

**TOWN WARRANT  
TOWN OF UNITY  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
2017**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Unity in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

**Article 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. The business meeting will reconvene at 12:00 Noon, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall for the continuation of business. Motion to continue the meeting.

**Article 2.** To receive reports of Town Officers and take action thereon.

**Article 3.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of one hundred eighty four thousand two hundred dollars (\$184,200) payable over a term of 36 months for a 2017 Western Star 4700sf dump truck with complete plow package, and to appropriate One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) for a down payment on with said funds to come from the Highway Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. This will be followed by two annual payments of thirty nine thousand four hundred thirty dollars (\$39,430) starting April 1, 2018. 2/3 ballot vote required. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND

**Article 4.** To see if the town will vote to give the Selectmen the authority to sell tax dedeed property pursuant to RSA 80:89 or as justice may require until rescinded.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to organize the Fire Department under N.H. RSA 154:1(b). The Fire Chief to be appointed by the Selectmen, with Firefighters appointed by the Selectmen upon recommendation of the

Fire Chief. 2/3 of the Firefighters may recommend the appointment of any firefighter or Fire Chief. Fire Chief and firefighter terms are for one year.

**Article 6. Operating Budget.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,036,599.00 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$64,805
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	\$59,781
Financial Administration	\$61,475
Revaluation of Property	\$10,250
Legal Expenses	\$25,000
Personnel Administration	\$110,800
Planning	\$6,000
Zoning	\$500
General Government Buildings	\$77,300
Cemeteries	\$8,100
Insurance	\$19,000
Contingency Fund	\$8,000

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$56,700
Ambulance	\$10,300
Fire Department	\$46,000
Fire Warden	\$1,500
Emergency Management	\$6,000
Building Inspector	\$5,000

#### HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways	\$336,400
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#### SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	\$67,200
Household Hazardous Waste	\$900
Septage Agreement	\$2,600

#### HEALTH

Animal Control	\$1,000
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Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Assoc.	\$4,443
West Central Behavioral Health	\$800
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$500
<b>WELFARE</b>	
Direct Assistance/Administration	\$3,500
Southwestern Community Services	\$700
Sullivan County Nutrition	\$1,039
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	
Parks & Recreation	\$8,800
Library	\$25,506
Old Home Day	\$3,000
<b>CONSERVATION</b>	
Conservation Commission	\$1,200
Milfoil	\$1,000
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	
	\$1,500

**Article 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the reconstruction of a portion of Stage Road. **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND.**

**Article 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2019. Estimated cost will be approximately \$80,000. **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND.**

**Article 9.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to be added to the Well Monitoring Expendable Trust fund already established. (Majority vote required)

**Article 10.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Highway Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund. **SELECTMEN RECOMMEND.**

**Article 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for the purpose of purchasing security cameras for the Town Office. (Majority vote required)

**Article 12.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,950 for the purpose of purchasing digital mapping software. (Majority vote required)

**Article 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of a utility vehicle for the Highway Department. SELECTMEN RECOMMEND. (Majority vote required)

**Article 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to finish the salt shed retaining wall and begin the construction of a vehicle shed for the Highway department. (Majority vote required)

**Article 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of Capital Outlay Road construction anticipated to be offset by highway block grant (Majority vote required)

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Board of Trustees the authority to accept gifts, grants and donations, which may be offered, and utilize these for any library-related purpose until rescinded.

**Article 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of adding to the Vital Records Restoration Expendable Trust Fund. (Majority vote required) SELECTMEN RECOMMEND

**Article 18.** Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Unity, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$14,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$28,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive

years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

**Article 19.** To transact any other business as may come before said meeting.

**Unity Board of Selectmen**

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Edward A Gregory, Chair

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William A. Schroeter

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John M. Callum, Jr.

**Town Clerk**

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Rosemary Heino