

SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN MEETING
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 9, 2023


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 |
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| For Three Years more than two | For Three Years more than one | For Three Years more than one |
| BARRY CONNELL 313 <input type="radio"/> | LISELLE DUFORT 780 <input type="radio"/> | WILLIAM T. WILMOT 752 <input type="radio"/> |
| JEFFREY S. NORTH 456 <input type="radio"/> | OVERNOTES 0 <input type="radio"/> | OVERNOTES 0 <input type="radio"/> |
| DOUGLAS RING 199 <input type="radio"/> | OVERNOTES 15 <input type="radio"/> | OVERNOTES 103 <input type="radio"/> |
| BERT SPAULDING SR. 285 <input type="radio"/> | FOR TOWN TREASURER | WRITE INS SEE SEPARATE |
| HERBERT R. TELLOR JR. 205 <input type="radio"/> | For Three Years more than one | OFFICIAL WRITE IN |
| OVERNOTES 0 <input type="radio"/> | LISA MORSE 716 <input type="radio"/> | PAGE INCLUDED WITH |
| OVERNOTES 0 <input type="radio"/> | OVERNOTES 0 <input type="radio"/> | RETURN OF VOTES |
| OVERNOTES 189 <input type="radio"/> | OVERNOTES 79 <input type="radio"/> | |

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$23,500,000) Dollars to pay for the design, construction and equipping of an upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Thirteen Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$13,450,000) to come from Federal and State grants. Fifty-One Thousand (\$51,000) Dollars to come from Sewer Fund surplus and the balance of Nine Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand (\$9,999,000) 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 is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2028, whichever is sooner, in accordance with RSA 33:8-f. (35ths majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

OVERNOTES 0 ☐

UNDERNOTES 9 ☐

YES 650 ☐

NO 182 ☐

Note: There is no tax impact from this article. Repayment of this debt expected to come from the Sewer Fund.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Four Hundred Ten Thousand (\$3,410,000) Dollars to pay for the permitting, design, construction, and equipping of a proposed new well and its connection to the water system. Two Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred (\$2,837,200) Dollars to come from Federal and State grants and the remaining Five Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred (\$572,800) 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 is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2028, whichever is sooner, in accordance with RSA 33:8-f. (35ths majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

OVERNOTES 0 ☐

UNDERNOTES 8 ☐

YES 653 ☐

NO 200 ☐

Note: There is no tax impact from this article. Repayment of this debt expected to come from the Water Fund.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES
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ARTICLES CONTINUED

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 Ten Million Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Two (\$10,451,772) OVERNOTES
Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four (\$10,281,394) 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. UNDERNOTES

The above operating budget includes Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two (\$56,262) Dollars to fund the estimated increases for salaries and benefits from amendments to the existing collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Police Union. The passage of this article shall be considered not only the approval of the operating budget for the 2023-24 year, but also the approval of the cost items set forth above, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to increases in salaries and benefits required by the amended agreement over those that would be paid under the current collective bargaining agreement. YES 589
(The tax rate of the operating budget is anticipated to be \$7.28 and the default budget is anticipated to be \$6.90.) NO 324
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to approve the renegotiated cost items of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the Public Works Union for the four-year period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025, which calls for the following total increases in salaries and benefits: OVERNOTES

| | Estimated Increase | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Year 2023-2024 | 102,220 | <u>UNDERNOTES</u> 23. |
| Year 2024-2025 | 14,250 | |

and to further appropriate the amount of One Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty (\$102,220) Dollars for the cost thereof, such sums representing the additional costs attributable to increases in salaries and benefits required by the amended agreements over those that would be paid under the current collective bargaining agreement. The sum to consist of Fifty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen (\$59,613) Dollars from the General Fund, Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Eleven (\$30,511) Dollars from the Water Fund and Twelve Thousand Ninety-Six (\$12,096) Dollars from the Sewer Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) YES 546
(Tax impact \$.08) NO 292

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars for the purchase of a new ambulance and related equipment. Said sum to consist of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars to come from donations, Sixty Thousand (\$60,000) Dollars from general taxation and the balance to come from capital reserve and to further authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$180,000) Dollars from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Tax impact \$.08) OVERNOTES
YES 589
NO 261
UNDERNOTES 11

