TOWN WARRANT
2019

Town of Henniker
State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open for voting
at the Henniker Community School Gymnasium
51 Western Avenue
from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

To the inhabitants of the Town of Henniker
in the County of Merrimack in said State
qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the
Henniker Community School Gymnasium in Henniker
on Tuesday the twelfth (12th) day of March next,
Beginning at seven o’clock in the morning
(7:00 a.m.) and ending at seven o’clock in the
evening (7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following:
1) To choose the following Town Officers for the ensuing year.
Board of Selectmen...............................one (1) positions for three years
Cemetery Trustee.....................................one (1) position for three years
Planning Board.....................................two (2) positions for three years
Town Treasurer......................................one (1) position for one year
Trustee of the Trust Funds.........................one (1) position for two years
Trustee of the Trust Funds .........................one (1) position for three years
Trustee of the Tucker Free Library ............one (1) positions for three years
Water Commissioner .......................one (1) position for three years

2. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article X Lot Size Regulations, Section 133-39 Minimum lot sizes, by deleting paragraph C. Land on Class V streets with gravel surfaces that do not meet current Town road standards may be subdivided with a minimum of 10 acres. And D. Land on Class V streets that are seasonally maintained by the town may be subdivided with a minimum lot size of 10 acres, subject to the filing of a release of responsibility form which is available from the Selectmen's office. —And replacing them with the following: **Land fronting on or accessed off of Class V road with a gravel surface may be subdivided with a minimum lot area of 10 acres. Under this provision, partially paved roads shall be considered gravel if they are not continuously connected to the existing paved road network leading from the town center.**

Explanation: This amendment will clarify minimum lot area requirements for properties located in rural areas of the community served primarily by gravel roads. These areas may also have paved spots scattered along small sections to address problem maintenance areas.

3. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article II, Definitions, by deleting both definitions of Agritourism(2) and Agritourism(3) and replaced by the following: Agritourism: **As defined by RSA 21:34-a. Farm, Agriculture, Farming, as amended.**

Explanation: This amendment is being proposed to comply with new State statutory language that has been adopted, RSA 674:32-b, II.
4. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article II, Definitions as follows: HOME RENTAL – Amend the first sentence “The rental of an apartment as an accessory use within a building whose primary use is a single family owner-occupied dwelling, except as provided for in Article VI, VII and VIII.” In addition, amend Article VI RN Residential Neighborhood District, Section 133-24 Land uses, A. RN-Permitted Uses, Home Rental of up to 1 apartment, by adding the following provision: A detached apartment (one) may be constructed provided the structure does not exceed 1,000 square feet of living area and minimum lot area requirements are met. And amend Article VII RR Rural Residential District, Section 133-26 Land uses, RR Permitted Uses, Home Rental of up to 1 apartment by adding the following provision: A detached apartment (one) may be constructed provided the structure does not exceed 1,000 square feet of living area and minimum lot area requirements are met. And amend Article VIII Commercial District Regulations, Sections 133-30 Medium Commercial CM, 133-31 CR Commercial Recreation CR and 133-31 A. CR-1 District by adding the following provision for the Permitted Use sections: Home rental of up to 2 apartments – A detached apartment (one) may be constructed provided the structure does not exceed 1,000 square feet of living area and minimum lot area requirements are met.

Explanation: Apartments are presently allowed as an accessory use in a single family home. This amendment will allow an apartment to be detached from the home in a separate building provided minimum lot area requirements are met.

5. Are you in favor of amending Chapter 133, Zoning Regulations, as proposed by the Planning Board as follows? Amend Article II, Definitions 133-3 by deleting the following: AGRICULTURE (Farm, Agriculture, Farming, Agritourism)—Agriculture and farming shall mean and refer to all operations of a farm including, but not limited to: the terms ‘farm,’ ‘agriculture,’ ‘farming,’ roadside farm stands, farmer’s markets, orchards, nurseries, tree farms, Christmas tree farms, dairy farms, livestock, poultry, maple syrup operations, and all other commercial agricultural activities on a farm that are intended or designed to attract visitors to a working farm, which includes agritourism uses as set forth in RSA 21:34-a (VI). Home Farming is allowed in all zones.

Explanation: This is the second definition of Agriculture in the Ordinance and conflicts with the State definition of Agriculture, which creates unnecessary confusion. The Town adheres to the State definition RSA 21:34-a.
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Addendum
2019

Town of Henniker
State of New Hampshire

Town Meeting begins at 1:00 PM
at the Henniker Community School Cafetorium
51 Western Avenue
Saturday, March 16, 2019

To the inhabitants of the Town of Henniker
in the County of Merrimack in the said State
qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the
Henniker Community School Cafetorium in Henniker
on Saturday the sixteenth (16th) day of March next,
at one o’clock (1:00 p.m.) in the afternoon
to act upon the following:
4) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million Four Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four Dollars ($5,428,254) for general municipal operations.

