

## TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gorham in the County of Coos in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting and elections will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. to act upon Article One (1) by written ballot in the Medallion Opera House, Gorham Town Hall at 20 Park Street.

The Business Meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the GRS Cooperative Middle-High School Gymnasium to act upon the remaining articles.

**ARTICLE #1** To elect one (1) Selectman for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Water and Sewer Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Library Trustee for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Library Trustee for a term of two (2) years, two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of three (3) years, three (3) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of (3) three years. (To be voted on by written ballot while the polls are open for receipt of same.)

**ARTICLE #2** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of **\$3,834,938.00** for the general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

	Budget Committee	Tax Rate Impact
General Government	\$ 801,630.00	\$ 2.97 / \$1,000
Public Safety	1,514,515.00	5.61
Highways, Streets, Bridges	870,540.00	3.23
Municipal Solid Waste/Recycling	373,530.00	1.39
Health Purposes	1,950.00	< .01
Welfare	25,544.00	.10
Recreation, Parks	181,696.00	.68
Patriotic Purposes	8,941.00	.04
Conservation Commission	500.00	< .01
Debt Service	<u>56,092.00</u>	.21

Total: \$3,834,938.00

**ARTICLE #3** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$479,295.00** for the operation of the Sewer Department. (This amount will be offset by user fees and Sewer funds. It will not affect general taxation.)

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**ARTICLE #4** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$517,945.00** for the operation of the Water Department. (This amount will be offset by user fees and Water funds. It will not affect general taxation.)

**ARTICLE #5** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$161,895.00** for the operation of the Gorham Public Library. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.60 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #6** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Library Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$10,000.23.* Tax Rate Impact: .04 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #7** To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Multi-Modal Access Route Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.) *Balance as of 12/31/2018: \$49,091.73.*

**ARTICLE #8** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate for the sale of, and sell 200 acres, more or less, of the 4,000-acre Gorham Town Forest, located in the Town of Randolph and outside of the public watershed and to use the proceeds for the purpose of purchasing the 2,005-acre, more or less, parcel known as the "Tinker Brook Parcel" currently owned by the Conservation Fund to be added to the Paul T. Doherty Memorial Town Forest;

And to accept funds from various donors, grantors and others for this same purpose;

And to negotiate deed restrictions on the land of the Tinker Brook Parcel and the Paul T. Doherty Memorial Town Forest, such restrictions to be presented in a public hearing prior to acceptance;

This authorization includes, as to the sale of the 200 acres, the authority to expend funds for the surveying and obtaining of any and all required subdivision or lot consolidation approvals from any applicable land use board; the authority to negotiate restrictions and/or easements in the conveyance documents, and the authority to execute purchase and sale agreements and conveyance documents.

This authorization includes, as to the purchase of the 2,005-acre parcel known as the "Tinker Brook Parcel," the authority to expend funds for the surveying and obtaining of any and all required subdivision or lot consolidation approvals

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from any applicable land use board; the authority to negotiate restrictions and/or easements in the conveyance documents, and the authority to execute purchase and sale agreements and conveyance documents.

**ARTICLE #9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$40,000.00** for the purpose of purchasing a 2,005-acre piece of land, which is adjacent to the Gorham Town Forest and known as "Tinker Brook Parcel", said funds to come from the December 31, 2018 unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Any grant funds received will reduce the amount of unassigned fund balance used. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #10** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$80,000.00** for the purpose of highway and sidewalk asphalt repaving and curbing projects. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.30 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #11** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$21,000.00** for the purpose of funding a town-wide phone system upgrade project. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.08 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #12** To see if the Town will vote to establish an East Milan Monitoring Expendable Trust Fund and to raise and appropriate **\$52,662.00** to be placed in said fund with **\$49,162.00** to come from unassigned fund balance; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents for same. Tax Rate Impact: \$.02 for \$3,500.00 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #13** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cates Hill Monitoring Expendable Trust Fund and to raise and appropriate **\$24,194.00** to be placed in said fund with **\$20,594.00** to come from unassigned fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents for same. Tax Rate Impact: \$.02 for \$3,600.00 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purpose of engineering, if necessary, after an in-house review of curbside pickup and to explore the option of operating a full-service Transfer Station. Tax Rate Impact: \$.04 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

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**ARTICLE #15** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,000.00** to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$307,181.44.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.14 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #16** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$361,500.00** to be added to the Town Building Purchase & Repairs Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$54,126.12.* Tax Rate Impact: \$1.34 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #17** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$41,488.93.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.09 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #18** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$110,000.00** to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$227,269.53.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.41 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #19** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Sanitation/Recycling Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$99,784.09.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.04 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #20** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$20,577.97.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.06 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #21** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$868.00** to be added to the Medallion Opera House Capital Reserve Fund as previously established, with said funds to come from December 31, 2018 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on December 1, 2019. No amount to be raised from taxation. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$2,263.46.* (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

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**ARTICLE #22** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000.00** to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$13,808.30.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.13 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #23** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Emergency Disaster Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$60,786.73.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.04 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #24** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$5,791.09.* Tax Rate Impact: <\$0.01 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #25** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** to be added to the Assessment Capital Reserve Fund. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$41,488.93.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.11 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #26** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the Ambulance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$31,274.45.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.02 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #27** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,000.00** to be added to the Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$521.44.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.14 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #28** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be added to the River Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$122,038.80.* Tax Rate impact: \$0.09 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)



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**ARTICLE #29** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** to be added to the Special Insurance Trust Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$9,741.04.* Tax Rate Impact: <\$0.01 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #30** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** to be added to the Longevity/Severance Trust Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2018: \$20,875.43.* Tax Rate Impact: \$0.01 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #31** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purpose of supporting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.04 (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-2.)

**ARTICLE #32** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,500.00** for the purpose of funding Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services of 795 Main Street, Berlin, NH. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.07 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #33** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,895.00** for the purpose of supporting The Mental Health Center in providing outpatient and emergency mental health services for the citizens of Gorham. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.01 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #34** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,400.00** for the operation of North Country Transit/Senior Wheels \$4,000.00; North Country Senior Meals \$2,700.00; Service Link \$3,700 and the Community Contact Office \$3,000.00 - all sponsored by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.05 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #35** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,500.00** for the support of the Gorham Community Learning Center. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.02 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

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**ARTICLE #36** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the purpose of supporting the public service work of the Gorham Historical Society and their museum, to protect, preserve and display information and artifacts that are an integral part of the Town's history. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.02 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #37** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the purpose of supporting the Family Resource Center at Gorham. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.06 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #38** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the purpose of supporting the Androscoggin River Athletes, the local arm of NH Special Olympics. Tax Rate Impact: <\$0.01 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)

**ARTICLE #39** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the purpose of supporting the Androscoggin Valley Chamber of Commerce marketing efforts. The funds will be used to enhance our professional marketing campaign, "Your Adventure Starts Here", to attract tourists to visit for multiple days, staying at Gorham hotels/motels and to dine/shop at Gorham establishments. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.02 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1.)

**ARTICLE #40** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purpose of supporting North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency to be used to assist in the delivery of home health & hospice services to the residents of the Town of Gorham, NH. Tax Rate Impact: \$0.02 (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0.)


**ARTICLE #41** To hear any reports of any Town Officers, Agents and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any votes related thereto.

**ARTICLE #42** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.


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Given under our hands this 15th day of February, 2019.

We certify and attest that on or before February 20th, 2019, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at Gorham Town Hall and delivered the original to the Town Clerk.

  
Michael Waddell, Chairman

  
Judith LeBlanc

  
Adam White