

3303 Registered
Voters

BALLOTS
CAST 651

19.7%




ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Mary Jo McCullough
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.

SELECTBOARD MEMBER

for 3 years Vote for not
more than TWO
DAN GUIDE 402
CHARLES MELVIN SR. 163
JOE SIMONE 324
ANDREW WHITTY 44
ANTHONY AIELLO 207

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SELECTBOARD MEMBER

for 1 year Vote for not
more than ONE
MICHAEL CONNOLLY 521

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER

for 3 years Vote for not
more than TWO
RAINA BURKE 432
ANDREW EDDY 393

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER

for 1 year Vote for not
more than ONE
EMILY EDDY 499

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE
RON SAUNDERS 528

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE
ELIZABETH WALKER 511

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF
THE GALE LIBRARY

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE
KATHLEEN MESERVE 526

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF
THE GALE LIBRARY

for 2 years Vote for not
more than ONE
PAULA NOON 522

(Write-in)

ROAD COMMISSIONER

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE
MICHAEL PIVERO 411
FRANK E. GIBBS 226

(Write-in)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES

2. Shall the Town of Newton 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 budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,792,352.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,056,753.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newton 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 estimated budget increase from the 2022 ACTUAL budget to the 2023 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$1.213 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Default Budget would result in an estimated tax impact increase of \$0.086 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

YES 269
NO 357

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 3-1

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,200.00 to be deposited into the Engineering & Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015; said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with no monies to be raised by taxation.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES 455
NO 173

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be deposited into the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006. Said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with no monies to be raised by taxation.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES 450
NO 176

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Police Chief, the sum of \$25,000.00 to be deposited into the "Police Cruisers and Equipment" Capital Reserve Fund created in 2021. Said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with no monies to be raised by taxation.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES 441
NO 188

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Fire Chief, the sum of \$50,000.00 to be deposited into the "Fire Apparatus and Equipment / Refurbishment Fund" Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 and amended in 2011. Said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with no monies to be raised by taxation.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES 435
NO 196

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

7. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Expendable Trust Fund established in 2009 known as Emergency Ops Center, established for the continuation of town services during an emergency. If approved, any monies in said Expendable Trust Fund, presently in the amount of \$8,417.00, plus any accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, shall lapse to the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. This article is contingent upon the Town Meeting's approval of Article 8, and, if the Town Meeting does not approve Article 8, this Article shall be null and void.

YES 457
NO 166

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish an "Emergency Management Operations Revolving Fund" pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of providing and maintaining government services during emergencies, as deemed appropriate by the government body. Further, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to deposit into the Revolving Fund all or any part of the revenues from state or federal grants, any other state or federal funding program, or from any other sources intended for Emergency Management purposes, as approved by the governing body for deposit into the Revolving Fund. Further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,417.00 to be deposited in the Revolving Fund, said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, with no monies to be raised by taxation. The money in the Revolving Fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unassigned fund balance. The Board of Selectmen shall be the agents to expend from the Revolving Fund. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the legislative body shall be necessary to expend. The monies in the Revolving Fund may be expended for maintaining government services, including, but not limited to, payroll, equipment, supplies, maintenance and repairs, utilities, and fuel. This article is contingent upon the Town Meeting's approval of Article 7, and, if the Town Meeting does not approve Article 7, this Article shall be null and void.

This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES 456
NO 165

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,363.00 for the following Community Services:

AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	\$ 3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
HAVEN	3,050.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	2,927.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS TRANSPORTATION	700.00
SOROCK COALITION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH	4,936.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	2,700.00
WAYPOINT	2,000.00
	<u>\$30,363.00</u>

This article would result in an estimated \$0.047 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

YES 440
NO 195

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of \$5000.00 for Recreational Programs and Trips for Newton Senior Citizens. If this article is approved by the voters, the Select Board shall include funding for this program in the Select Board's proposed operating budgets for subsequent years until such time as the Town Meeting votes otherwise.
This article would result in an estimated \$0.008 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

440
YES
NO
195

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum of \$25,920.00 for the purpose of hiring four Part-Time Lifeguards and one Part-Time Lifeguard Supervisor: performing candidate searches and training and purchasing necessary Safety Equipment. The Lifeguards will oversee the safety of all swimmers at the Town Beach between May 2023 and September 2023.
This article would result in an estimated \$0.040 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

361
YES
NO
266

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

12. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 to be paid toward the 2023 Solid Waste Disposal Budget as an offset to the recycling and disposal costs, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000.00 from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose.
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

507
YES
NO
119

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

13. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of holding a Hazardous Waste Day, for Newton Residents only. Said monies to come from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 with no monies to come from taxation.
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

519
YES
NO
109

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

14. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to review and revise the 1998 Ethics Policy, to update the Ethics Policy in such a way as to allow the continued operation of town services.

488
YES
NO
135

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 3-1

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

15. Shall the Town of Newton vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to readopt the provisions of the All Veterans' Tax Credit, RSA 72:28-b, and RSA 72:28-b:II, known as the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit, in the amount of \$750.00 per year? If adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran's Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V, and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran's tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III.

YES 547
NO 78

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

16. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the "Town Cisterns and Fire Ponds Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, and improving or replacing the Town's cisterns and fire ponds; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be placed in the fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from such fund. Said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES 480
NO 150

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$5,130.00 to be deposited into the Skateboard Park Expendable Trust Fund created in 2021; said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. The amount \$5,130.00 in the unassigned fund balance represents donations raised by Paul Murray through various events and deposited into the Town's general fund, but which are restricted for the purposes for which the Fund was created.
This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES 422
NO 204

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

18. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Newton to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3000 to support a *Lake Host Program at the Newton Town Boat Ramp for the 2023 summer season*. The Lake Host Program is a collaborative effort between NH Department of Environmental Services, NH LAKES and local lake associations. It trains and employs individuals to provide courtesy boat inspections to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive plants, such as milfoil, from one lake to another thereby protecting public lake uses such as swimming, fishing, and boating.
This article would result in an estimated \$0.003 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

In 2022 Country Pond Lake Association (CPLA) of Newton organized a Lake Host program that provided over 266.25 hours of inspection time at the Newton Town Boat Ramp. In 2023 CPLA plans to expand that to 565 hours of inspection time with a total cost of \$5,300. Funding for this program will come from town support via this warrant article, a matching NH LAKES grant and CPLA member donations.

YES 376
NO 252

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

19. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Newton NH , shall the town vote to express the non-binding view that the Planning Board should study the need and feasibility for adopting a Growth Management Ordinance pursuant to RSA 674:22, to restrict the development based on the state of Municipal Water and Sewer infrastructure in the town and other relevant considerations with the burden being placed on the developer to show this is the case.

YES 442
NO 171

This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 3-1

20. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Newton to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be deposited into the Skateboard Park Expendable Trust Fund created in 2021 for the purpose of repairing, constructing / reconstructing, and maintaining the skateboard park located at Greenie Park.

YES 249
NO 371

This article would result in an estimated \$0.015 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT