

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN MEETING
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 9, 2017

Liselle Dufort
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 TOWN CLERK		FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
Vote for not more than two		Vote for not more than one		Vote for not more than one	
For Three Years		For Three Years		For Three Years	
WILLIAM T. WILMOT, JR. <i>313</i>	<input type="radio"/>	LISELLE DUFORT <i>418</i>	<input type="radio"/>	LAURA M. PAQUIN <i>414</i>	<input type="radio"/>
BARRY CONNELL <i>211</i>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
DAVID A. HOYT <i>234</i>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>					
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		FOR TOWN TREASURER			
		Vote for not more than one			
		For Three Years			
		LISA MORSE <i>423</i>	<input type="radio"/>		
			<input type="radio"/>		
		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>			

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 5 <i>Y - 332</i> <i>N - 115</i> <i>116</i>	"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning ordinance as follows? Amendment No 1 makes an Accessory Dwelling Unit a permitted use in conjunction with any permissible single family dwelling, as required by a 2016 State statute, RSA 674:71-.73. Please see complete text for details."	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
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ARTICLE 6 <i>Y - 333</i> <i>N - 116</i> <i>117</i>	"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the Town Zoning ordinance as follows? Amendment No 2 alters the sign regulations (Section 412) by eliminating provisions which are unlawfully based upon the message content of the sign, so as to comply with the requirements of the US Supreme Court decision, <i>Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona</i> , 135 S.Ct. 2218 (2015). Please see complete text for details."	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
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ARTICLE 7 <i>Y - 328</i> <i>N - 141</i>	"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$720,000) Dollars for costs related to the engineering, land acquisition and construction of the Coon Brook Road Bridge Project. Said sum to consist of Five Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand (\$576,000) from Bridge Aid grants from the State of New Hampshire and the balance of One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand (\$144,000) to be through 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 required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.)"	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
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ARTICLE 8 <i>Y 285</i> <i>N 185</i>	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 Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six (\$9,999,496) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$9,589,557) 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 \$11.42 and the default budget is anticipated to be \$10.96.)	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Police Union for the four year period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021, which calls for the following annual increases in salaries and benefits:

Y 307	Estimated Increase
N 159	\$ 2,377
	Year 2017-2018 28,922
	Year 2018-2019 30,549
	Year 2019-2020 28,301
	Year 2020-2021

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Seven (\$2,377) Dollars to fund the increases in salaries and benefits for the first year of the agreement, in addition to the appropriation to maintain current funding levels already contained in the operating budget below. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.) (First year tax impact \$.01)**

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 10

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 four year period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021, which calls for the following total increases in salaries and benefits:

Y 332	Estimated Increase
N 138	\$13,852
	Year 2017-2018 7,739
	Year 2018-2019 13,258
	Year 2019-2020 7,505
	Year 2020-2021

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Two (\$13,852) Dollars to fund the increases in salaries and benefits for the first year of the agreement, in addition to the appropriation to maintain current funding levels already contained in the operating budget below. Said sum to consist of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One (\$10,281) Dollars to come from the General Fund, Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Seven (\$2,237) Dollars to come from the Water Fund, and One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four (\$1,334) Dollars to come from the Sewer Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.) (First year tax impact \$.02)**

YES ☐

NO ☐

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)**

Y 320 YES ☐
N 142 NO ☐

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) dollars from the Sewer Fund to be transferred to the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.) (This article has no tax impact)**

Y 369 YES ☐
N 98 NO ☐

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)**

Y 317 YES ☐
N 147 NO ☐

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars for the support of the Community Transportation Program. The Program is currently run by Southwestern Community Services. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.) (Tax impact \$.02)**

Y 323 YES ☐
N 141 NO ☐

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a, which allow the Board of Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote.

Y 274 YES ☐
N 186 NO ☐

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In Fiscal year 2016 – from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 – West Central provided 279 Newport residents with a total of \$64,753 in charitable mental health care. **(By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.) (Tax impact \$.01)**

Y 276 YES ☐
N 190 NO ☐

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One (\$1) dollar for Christmas decorations. **(By Petition) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended Budget Advisory Committee.) (Tax impact <\$.01)**

Y 284 YES ☐
N 173 NO ☐

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