then open to act on the following secret ballot articles #2 through #25 and will close at 8 pm in the evening on **June 14, 2016**.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To choose all necessary elected Town Officials.

Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$792,621** for **General Government Operations?**

		14-15 Apr.	15-16 Apr.	16-17 Budget
0100	Administration	\$157,450	\$163,734	\$126,990
0101	Broadcasting	\$2,600	\$6,200	\$4,200
0102	Town Record Preservation	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
0103	Treasurer	\$43,833	\$44,404	\$46,293
0104	Town Clerk	\$38,143	\$42,500	\$45,193
0105	Elections	\$16,200	\$16,500	\$19,445
0106	Tax Collector	\$53,404	\$54,209	\$56,935
0107	Assessor	\$0	\$0	\$57,985
0150	Legal Fees	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$8,000
0400	Operations and Maintenance	\$47,938	\$49,130	\$49,076
1300	Insurance	\$217,885	\$213,716	\$225,098
1600	FICA (Withholding)	\$60,586	\$63,495	\$65,602
1800	Animal Control	\$10,331	\$10,701	\$12,472
2200	Planning Board	\$2,500	\$8,000	\$10,092
2205	Budget Committee	\$1,500	\$2,600	\$2,200
2210	Appeals Board	\$0	\$300	\$400
2298	Veteran's Flags	\$700	\$700	\$700
2370	Conservation Commission	\$1,000	\$750	\$600
2400	Saco River TV	\$14,866	\$15,493	\$15,290
2500	Code Enforcement	<u>\$44,830</u>	<u>\$46,850</u>	<u>\$46,050</u>
	Totals	\$721,766	\$756,282	\$792,621

Select Board - Recommend

Budget Committee - Recommend

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$255,650** for **The Recreation Department?**

		14-15 Apr.	15-16 Apr.	16-17 Budget
1200	Hollis Parks and Recreation	\$222,015	\$218,433	\$232,000
1219	Sports Complex	<u>\$22,232</u>	<u>\$22,256</u>	<u>\$23,650</u>
	Totals	\$244,247	\$240,689	\$255,650
	Select Board - Recommend	Budget Committee - Recommend		

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$600,113** for **Road & Highway Services?**

		14-15 Apr.	15-16 Apr.	16-17 Budget
0500	Snow and Sanding	\$243,641	\$295,695	\$310,113
0600	Highway	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
0601	Paving	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
	Totals	\$508,641	\$585,695	\$600,113
	Select Board - Recommend	Budget Committee - Recommend		

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$510,000** for **Emergency Services** provided by the Hollis Municipal Fire Department?

		14-15 Apr.	15-16 Apr.	16-17 Budget
		\$484,223	\$508,962	\$510,000
	Select Board - Recommend	Budget Committee - Recommend		

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$252,100** for **Public Services?**

		14-15 Apr.	15-16 Apr.	16-17 Budget
0900	Solid Waste Disposal	\$236,000	\$233,000	\$231,000
1000	General Assistance	\$1	\$10,000	\$6,600
2000	Street Lights	<u>\$13,500</u>	<u>\$14,500</u>	<u>\$14,500</u>
	Totals	\$249,501	\$257,500	\$252,100
	Select Board - Recommend	Budget Committee - Recommend		

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$74,128** for **Hollis Libraries?**

		14-15 Apr.	15-16 Apr.	16-17 Budget
0800	Salmon Falls Library	\$42,355	\$45,626	\$45,128
0810	Hollis Center Library	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$29,000</u>
	Totals	\$77,355	\$75,626	\$74,128
	Select Board - Recommend	Budget Committee - Recommend		

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$19,765** for the following **Non-Municipal** requests?

		14-15 Apr.	15-16 Apr.	16-17 Budget
2299	York County Shelter Progs	\$700	\$700	\$700
2300	Visiting Nurse Service	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$1,850
2301	York County Com. Action	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400
2302	Leavitt's Mills Health Care	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
2303	Kids Free to Grow	\$0	\$500	\$500
2304	Caring Unlimited	\$1,281	\$1,281	\$1,281
2305	Maine Behavioral Healthcare	\$500	\$500	\$400
2306	Day One Inc.	\$500	\$500	\$500
2307	So. Me. Agency on Aging	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,750
2310	Cub Scouts	\$850	\$850	\$700
2312	Boy Scouts	\$700	\$700	\$600
2314	Red Cross	\$275	\$300	\$300
2315	Buxton-Hollis Historical	\$600	\$600	\$500
2317	VNA Home Health Care	\$0	\$250	\$250
2318	Maine Public Broadcasting	\$200	\$100	\$100
2319	York County Food Rescue	\$925	\$1,000	\$1,000
2320	Saco River Corridor Commission	\$300	\$300	\$300
2321	Saco River Theatre	\$0	\$0	\$200
2322	Sexual Assault Response Services	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
2360	So. Me Regional Planning	\$1,257	\$1,295	\$1,334
2395	12 Town Group	\$200	\$200	\$300
3000	Biddeford Free Clinic(Closed)	\$0	\$500	\$0
	Ladawn Therapeutic Riding	\$0	\$0	\$200
	Lifeflight Foundation	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	Totals	\$17,838	\$20,126	\$19,965
	Select Board - Recommend		Budget Committee - Recommend	

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to accept and spend the following estimated and anticipated revenues and reimbursements?

