

SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN MEETING
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 14, 2019


TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☐
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SELECTMAN		FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
For Three Years	Vote for not more than two	For Three Years	Vote for not more than one
HERBERT TELLOR	☒ 3666	DAVID MCCRILLIS	☒ 878
LINDA WADENSTEN	☒ 277		☐
JOHN H. HOOPER II	☒ 581		☐
JEFFREY F. KESSLER	☒ 418		(Write-in)
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	(Write-in)		

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newport Zoning Ordinance.

Article IV – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 404 - Keeping of Hens:

The intent and purpose of this section is to allow the keeping of a limited number of hens, primarily for the purpose of providing fresh eggs to the occupants of the dwelling, in all zoning districts.

The keeping of hens shall be permitted for all single and/or two-family dwellings provided the following standards are met (these standards do not apply to chickens kept in the zoning districts where farming is a permitted use):

- Less than one acre three (3) hens are permitted.
- One (1) to two (2) acres: up to a total of six (6) hens.
- Two (2) to five (5) acres: up to a total of fifteen (15) hens.
- More than five (5) acres no limitation on the number of hens.
- No roosters shall be allowed.
- All hens shall be kept outdoors within a secure enclosure (coop and exercise area) at all times.
- The secure enclosure and the coop shall comply with minimum setbacks for the respective zoning district and shall not be located within the dwelling's front yard.

YES 673
NO 305

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$6,500,000) Dollars to pay for the design, construction and building of a proposed new community center on Meadow Road (Map 114 Lot 158). Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) to come from private donations, public and/or private grants, and other sources aside from municipal taxation, and the remaining Three Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$3,500,000) Dollars to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This article is contingent upon the receipt, by the Town, of at least Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollars from non-tax sources as described above, and no bonds or notes shall be issued for this purpose until and unless such funds are obtained. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2023, whichever is sooner in accordance with RSA 33:8-f. (3/5ths majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES 493
NO 553

Note: There is no current tax impact from this article. Repayment of this debt expected to come from general taxation and is anticipated to be budgeted in the 2021 Fiscal Year, with an estimated tax impact in that year of \$.72.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

996
44.5 %
20

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Four Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$4,500,000) Dollars for the costs related to the engineering and construction of the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as required by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Administrative Order By Consent #15-020 WD. Said sum to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the completion of the project. **(3/5ths majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

Note: There is no tax impact from this article as repayment of the funds is expected to come from the Sewer Fund.

YES **743**
NO **348**

991
74.97%

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the posted budget with the warrant, or as amended by the first session of the annual meeting, for the purposes set forth therein totaling Nine Million Six Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four (\$9,693,694) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Six Hundred Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four (\$9,607,184) Dollars, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *(The tax rate of the operating budget is anticipated to be \$11.75 a \$.05 decrease from the current year Town tax rate and the default budget is anticipated to be \$11.46.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)*

YES **623**
NO **320**

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Communications Capital Reserve Fund. *(Tax impact \$.01)*
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

YES **550**
NO **423**

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred (\$12,500) Dollars to be transferred to the District Court Capital Reserve Fund. *(Tax impact \$.03)*
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

YES **456**
NO **592**

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. *(Tax impact \$.02)*
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

YES **497**
NO **483**

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. *(Tax impact \$.09)*
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

YES **358**
NO **609**

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. *(Tax impact \$.14)*
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

YES **542**
NO **432**

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to rescind, pursuant to RSA 33:8-f, the following unissued bond authorizations approved by prior Town Meetings but no longer necessary for the specific purpose:

2007	Guild Sewer Pump Station	\$104,638
2008	Ambulance	50,000
2010	Sewer Lagoon Closure	3,000,000
2013	Ambulance	78,000

YES **760**
NO **320**

980
77.55%

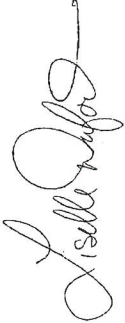
(3/5ths majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will adopt temporary property tax relief as outlined in RSA 72:81 for industrial development within the Town. The intent is to provide incentives to businesses to build, rebuild, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes. State education and county taxes are excluded from the exemption. The exemption shall be 50% for the first year, 40% for the second year, 30% for the third year, 20% for the fourth year, and 10% for the fifth year of the increase in assessed valuation attributed to new construction, additions, renovations, or improvements and shall run for 5 years. This is approved for industrial use only as defined in the statute RSA 72:80. "Industrial uses" shall include all manufacturing, production, assembling, warehousing, or processing of goods or materials for sale or distribution, research and development activities, or processing waste materials. If approved by the voters, the percentage rate and durations shall be granted uniformly to all projects for which a proper application had been filed. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES 641
NO 392

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (Tax impact \$.01) (By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES 615
NO 325

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

4177 voters on checklist 1005 ballots cast
14 same day registered