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Selectmen recommend (3-2)

5) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars ($227,730) for the Tucker Free Library with the amount to be raised from current year taxation.

Library Trustees/Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

6) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars ($70,000) for the Tucker Free Library to advance design and planning for library accessibility and safety project.

Library Trustees/Selectmen Recommend (5-0)
7) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars ($6,240) for the purpose of restoration of six casement windows original to the library above the front entrance at the Tucker Free Library. Furthermore, this appropriation is 100% reimbursable to the Town from a Conservation License Plate Grant Program offered through the State of New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources. No expenditure under this article shall occur unless the library receives the amount of the stated grant of ($6,240) Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars.

Library Trustees/Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

8) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Eighty Seven Dollars ($172,087) for road improvements, representing the Town’s estimated share of the New Hampshire Highway Block Grant. Only the amount of revenue received from the block grant shall be appropriated for this purpose. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse before December 31, 2024.

Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

9) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($750,000) to be added to the Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established at the 2018 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a.

Selectmen DO NOT Recommend (3-2)

10) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1

Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

11) To see if the Town will vote to raise the appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Two Hundred Seventy Dollars ($170,270) for the purchase of a Rubber Tired Excavator and to further authorize a withdrawal of One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars ($135,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, leaving Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy ($35,270) which will come from Unreserved Fund Balance. (No Tax Impact)

Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

12) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar ($1) to establish a Highway Building Maintenance Expendable Trust and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend on this fund. This is an expendable trust fund established under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A. This amount will come from general taxation.

Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

13) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Fire-Rescue Building Maintenance Fund, an Expendable Trust Fund under provisions of RSA 31:19-A.

Selectmen Recommend (5-0)
14) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the 2020 revaluation. **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

15) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2017 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1. **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

16) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2008 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1. **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

17) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be added to the Police Department Building Maintenance Fund. This is an expendable trust fund established under the provisions of RSA 31:19-A. **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

18) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($66,600) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund established in 1988 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of an ambulance for the Rescue Squad, of which the amount of ($6,600) Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars will be transferred if received from the Town of Bradford. If the money is not received from Bradford only Sixty Thousand Dollars ($60,000) will be deposited into the fund. **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

19) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2016 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1 **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

20) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Department Command Vehicle and further to authorize the Selectmen to expend Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve for that purpose. (No Tax Impact) **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

21) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($11,200) for the purpose of repairing and waterproofing the belfry at Academy Hall. The Henniker Historical Society will fund 50% Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($5,600). The balance of Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars ($5,600) to come from current year taxation. **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**

22) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($15,300) for the purchase of an HVAC system at the Henniker Community Center, Further to accept a Nine Thousand Dollar ($9,000) grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources - Moose Plate Grant Program, with the balance of Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($6,300) to come from current year taxation. **Selectmen Recommend (5-0)**
23) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($620,100) for the operating expenses of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This funding is provided by sewer assessments.

   Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

24) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand One Hundred and One Dollars ($491,101) for the operating expenses of Cogswell Spring Water Works. This funding is provided by water assessments.

   Water Commissioners/Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

25) To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Owned Buildings Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding unforeseen operations and maintenance expenditures and to raise and appropriate One Dollar ($1) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

   (Majority vote required) Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

26) To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Owned Vehicles Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding unforeseen vehicle maintenance expenses and to raise and appropriate One Dollar ($1) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from taxation further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

   (Majority vote required) Selectmen Recommend (5-0)

27) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) for the purpose of continuing the renovation of Azalea Park. The money is to be used to provide a new delineation map for the wetland (defined more than five years ago) and for a study to determine and fund the process for cleaning out vegetation/invasives in the wetland. The entire amount of $10,000 to come from current year taxation.

   Submitted by Petition Selectmen DO NOT Recommend (4-1)

28) Are you in favor of continuing seasonal use of Henniker roads by off-highway recreational vehicles?

   Submitted by Petition
To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. (This article is meant to allocate time that public acknowledgments may be voiced and is not mean to add additional articles to the meeting. The final decision is the responsibility of the Town Moderator (per Henniker Town Counsel).

Given under our hands and seal the 12th day of February 2019

Kris Blomback, Chair

Tia Hooper, Vice Chair

Peter Flynn, Selectman

Scott Osgood, Selectman

Leon Parker, Selectman