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-One (\$16,871) Dollars for the replacement of an HVAC unit at the Circuit Court building. Said sum to consist of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars from general taxation and Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-One (\$6,871) Dollars from capital reserve, and to further authorize the withdrawal of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-One (\$6,871) Dollars from the District Court Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Tax impact \$.07) OVERNOTES
YES 565
NO 278
UNDERNOTES 18

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. (Tax impact \$.07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) OVERNOTES
YES 506
NO 323
UNDERNOTES 32

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 Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax impact \$.07) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) OVERNOTES
YES 491
NO 394
UNDERNOTES 1
UNDERNOTES 25

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred (\$189,400) Dollars to be transferred to the Richards Free Library to complete the funding for the Library's roofing project. The balance of the project, \$26,000, will be paid for by the Library. (Tax impact \$.25) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) OVERNOTES
YES 589
NO 249
UNDERNOTES 13

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will adopt the following modification to the elderly exemption:

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Newport, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$54,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$81,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$108,000. To qualify, the person must have resided in New Hampshire for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$34,750 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$44,100; and own net assets not in excess of \$44,000 excluding the value of the person's residence, whether single or married." Additional requirements are set forth in NH RSA 72:39-a. These amounts will be effective April 1, 2023.

YES 604
NO 154

Note: The intent of this modification is to increase the exemption amounts from the current \$30,000 (65-75), \$45,000 (75-80), and \$60,000 (over 80) to \$54,000, \$81,000, \$108,000 respectively based upon the recent property revaluation and the maximum net income limits for single persons from the current \$27,900 to \$34,750, and for married couples, from the current \$35,400 to \$44,100.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will modify the Exemption for the Disabled as set forth in RSA 72:37-b to the amount of \$27,000 from the assessed valuation of the principal residence of a qualified disabled person. A qualified disabled person is any person who is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled and has been a resident of New Hampshire for at least 5 years, owns the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned solely by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$34,750 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$44,100; and own net assets not in excess of \$44,000 excluding the value of the person's residence, whether single or married. Additional requirements are set forth in NH RSA 72:37-b. These amounts will be effective April 1, 2023.

YES 639
NO 204

Note: The intent of this modification is to increase the exemption amounts from the current \$15,000 to \$27,000 based upon the recent property revaluation and the maximum net income limits for single persons from the current \$26,000 to \$34,750, and for married couples, from the current \$33,000 to \$44,100.

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will modify the Exemption for the Blind as set forth in RSA 72:37 to the amount of \$27,000 from the assessed valuation of the principal residence of a qualified person. This amount will be effective April 1, 2023.

YES 634
NO 204

Note: The intent of this modification is to increase the exemption amounts from the current \$15,000 to \$27,000 based upon the recent property revaluation.

OVERNOTES 0 UNDERNOTES 24

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to readopt (adopted 2007) the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28 II), in the amount of \$500, provided to Veterans that qualify under the requirements of RSA 72:28 IV.

YES 157
NO 48

OVERNOTES 0 UNDERNOTES 22

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Newport Community Power plan, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Newport Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower flexible electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.

YES 625
NO 209

OVERNOTES 0 UNDERNOTES 28

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will 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 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) West Central provided 12,209 services to 199 Newport residents, including 89 children. (By petition) (Tax impact \$.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

YES 582
NO 262

OVERNOTES 0 UNDERNOTES 18

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for 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)

YES 581
NO 264

OVERNOTES 0 UNDERNOTES 27

ARTICLE 21 Shall the Town vote to lease a portion of the Public Works garage facility located on Route 10 consisting of the easterly two bays, which are approximately forty-four (44) feet in width, together with adequate parking and access thereto, and access to sanitary facilities to the Newport School District for the purpose of storing, maintaining, and repainting its vehicles and other equipment for a period of ninety-nine (99) years, commencing May 15, 2023 for a one time payment of one dollar (\$1.00) with no additional costs to the said School District. The School District may, at its own cost make leasehold improvements as it deems necessary. (By petition)

YES 103
NO 145

OVERNOTES 0 UNDERNOTES 14

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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For Trustee of Trust Funds

Mickey Mouse (1)

Nick Decato (1)

Bert Spaulding do. ①

Harriet St. Laurent
