

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 11 & 12, 2014**

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 eleventh day of March next, at eight 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 twelfth day of March, 2014, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

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

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Town Clerk	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term

To bring in your votes for Executive Councilor

Article 2: 2014 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:
Amend Section 400.6.3.1: Flashing Signs: to clarify and expand the portion of the ordinance addressing the use of flashing and electronic signs.
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 Section 400.8.2: to clarify that setback requirements for septic tanks and leach fields also apply to rivers and clarify the setback reference line
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 700.3.1: Lots: to replace the phrase *cubic footage* with *living area square footage*.
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 1100.1 Expedited Septic System Repair or Replacement: to change the process for approving an expedited septic system repair or replacement.

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:

Amend Section 1300 Definitions: Expansion – to replace the phrase *cubic footage* with *living area square footage* and clarify expansion of use.

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:

Amend Section 1300 Definitions: Structure – To exclude fences 6’ high or lower from the definition.

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 Eighty-three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,283,700) 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; (5 years, 0 nays)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$382,500) 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	15,000
Conservation	5,000
Town Office IT Fund	10,000
Library IT Fund	10,000
Master Plan Fund	<u>2,500</u>
	\$382,500

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

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$233,000) 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)	30,000
Police Cruiser	38,000
Employee Health Ins. Ded.	<u>15,000</u>
Total:	\$ 233,000

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

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$5,700.00) for the purchase of a new office copier/scanner/fax machine. Amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/14.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$15,135.00) for the purchase of a new town office computer server and four workstations. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to come from the Town Office IT Capital Reserve Fund and the balance amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/14.

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

Article 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a multi-year lease for a portion of the transfer station property located on TaDaDump Road to New Hampshire Public Radio for a transmitter site. The length and terms of the lease agreement to be in the best interest of the Town as determined by the Select Board.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm its objection to the Northern Pass Project, which submitted an amended application (replacing their original application and subsequent amendments) for a Presidential Permit to the Department of Energy on July 1, 2013 and to recommend that state owned transportation rights-of-way should be used to locate underground energy transmission corridors; or to take any other action relative thereto. This article is by petition.

Article 11: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen

HOLDERNESS

Shelagh Connelly, Chairman

BOARD OF

John Laverack, Vice-Chairman

SELECTMEN

Peter Webster

Jill White

Samuel Brickley

Cumulative Appropriations:

	Article Amount	Purpose
	5, \$ 382,500	To Capital Reserve Accounts
	6, 7, 8, \$ 253,835	Capital Outlay
	Subtotal \$ 636,335	
4	\$ 2,283,700	Operating Budget
	\$ 2,920,035	Proposed Gross Budget