	14-15 Amt.	15-16 Est.	16-17 Est.
MDOT Block Grant	\$62,185	\$55,800	\$51,740
CEO Fees	\$34,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Dog Fees	\$750	\$700	\$1,500
Excise Taxes	\$680,000	\$725,000	\$765,000
Rescue Fees	\$98,000	\$110,000	\$120,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$155,000	\$159,000	\$160,000
Misc. Revenues & Reimbursements	\$65,000	\$61,000	\$80,000
BETE Reimbursement	\$163,000	\$157,000	\$150,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$56,000	\$56,800	\$87,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$20,700	\$20,700	\$23,000
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$100,148	\$109,704	\$109,704
Cable Franchise Fees	<u>\$43,200</u>	<u>\$41,500</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
Totals	\$1,479,983	\$1,529,304	\$1,619,944
Select Board - Recommend		Budget Committee - Recommend	

Article 11: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the **preceding** articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax limit?

Select Board - Recommend

Budget Committee - Recommend

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and the Tax Collector to:

1. Charge interest on unpaid taxes, determine the rate thereon, set the due date for taxes, and to set the date on which interest shall commence
(Tax Collector recommends charging interest at a rate of 7% per annum, that taxes be due and payable in two payments: The first due on November 02, 2016 and the second due on May 03, 2017, with interest commencing on the first half on November 03, 2016 and the second half on May 04, 2017);
2. Accept prepayment of taxes;
3. Set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on the refunded overpayment of taxes for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year (Tax collector and Select Board recommend 3%.); and,
4. Apply all tax payments to the oldest outstanding taxes first?

Select Board - Recommend

Budget Committee - Recommend

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board acting as the **Sports Complex Committee** to:

1. Accept private donations and/or grants to complete approved projects and continue the ongoing maintenance at the Sports Complex grounds with the donations being kept in a protected account to be carried forward at the year-end; and,
2. Set and charge rental fees and retain these fees (in a protected account) derived from the rental of the Sports Complex fields to help offset maintenance costs?

Select Board - Recommend

Budget Committee - Recommend

Article 14: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into contract for **Revaluation and Map Conversion** and expend the following funds on expenses related to this project:

1. The **\$200,000** previously set aside for the Town's next revaluation;
2. Up to **\$100,000** from the Undesignated Fund Balance; and,
3. Any cost associated with the TIF District for this project from the TIF Account?

Select Board - Recommend

Budget Committee - Recommend

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to amend the **Hollis Zoning Ordinance** as follows:

"Section 3.7.3.1.a: Appointment and Composition

The Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Municipal Officers and shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) members, all of whom shall be legal residents of the municipality, serving staggered terms of at least three (3) years and not more than five (5) years. The Board shall elect annually a chairman and a vice-chairman and a secretary from its membership. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Appeals, which shall show the vote of each member upon each question. All minutes of the Board shall be public record. A quorum shall consist of ~~four (4) members~~ a simple majority of the members."

Select Board - Recommend

Planning Board - Recommend

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to amend the **Hollis Zoning Ordinance** as follows:

"Section 3.7.3.2: Powers and Duties

- a. Administrative Appeals: to hear and decide where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Code Enforcement Officer in the enforcement of this Ordinance. The action of the Code Enforcement officer may be modified, reversed, or upheld by the Board of Appeals. ~~by concurring vote of at least five (5) members of the Board.~~"
(*The last phrase is now unnecessary because a quorum is defined above.*)

Select Board - Recommend

Planning Board - Recommend

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to amend the **Hollis Zoning Ordinance** as follows:

"Section 3.7.3.2: Powers and Duties

- b. Variance Appeals: to hear and decide, upon appeal, in specific cases where a relaxation of the terms of this Ordinance would not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property and not the result of the action of the applicant, a literal enforcement of this Ordinance would result in unnecessary or undue hardship. ~~The crucial points of variance are undue hardship and unique circumstances applying to the property. A variance is not justified unless both elements are present in the case.~~"

(*The last two sentences of the above paragraph no longer apply because the variances that the Board is empowered to grant now have their own sets of standards which are detailed in other sections of the Ordinance, as amended in June 2013.*)

Select Board - Recommend

Planning Board - Recommend

Signed this 6th day of April, 2016

David McCubrey, Selectperson

River Payne, Selectperson

Roger Hicks, Selectperson