

**Town Warrant
Colebrook, New Hampshire
The Polls will be Open from 8 AM to 6 PM**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Colebrook, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Colebrook School Gymnasium in said Town of Colebrook, on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To bring in your ballots for the selection of Town Officers to be elected by ballot for the Town of Colebrook for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,143,220 for General Government**. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

1) Executive	\$ 74,175
2) Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	\$ 99,015
3) Financial Administration	\$ 193,575
4) Revaluation of Property	\$ 22,300
5) Legal Expense	\$ 20,000
6) Planning & Zoning	\$ 18,200
7) General Government Buildings	\$ 53,600
8) Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 2,575
9) Police	\$ 539,200
10) Ambulance—45 th Parallel Ambulance Service	\$ 136,275
11) Fire	\$ 8,100
12) Emergency Management	\$ 5,050
13) Highway & Streets	\$ 564,600
14) Street Lighting	\$ 25,000
15) Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 232,250
16) Health Administration	\$ 30,900
17) Animal Boarding/Pest Control	\$ 50
18) Welfare Administration	\$ 5,000
19) Parks & Recreation	\$ 91,155
20) Patriotic Purposes	\$ 4,000
21) Conservation Commission	\$ 600
22) Economic Development	\$ 15,100
23) Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$ 2,500

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 261:153, VI, to establish a **Municipal Transportation Capital Reserve Fund** designating the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the fund, and vote to collect effective January 1, 2018 an additional motor vehicle registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle to include trailers and motorcycles, said fees to be deposited into the fund to support improvements to the Town's transportation system, said improvements being limited to roads and bridges. In addition to being used for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction and other costs related to improving Town roads and bridges, these funds may also be pledged and expended as local match to secure state or federal funds allocated for local transportation system improvements. (This article has no tax impact). (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of ditching the **Colby Street ditch** with \$5,000 to come from the "Colby Street Ditch capital reserve fund" with the remaining \$7,000 to come from taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To see if the municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year (36 month) lease "with option to purchase" agreement not to exceed the sum of \$28,495 for the purpose of leasing and purchasing a new **commercial trash compactor** for the Transfer Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,750.00** for the first year's payment for that purpose. This agreement shall contain an escape clause which shall allow the Town to avoid the terms of said lease/purchase agreement, without any penalty, if any future Town Meeting votes against any additional appropriations for this expenditure during the length of this agreement. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article). (Majority Vote Required).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$182,500** for the following **Capital Reserve Funds**: The entire appropriation will be funded by taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Equipment Purchase (Highway)	\$ 80,000
Police Cruiser	\$ 15,000
250 th Anniversary	\$ 2,500
Bridge Fund	\$ 50,000
Total Town Revaluation (2019)	\$ 20,000
Repairs & Improvements to Town Buildings	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total	\$182,500

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to create a capital reserve entitled **Road Paving Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of paving municipal roads and streets in the future and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in the previously established **Road Paving Capital Reserve Fund**. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 9: GOLF LINKS ROAD

To discontinue completely and absolutely the Class VI portion of Golf Links Road beginning at a point as evidenced by a gate located approximately 2.54 miles from the intersection of Diamond Pond Road and Golf Links Road and continuing to the Class II State Highway paved portion of Links Road. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$627,700** for the **Colebrook Water Works and the Colebrook Sewer Facilities**. Said funds are to be offset by user fees. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

1) Water Department	\$289,950
2) Sewer Department	\$337,750

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$182,277** for the support of the **Colebrook Public Library**. \$162,627 to be raised through taxation and \$19,650 of which is to come from other library balance on hand January 1, 2017, book sales, donations, trust funds, non-resident fees, other communities, overdue fines, book resale, copying fees, etc., such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the previously established **Library Building Repairs and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of Library Building Repairs and Replacement. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$89,130** for the operation and maintenance of the **Colebrook Cemeteries**, the sum of \$86,130 to be raised through taxation and \$3,000 to be raised from burials, cemetery trust funds and other Colebrook Cemetery revenues. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be added to the Colebrook **Cemetery Grounds Maintenance and Reclamation Expendable Trust Fund**. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$329,300** for the **Colebrook Dispatch Center**, \$125,116 to come from participating towns; \$18,000 to come from the PDIP Savings Account; and \$186,184 to come from taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,200** for the purpose of **Stonegarden Police Department Patrol**. This amount is to be reimbursed from Grant Revenues. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** for the purpose of maintaining the **used oil collection system** at the Town Garage. This amount is to be reimbursed from Grant Revenues. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept, ratify and confirm the reports of the Agents, Selectmen, Auditors and all other Town Officers.

Article 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this _____ day of February, 2017.

Colebrook Board of Selectmen.

Greg Placy, Chairman Board of Selectmen

Raymond Gorman, Selectman

Suzanne Collins, Selectman