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SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN MEETING
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 10, 2022


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 MODERATOR		FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
For Three Years	Vote for not more than two	For Two Years	Vote for not more than one	For Three Years	Vote for not more than one
JEFFREY F. KESSLER	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 578	VIRGINIA OBRIEN IRWIN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1072	DAVID MCCRILLIS	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1159
DOUGLAS RING	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 480				
JAMES C. BURROUGHS	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 937	(Write-in)		(Write-in)	
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>				
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	For Six Years	Vote for not more than one		
		KAREN J. DOUCETTE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1140		
		(Write-in)			

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 5 To see how the Town will vote on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance adding the following section regarding sheds in all zones:

Article IV – General Provisions
Section 421 – Sheds (200 square feet or less)

A Shed must be a minimum of 5 feet from side and rear property lines. Required front yard setback for specific zone still applies. No shed can be greater than 14 feet maximum height, measured from ground to peak and a single story. This applies to only one shed per parcel. All other sheds or accessory buildings must comply with all requirements for their specific zone subject to Article 5 Special Provisions.

YES ☒ 640
NO ☒ 592

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million Six Hundred Fifty-One Thousand (\$8,651,000) Dollars to pay for the design, construction and equipping of a proposed new community center on Meadow Road (Map 114 Lot 156). Four Million Six Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$4,651,000) to come from private donations, public, and/or private grants, and other sources aside from municipal taxation, and the remaining Four Million (\$4,000,000) Dollars to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 333) 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 332:7 III and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2027, whichever is sooner in accordance with RSA 333:4. (3/5ths majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 642
NO ☒ 602

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 2024 Fiscal Year, with an estimated tax impact in that year of \$.74.

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ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars for the costs related to the development of a management plan for the Dorr Sewer Lagoons. Said sum to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 333) 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 332:7 III and will not lapse until the completion of the project. (3/5ths majority required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 288
NO ☒ 387

Note: There is no tax impact from this article. The article will make us eligible for reimbursement of funds expended on the plan development via 100% forgiveness of the amount by the State of NH.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

* 1298 ballots cast
* (42 Absentee Votes)
* 600 votes registered at the polls
37% vote turnout

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 8 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 Ten Million Two Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine (\$10,200,969) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five (\$10,264,495) 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 \$12.00 and the default budget is anticipated to be \$12.03.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 968
NO ☐ 331

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, 2021 to June 30, 2025, which calls for the following annual increases in salaries and benefits:

	Estimated Increase
Year 2021-2022	\$ -0-
Year 2022-2023	41,865
Year 2023-2024	37,839
Year 2024-2025	40,937

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five (\$41,865) Dollars to fund the increases in salaries and benefits for the second year of the agreement, in addition to the appropriation to maintain current funding levels already contained in the operating budget.

YES ☒ 963
NO ☐ 398

ARTICLE 10 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 ☒ 817
NO ☐ 481

ARTICLE 11 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 and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 763
NO ☐ 490

ARTICLE 12 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 and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 845
NO ☐ 493

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 District Court Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax Impact \$0.02) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 643
NO ☐ 538

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. (By petition) (Tax Impact \$.01) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 789
NO ☐ 403

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$6,370) for support of West Central Behavioral Health, in fiscal year 2021 - from July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 - West Central provided 14,335 services to 235 Newport residents, including 107 children. (By petition) (Tax Impact \$.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 845
NO ☐ 410

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town 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 \$.02) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 605
NO ☐ 581

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 to be added to the Fire Department budget for the purpose of modifying the current shift schedule that would allow for two career firefighters per shift. This would allow the department to increase day to day staffing without having to hire new personnel. This change is vital to continue to provide safe and effective response to the community. (By petition) (Tax Impact \$.19) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Advisory Committee.)

YES ☒ 630
NO ☐ 629

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