2016 TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Enfield, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

Take notice and be warned that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Enfield, New Hampshire, will be held on two days as follows:

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in the Whitney Hall Auditorium, 23 Main Street, Enfield, NH, there will be voting only by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Note: By law, the meeting must open before the voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 8:00 a.m. for the consideration of all ballot articles. At 12:00 Noon the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open.

Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. There will be no opportunity to vote by ballot on Article 1 or 2 at the second session of the Town Meeting. After the polls close at 7:00 p.m., the ballots will be counted.

The meeting will reconvene **Saturday**, **March 12**, **2016**; Article 1 will be presented and Articles 3 through 14 will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Enfield Elementary Village School, 271 US Route 4, Enfield, NH.

Article 1. To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

For One Year:

One Budget Committee Member

For Three Years:

One Selectman

One Trustee of Trust Funds One Cemetery Trustee

One Fire Ward
One Library Trustee

Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members

Three Budget Committee Members

For Six Years:

One Supervisor of the Checklist

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 for the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Shall the Town vote to approve the following Amendment to the Enfield Zoning Ordinance:

Add the following Definitions to Appendix A – Land Use Definitions:

"solar array, net metered" – a ground or roof mounted array whose generated electricity is used to offset a rate payer's on-site electrical usage.

"solar array, community net metered" - a ground or roof mounted array whose generated electricity is used to offset that of a community of meters as defined in the NH Public Utilities Commission group net metering rule RSA 362-A:9 XIV.

Add the following use to Article IV – Regulation of Uses

421 Community Net Metered Solar Arrays

In order to mitigate the impact of community net metered solar arrays on neighbors and to protect public safety and welfare:

- A. Roof and ground mounted community net metered solar arrays shall be permitted by special exception in accordance with Section 504, Special Exceptions of the Zoning Ordinance, in the following districts: Community Business CB, Rte 4 (by right 100 ft. setback), Rural Residential R3, Rural Residential Agricultural R5, and Commercial/Industrial C/I.
- B. Community net metered solar arrays shall not be a permitted use in the following districts: R1, Conservation C and the parcels shown in the Enfield Village National Historic Register District.

The purpose of this article is to introduce definitions and to provide appropriate rules for the regulation of community net metered solar arrays as allowed per RSA 362-A: 9 IV.

This amendment was submitted by written petition from the Enfield Energy Committee.

Approved by the Enfield Planning Board by a vote of 6 in favor, 1 abstention.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500,000) to construct a new Library building and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (Estimated tax impact \$0.31/\$1,000 valuation.)

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article by a vote of 2-0.

The Budget Committee does not recommend this article by a vote of 8-0 and 1 recusal.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500,000) to construct a sewer force main along NH Route 4A from Lower Shaker Village pump station to Lakeview Condominiums and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. All principal, interest, fees and costs associated with the issuance of bonds or notes for this project shall be paid by Lakeview Condominium Unit Owners. The Town will create a betterment assessment. Each unit will be assessed a proportionate share of the costs of the sewer extension. (Per RSA 149-I:1) The assessments would be recorded as liens on the individual units. (Per RSA 149-I:11) Those lien installment payments may be collected annually under RSA 38:22. That statute allows the tax collector to collect the amounts due, using the tax collection process. The liens would take a priority position over mortgages and other interests in the units. This project shall have no impact on the tax rate for the life of the bonds or notes.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of one hundred ninety nine thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$199,000) payable over a term of seven (7) years for the purpose of leasing one fully equipped F-550 (plow, wing, and sand/salt spreader) truck (\$95,000) and two truck bodies (\$40,000) for the Department of Public Works and two police cruisers (\$64,000) and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty nine thousand three hundred and sixty three and 00/100 dollars (\$39,363) for the first year's payment for that purpose. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$39,363 from the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for which the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to utilize the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for principal and interest payments for the life of the lease.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars and 00/100 dollars (\$250,000) to replace the Boys Camp Road Bridge and repair the RT. 4A Mascoma Lake Boat Launch and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$250,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty four thousand eight hundred and sixty four dollars (\$24,864) for the first year's payment for that purpose. Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$24,864 from the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for which the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to utilize the Capital Improvement Program Capital Reserve Fund for principal and interest payments for the life of the bond or note.

Special Warrant Article

2/3 Paper Ballot Vote Required

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of six million, one hundred fifty-nine thousand, four hundred ninety-nine dollars, (\$6,159,499) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) (Estimated tax impact \$6.14/\$1,000 valuation.)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred forty two thousand, nine hundred eighty-three dollars (\$342,983) to be placed in the Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund. (Estimated tax impact \$0.66/\$1,000 valuation.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$39,500) for capital improvements. The improvements include a garage door for the Union St. Fire Station (\$5,000), air conditioners for the Community Building (\$12,000), a thirty yard dumpster (\$6,500), a furnace for the DPW Building (\$5,000), and a defibrillator for the Fast Squad (\$11,000). Said appropriation to be offset by the withdrawal of \$39,500 from the Capital Improvement

Program Capital Reserve Fund for which the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (This article has no impact on the 2016 tax rate.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of forty-five thousand, five hundred fiftyone dollars (\$45,551) for the purpose of reducing the general fund deficit pursuant to RSA 41:9, V. (Majority vote required.) (Estimated tax impact \$0.09/\$1,000 valuation.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 8-1.

Article 11: Shall the town vote for a conveyance of the religious burial ground, known as the Shaker Cemetery to the Enfield Shaker Museum.

Article 12: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five dollars (\$2,005) from Article 13: the 12/31/2015 unreserved fund balance, for deposit into the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, an expendable general trust fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of maintaining cemeteries? This money represents 2015 revenue from the sale of cemetery lots in 2015 and is available to offset the appropriation. (This article has no impact on the 2016 tax rate.)

Special Warrant Article

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 2-0. The Budget Committee recommends this article by a vote of 9-0.

Article 14: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or any other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

A true copy of warrant, attest:

John W. Kluge

B. Fred Cummings **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

ENFIELD NH