



2017 WARRANT ARTICLES – THE GRANGE

Article 10: Evaluation of the Grange Building

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the evaluation, potential acquisition and relocation of the "Grange" building to its original location on the town property at 86 Town House Road, next to the Old 1798 Town House and gather sufficient information about the building to present to a Special Town Meeting later in 2017? Information will consist of research on potential uses by public and private organizations, estimates for repairs, hazardous materials survey, a plan for possible future improvements, etc. and negotiate the acquisition of the building to present such findings to a Special Town Meeting in May/June of 2017 for a final determination by the voters on acquiring the building. The Grange was originally built in 1826 on town property next to the Old 1798 Town House and was relocated in the mid 1800's and then again in 1911 to its present site on Main Street. The current owner is the New Hampton Community Church, which has determined it does not have a use for the building and plans to demolish it in the fall of 2017. This article will be contingent on the passing of the Warrant Article # 11. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 8. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

ARTICLE PASSED: 160 - Yes 105 - No

Article 11: Grange Building Acquisition and Relocation

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to acquire, relocate and make necessary repairs to the building known as the "Grange" which was originally built in 1826 on the town property next to the Old 1798 Town House and further authorize the expenditure of any private donations (\$10,000 has been pledged as the first donation), state or federal grants, or other funding that may become available to offset this appropriation? This article will be contingent on the passing of the Warrant Article #10 and an affirmative vote at the Special Town Meeting in May/June of 2017 to acquire and relocate the building. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2018. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 8. The Selectmen recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

ARTICLE PASSED: 146 - Yes 118 - No

Article 12: Committee for Management of the Grange Building

Shall the Town create a three (3) member committee, consisting of a two (2) citizen members and a selectman or their designee, and delegate the authority to manage the use of this building? This article will be contingent on the passing of the Warrant Article # 10 and an affirmative vote at the Special Town Meeting in May/June of 2017 to acquire the building.

ARTICLE PASSED: 160 - Yes 103 - No