

# Return of Votes

## SAMPLE BALLOT

**ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**TOWN MEETING**  
**NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MAY 11, 2021**

*Liselle DePa*  
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 LIBRARY TRUSTEE
For Three Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span> KEITH M. SAYER <span style="float: right;">195</span> BERT SPAULDING SR. <span style="float: right;">186</span> (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	For Three Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span> PAUL BROWN <span style="float: right;">366</span> (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>	For Three Years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span> CHAREN URBAN <span style="float: right;">365</span> (Write-in) <input type="checkbox"/>

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 4** To see how the Town will vote on the following Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**Article IV**  
**Section 412 – SHEDS (200 square feet or less)**

A Shed can have a 5-foot setback from side and rear property lines. Required front yard setback for specific zone still applies. No shed can be greater than 20 feet in high, measured from ground to peak. This applies to only one shed per parcel. All other sheds or accessory building must comply with setbacks required for the specific zone. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES 331  
 NO 83

**ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Seven Hundred Thousand Five Hundred (\$700,500) Dollars for the costs related to the Road Construction Project. 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. (3/5ths majority required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES 373  
 NO 43

Note: There is no current tax impact from this article. Repayment of this debt expected to come from the General Fund utilizing the annual road funding for 3 years.

89.6%  
 PASS

**ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Million Three Hundred Thirty Thousand (\$1,330,000) Dollars for the costs related to the engineering, land acquisition and construction of water system upgrades on Unity Road and to further approve the use of all or part of these funds as a match for any grants received for the project. 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. (3/5ths majority required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES 364  
 NO 54

Note: There is no current tax impact from this article. Repayment of this debt expected to come from the Water Fund and is anticipated to be budgeted in the 2022-23 Fiscal Year.

87%  
 PASS

**ARTICLE 7** 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 Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven (\$11,050,697) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Six (\$9,723,786) 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.) (The tax rate of the operating budget is anticipated to be \$11.79 and the default budget is anticipated to be \$11.38.)

YES 313  
 NO 105

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

Total Votes = 4477  
 Dem- 1139  
 Rep- 1575  
 und- 1763

420 Voters  
 2 Spoiled ballots  
 568 unused ballots  
 990 ballots (we started w/ 990)

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Public Works Union for the three-year period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, which calls for the following total increases in salaries and benefits:

	Estimated Increase	
Year 2021-2022	(\$31,541)	YES 341
Year 2022-2023	11,156	NO 70
Year 2023-2024	11,325	

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (First year tax impact -\$.06, included in Art 7)

**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars for the costs associated with a Town-wide property revaluation update, as required by the NH State Constitution, and to further authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.00)

YES 359  
NO 56

**ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars for the costs related to the cleanup of the Ambargis Mill Site. Said sum to come from Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) in grants and the balance of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) from the unassigned fund balance; 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 IV and VI and will not lapse until grant funds are no longer available under the rules of the granting authority or five years, whichever occurs first. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)**

YES 347  
NO 68

**ARTICLE 11** 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. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.01)

YES 340  
NO 77

**ARTICLE 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars to be transferred to the District Court Capital Reserve Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.02)

YES 307  
NO 109

**ARTICLE 13** 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. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.02)

YES 304  
NO 111

**ARTICLE 14** 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. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.14)

YES 335  
NO 81

**ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2020 – from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 – WCBH provided 249 Newport residents in charitable mental health care services valued at \$79,680. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.01) (By petition)

YES 315  
NO 103

**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) for the purpose of supporting Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. **(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.01) (By petition)

YES 216  
NO 120

**ARTICLE 17** 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 Southwestern Community Services. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)** (Tax impact \$.02) (By petition)

YES 314  
NO 101

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**