

2010 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Pittsfield, Merrimack County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 85 Main Street in said Town on the second **Tuesday** in March next, **March 9, 2010**, to act upon the subjects herein mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and at said place the polls will be opened at **7:00 AM** and will remain open until **7:00 PM** for the reception of your ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System. You are hereby warned that on **Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 10:00 AM** at the Pittsfield Elementary School Gymnasium, the matter of appropriations and such other business properly brought before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

TO BE TAKEN UP TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

Article 1: To choose by ballot the following officers: two Selectmen for a three (3) year term; a Town Moderator for a two (2) year term; two Planning Board Members for a three (3) year term; a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a three (3) year term; one Supervisor of Check List for a six (6) year term; a Library Trustee for a three (3) year term; one Ethics Committee Member for a three (3) year term;

Article 2: Are you in favor of an elected planning board established as follows:
(a) The planning board shall consist of 5 members. (See RSA 673:2, II.)
(b) The procedure for electing planning board members shall be according to RSA 673:2, II, (b), (1), as follows: (1) The selectmen shall choose one selectman or administrative official of the town as an ex officio member. (2) The remaining planning board positions shall be filled at the next regular town election pursuant to RSA 669:17 except that initial and subsequent terms shall be as follows: The town shall initially elect 2 members for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term, and one member for a 3-year term. Thereafter, the term of an elected planning board member shall be 3 years. (See RSA 673:5, II.) (c) Elected planning board members shall be elected by ballot. (See RSA 669:17, V, and RSA 669:14.) (Submitted by Petition)

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- Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to rescind the action taken at the 2007 Town Meeting to elect planning board members, and instead to have the planning board members appointed by the board of selectmen, which shall designate one selectman or administrative official of the town as an ex officio member and appoint other persons who are residents of the town to serve on the planning board. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)
- Article 4:** Are you in favor of an amendment to Pittsfield Zoning Ordinance Article 2, Table 1, and Article 3 that (a) permits home occupations by right in all zoning districts and (b) replaces the current home occupations definition with one that defines “home occupation” as a commercial use that (1) a person conducts as an accessory use relative to the person’s residence and (2) must be inconspicuous to any abutting property. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2).
- Article 5:** Are you in favor of an amendment to Pittsfield Zoning Ordinance Article 3 adding the following frontage definition: **FRONTAGE:** (a) “Frontage” of a lot means the Class V or better highway frontage of the lot except where the word “frontage” is qualified otherwise, for example, water frontage. (b) “Class V or better highway frontage” of a lot means the single, continuous line segment of the front street line of the lot across which segment there is the principal access route into the lot and in which segment each point is a boundary point of a Class V (RSA 229:5, VI) or better highway. (c) “Class V or better highway frontage” of a lot also means the length of the segment defined in subparagraph (b). (d) Whenever any lot is created by any means other than merging two or more lots, the lot shall have a Class V or better highway frontage. In this subparagraph, the creation of a lot means the most recent creation or movement of the boundary of the lot by official action. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2).

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TO BE TAKEN UP SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010:

- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Josiah Carpenter Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund , for the total of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,500.), for the purpose of weatherproofing the front door and installation of storm windows on all main floor windows, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,500.) for this fund; and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.05) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1)
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.) to purchase a new police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) is to come from general taxation. (Reserve Fund balance is \$16,051.54 on 12-31-09) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.05) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0-1)
- Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Sixty Two Dollars (\$15,062.) to purchase computer system equipment and authorize the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) from the Computer System Renewal and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously created for that purpose. The balance of Five Thousand Sixty Two Dollars (\$5,062.00) is to come from general taxation. (Reserve Fund balance is \$16,051.54 on 12-31-09) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.02) Recommend by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0)
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars (\$126,985.) for the purchase of a Small Highway Truck Replacement and authorize the withdrawal of Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen

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Dollars (\$64,813.) from the Small Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$62,172.) is to come from general taxation. (Reserve Fund balance is \$64,813.91 on 12-31-09) (Estimated gross tax impact \$0.20) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1)(Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-3)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.) to be added to the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Reserve Fund balance is \$263,687.30 on 12-31-09)(Estimated gross tax impact \$.10) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.) to be added to the Department of Public Works Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Reserve Fund balance is \$118,397.99 on 12-31-09)(Estimated gross tax impact \$0.06) (Recommend by the Board of Selectmen 4-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) to be added to the Department of Public Works Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Fund balance is \$114,234.92 on 12-31-09) (Estimated gross tax impact less than \$.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) to be added to the Department of Public Works Grader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Reserve Fund balance is \$6,835.45 on 12-31-09)(Estimated gross tax impact less than \$.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)

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- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) to be added to the Department of Public Works Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Reserve Fund balance is \$54,682.74 on 12-31-09) (Estimated gross tax impact less than \$.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) to be added to the Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Reserve Fund balance is \$21,663.27 on 12-31-09) (Estimated gross tax impact less than \$.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2)
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$103,155.) for the purpose of ambulance repair, to fund eight hours of the forty-eight hour work week and any ambulance overtime or on-call personnel budgeted line items, paramedic intercepts, and for the replacement and repair of ambulance equipment, and to authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Special Revenue Fund previously created, with no amount to be raised by taxation. This article is designated as a special warrant article and the appropriation shall not lapse until adjournment of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting. (Fund balance on 12-31-09 is \$393,306.44) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4)
- Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Four Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$3,494,504.) to fund the Town Budget and Capital Outlay as recommended by the Budget Committee. Said sum does not include the sums contained in special or individual articles of this warrant. (Board of Selectmen by a Vote of 5-0 Recommended \$3,685,535.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)

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Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”. (Submitted by Petition)

Article 19: To transact any other business that may be legally brought before said meeting.

Linda P. Small, Chairman

Edward L. Vien

Denise L. Morin

Frederick T. Hast

Lawrence J. Konopka

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