

**Town Warrant**  
**Colebrook, New Hampshire**  
**The Polls will be opening from 8 AM to 7 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 11, 2014 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 bring in your votes for the selection of Executive Councilor.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand dollars (**\$33,000**) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a replacement **cruiser** and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) from the Cruiser Capital Equipment Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose, and to permit the Selectmen to dispose of the existing 2011 cruiser by "trade in" allowance or by sale as deemed in the best interest of the Town. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority Vote Required. No tax impact.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred thousand dollars (**\$100,000**) for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a replacement **plow/dump truck** and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose, and to permit the Selectmen to dispose of the existing 2005 F-550 Ford 4 WD plow/dump truck by "trade-in" allowance or by sale as deemed in the best interest of the Town. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) Majority Vote Required. No tax impact.

Article 5: To see if the municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year (60 month) lease "with option to purchase" agreement not to exceed the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of leasing and possibly purchasing a new **fork truck** for the Transfer Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for the first year's payment for that purpose. The first year's payment shall be leased at the lowest rate available. 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 **\$1,936,937 for General Government**. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.)

1) Executive	\$ 52,794
2) Voter Registration, Town Clerk & Elections	\$ 61,942

3) Financial/Assessing/Tax Collection/Treasurer	\$ 231,894
4) Legal	\$ 27,450
5) Planning and Zoning	\$ 8,980
6) General Buildings	\$ 53,093
7) Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 2,300
8) Police/Fire/Emergency Management (not including 45 <sup>th</sup> Parallel Ambulance Article 7 below)	\$ 488,022
9) Highway, Streets, Street Lighting	\$ 551,530
10) Sanitation & Recycling	\$ 326,406
11) Health Agencies/Animal Boarding	\$ 27,950
12) General Assistance	\$ 2,876
13) Recreation/Patriotic Purposes	\$ 87,600
14) Economic Development	\$ 10,050
15) Conservation Commission	\$ 550
16) Debt Service	\$ 3,500

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$135,396** for the purpose of Funding the **45<sup>th</sup> Parallel Ambulance Service**. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$116,000** 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
Bridge Fund	\$ 20,000
Office Equipment/Software	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total	\$116,000

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to create a new Capital Reserve Fund called "**Repairs & Improvements to Town Buildings**" and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (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 **\$5,000** to create a new Capital Reserve Fund called "**Colby Street Ditching**" and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to create a new Capital Reserve Fund called "**Transfer Station Equipment Replacement**" and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (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 **\$15,000** for the **Water Reservoir Capital Reserve Fund**. The entire appropriation will be funded by water user fees. (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 **\$482,623** 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	\$244,328
2) Sewer Department	\$238,295

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$137,392** for the support of the **Colebrook Public Library**. \$126,767 to be raised through taxation and \$10,625 of which is to come from other library balance on hand January 1, 2014, 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 15: To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,425** for the purpose of repairing the roof at the **library**, \$10,000.00 to come from the Roof Capital Reserve Fund previously established and \$24,425 to come from taxes. (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 **\$83,745** for the operation and maintenance of the **Colebrook Cemeteries**, the sum of \$72,745 to be raised through taxation and \$11,000 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 17: 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 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$248,933** for the **Colebrook Dispatch Center**, \$133,195 to come from participating towns; \$115,738 to come from taxation. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,103** for the purpose of **Grant work**. This amount is to be reimbursed from Grant revenues. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Listing of individual grants:

- \$22,603 Stone Garden Grant (\$22,603 grant; \$0 taxation)
- \$ 2,500 FEMA Local Emergency Operation Plan (\$2,500 grant; \$0 taxation)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** for the purpose of **paving** any Colebrook class V roads and streets, to include East Colebrook Road and the upper portion of Titus Hill Road. (The Selectmen do not recommend passage of this article by a 2-1 vote.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,000** for the maintenance and repair of **East Colebrook Road**. (The Selectmen do not recommend passage of this article by a 2-1 vote.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the purpose of entering into an agreement with a licensed **forester** to determine if timber harvesting in the Colebrook Town Forest on South Hill Road is appropriate at this time. Reference is made to a Forest Management Plan prepared for the Town of Colebrook in July, 2009. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1.00** for the purpose of **District Heating** design, planning, survey and right-of-way work and to allow the Town to apply for any and all grants in furtherance of this project. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### Article 24: **Police Special Detail Revolving Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police 24 special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (The Selectmen do recommend passage of this article.) (Majority vote required.)

Article 25: We, the **Child Advocacy Center of Coos County** request the Town of Colebrook to raise and appropriate **\$2,301** in support of the program outlined.

The Child Advocacy Center of Coos County (CAC-CC) is a not-for profit community partnership dedicated to the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child victims of crime. The CAC-CC brings together all pieces of a multi-disciplinary team to one child friendly, neutral location so that one interview can be conducted and all relevant parties are represented and working together from day one of the investigation. Through the work of the CAC-CC, allegations of physical and sexual abuse are more thoroughly investigated, trauma experienced by children is reduced, parents are empowered to protect their children and children are connected to the support services they need. In addition, prosecution rates are increased 40% when the investigation is facilitated by the CAC-CC.

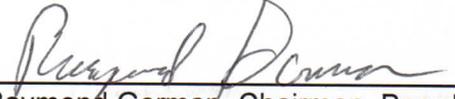
The Child Advocacy Center of Coos County (CAC-CC) has partnered effectively with the Colebrook Police and the Division for Children Youth and Families to serve child victims of crime living in the Town of Colebrook. During the past fiscal year, the CAC-CC did not serve any child victims of crime living in the town of Colebrook, but it is our mission through education and outreach to reach those child victims of crime not coming forward who may live in your town with the funds provided to us. A nationwide study entitled *The Economic Impact of Child Maltreatment* found that communities using the child advocacy center model results in savings of \$1,500 per case. Inserted on warrant pursuant to petition. Selectmen do not recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.

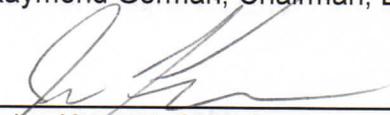
Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to accept, ratify and confirm the reports of the Agents, Selectmen, Auditors and all other Town Officers.

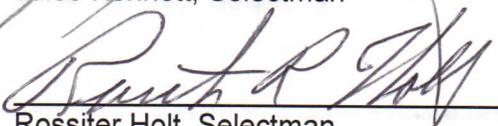
Article 27: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 14 day of February, 2014.

Colebrook Board of Selectmen.

  
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Raymond Gorman, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

  
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Jules Kennett, Selectman

  
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