

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN MEETING
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 14, 2024

L. J. Ruffo
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 Three Years ☐ Vote for not more than one

KEITH M. SAYER ☐

BERT SPAULDING SR. ☐

HERBERT R. TELLOR JR. ☐

DOUGLAS RING ☐

(Write-in) ☐

FOR MODERATOR

For Two Years ☐ Vote for not more than one

KENNETH E. DUFORT ☐

(Write-in) ☐

FOR SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST

For Six Years ☐ Vote for not more than one

JAYNA HOOPER ☐

(Write-in) ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

For Three Years ☐ Vote for not more than one

PAUL J. BROWN ☐

(Write-in) ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF
THE LIBRARY

For Three Years ☐ Vote for not more than one

CHAREN URBAN ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

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 Eleven Million Five Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight (\$11,547,528) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$10,810,857) 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 \$7.59 and the default budget is anticipated to be \$7.30.*) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax impact \$.13) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 8 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 and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Ten Thousand (\$1,010,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, said funds shall consist of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from grants, donations and other sources and the balance of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars from taxation and to further authorize the withdrawal of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars from the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to be used on the construction of the new Community Center, run by the Recreation Department. (Tax impact \$.02) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax impact \$.10) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Nine (\$13,529) Dollars for the replacement of an HVAC unit at the Circuit Court building and to further authorize the withdrawal of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Nine (\$13,529) Dollars from the District Court Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. *(Tax impact \$0.00)*
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to establish the Public Works Garage Capital Reserve Fund and name the Board of Selectmen the agents thereof. These funds will be used for repairs to the building and its related systems. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars to be transferred to said Fund, with Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars of said funds to come from the Newport School District. *(Tax impact \$0.01)* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 13 To see if the town will vote to combine the Heritage District Commission and the Monuments and Memorials Committee, both previously created by Town Meeting, to perform the duties previously delegated to each individual Committee, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint Committee members and create the guidelines for said Committee.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to ratify the layout of Newport Avenue, Roseland Road and Fairbanks Road (along the courses as shown on the Town's Tax Maps), which correspond with their current configuration, as Class V (Town-maintained) roads. The history of the layout of these roads is somewhat ambiguous as the roads were proposed for acceptance as Town-maintained roads, back in the 1950's, but it is unclear as to the Town Meeting's decision on this dedication at that time. More recently, the Town has been providing all forms of maintenance and service of these roads since, at least, the 1990's. Given this circumstantial evidence, it appears that the Town of Newport (at some point) accepted and laid out these particular roads as Class V (Town-maintained) roads. However, the "official record" is lacking a definitive date as to when this occurred. This article seeks to formerly establish a date certain, by and through this ratification vote, in order to properly establish a vote on the layout of such roads.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand seven hundred eleven dollars (\$7,711) for support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2023 – from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 – West Central provided services to 184 Newport residents, including 81 children. **(By petition)** *(Tax impact \$.01)* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of supporting the federal match requirements for the Sullivan County Transportation Program, operated by Southwest Community Services. **(By petition)** *(Tax impact \$.01)* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)**

YES ☐
NO ☐

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