

**TUESDAY MAY 12<sup>th</sup>,**

**BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7AM AND 7PM YOU WILL GO TO THE FIRE STATION/REC. BUILDING and RECEIVE NOT ONE BUT TWO (2) COMPLETELY SEPARATE BALLOTS! They will look like this;**

(Two ballots is a new mandate by the Sect. of State)

## **SCHOOL BALLOT**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 1**

**School Board member: vote no more than one**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Stephen Elgert**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Thomas Keane**

### **SCHOOL CLERK**

\_\_\_\_\_ **John Rich**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 2**

**Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA:40:13 known as SB2 ...**

\_\_\_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no**

## **TOWN BALLOT**

### **WARRANT ARTICLE 1**

<b>Selectman (Vote for 2)</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>
(vote for 2)		
_____ <b>Jack Crisp</b>		_____ <b>G. James Hoffman</b>
_____ <b>Robert Louf</b>	<b>Trustee of</b>	_____ <b>Cindy Martin</b>
_____ <b>Eric Anderson</b>	<b>Trust Fund</b>	_____ <b>Dee Treybig</b>

**Town Clerk**

**Library Trustee**

**Warrant Article 2 ---- 2009 Zoning**

- A. Aquifer Protection**
- B. Wetlands Conservation**
- C. Small Wind Energy Systems**
- D. Home Occupation**

### Warrant Article 3

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA:40:13 known as SB2 ...

\_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

You can see that there are two (2) separate SB2 articles; one for the town and one for the school. Obviously it is possible to pass or defeat one or both articles. If one pass and not the other == only the one that passed will be in effect.

## **THE NEXT NIGHT WEDNESDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

You will go to the Bow HS at 7PM for our annual town meeting (expect a very long meeting taking possibly two nights)

At this meeting you will vote on the money warrants (about 20 of them):

- ~~eeeeeee~~ **First: The towns operating budget (\$8 million)**
- ~~eeeeeee~~ **Second: The SMART trash article (aka “pay to throw bags”)**

*The town recycling committee will hold one more public meeting at the Old Town Hall tomorrow night at 7PM. This is where you get all your questions about SMART answered.*

- ~~eeeeeee~~ **Third, fourth and so on are the rest of the money articles. Money Warrant articles are presented in descending order based upon total dollars to be spent.**

The money warrant articles seek to raise an additional \$1 million in *new taxes\**.

- ~~eeeeeee~~ **NOTE: *New Taxes\** includes straight forward additional property taxes and previously collected taxes that were not spent in that year and thus transferred to our rainy day fund. The rainy day fund is referred to as the “general fund balance”. At the end of each year the Selectmen set aside about \$300,000 of a \$750,000 surplus to be used to offset some of this years tax increase. I believe, our rainy day fund is currently in excess of \$3 million.**

Here is some additional information on the warrant article concerning the purchase of a second ambulance that shows how the warrant you can use rainy day funds to purchase equipment that is supposed to be save for and bought only when we have the money (Capital Reserve Fund).

The warrant ask for \$85,000 from new taxes and transferring and additional \$85,000 from the general fund (rainy day) surplus. This will be sold as only an \$85,000 tax increase but if we vote this down the \$85,000 coming from the rainy day fund could be use to increase the amount we set aside to lower this years tax increase.

I am opposed to purchasing a second ambulance for many reasons including the use of Rainy Day money to purchase a capital item.

Here is the history on this issue.

In 2005 the town bought a new ambulance and instead to trading in the old one (worth a few thousand) it was to be kept *as an emergency backup*. Although this issue is being sold as replacement it is really the purchase of a second ambulance within a few years.

Bow does about 1,000 calls per year and wants two ambulances. Concord has about 10,000 runs per year and has three ambulances. This year Bow's main ambulance and the back up were out simultaneously only 30 times. We participate in a mutual aid compact with the surrounding towns for just such a situation.

I believe that we have no need for a second ambulance. Purchasing one this year falls into the want category and not need. With so many of our fellow residents struggling to make ends meet we ought not to be buying anything from the wants category.

I hope this is helpful. I know it is a lot of information but if you understand this you will be able to cut through the confusing explanations you are likely to hear at town meeting.

If you have any questions please ask.

I would appreciate your vote for School Board.