

40% turnout

3325 registered voters / 1327 votes cast



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 8, 2016

BALLOT 1 OF 2

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:
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Grid of ballot sections: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, MODERATOR, SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST, PLANNING BOARD MEMBER, CEMETERY TRUSTEE, SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST, GALE LIBRARY TRUSTEE, TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS. Includes names and vote counts like CHARLES R. MELVIN, SR. 450 and JULIE LAMERE 1045.

ARTICLES

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section X - General Provisions, Paragraph 4. The changes are in BOLD and struck-out as follows:

4. No occupant or owner of land shall have or shall cause to have on their property or permit more than one (1) motor vehicle which is not registered or and inspected, unless such vehicle is stored in a legally permitted structure, is stored in a manner consistent with an approved site plan, or is stored in a manner consistent with a legal, non-conforming use. Per RSA 266:1, any vehicle registered shall be inspected not later than 10 days after the registration or transfer of ownership of said vehicle.

774 YES NO 481

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 6-0

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section XXXV - Commercial Architecture, Subsection III - Commercial Design Standards, Subsection B - Signs, Paragraphs 1 and 4. The changes are in BOLD and struck-out as follows:

1. General. All new signs within a new development or the replacement of any sign not in existence prior to March 13, 2007 must conform to the following requirements. All signs within a development must be consistent with the overall design of the development, and should shall be constructed of wood, granite, painted cast metal, bronze, brass, or other material consistent with the materials used in the building's facade or fixtures.

ARTICLE 3 CONTINUED ON BACK OF BALLOT

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 3 CONTINUED

4. Freestanding signs shall only be permitted where the business is not attached to any other buildings. All freestanding signs must be no larger than four feet in height and no greater than six feet in width 32 square feet. Freestanding signs constructed of natural materials such as granite or wood are encouraged.

933
YES
NO
331

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 7-0

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of 25 or more legal voters in the Town of Newton to amend the Newton Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend section X General Provisions 4 with changes in BOLD as follows:

No occupant or owner of land shall have or shall cause to have on their property or permit more than one (1) two (2) motor vehicle(s) which is not registered or inspected, Change from 1 (one) motor vehicle to 2 (two) vehicles Effective immediately. If approved, this appropriation will NOT change or effect any town budgets of the town.

507
YES
NO
749

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 3-3

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Four Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,498,700) (gross budget) as recommended by the Newton Fire Station Building Committee for the design, engineering, site preparation, building construction and renovation, equipment and furnishing for a new Fire and Rescue Station to be located at 8 Merrimac Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,498,700 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the date, maturities, denominations, interest rates, or discount rate in the case of notes, place of payment, form and other details of such bonds or notes and to enter into such agreements as are necessary to accomplish the financing and completion of such Fire and Rescue Station. (3/5 ballot vote required)

712
YES
NO
583

This article would result in a \$0.15 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

6. "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 \$3,181,348.00? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,108,696.00 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."

576
YES
NO
692

The budget increase from the 2015 ACTUAL budget to the 2016 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$0.08 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

7. To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, allowing all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots in Newton Cemeteries, and any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of cemeteries; and further to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund.

1068
YES
NO
208

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

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

8. Shall the Town accept the provision of RSA 202-A:4-d providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose?

1082
YES
NO
179

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

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 \$12,700.00 from the unassigned fund balance for revenues generated from rental fees at 8 Merrimac Road, to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015 for this purpose.

1068
YES
NO
202

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

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

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SAMPLE



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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Mary Jo McCullough
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

10. 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 2016 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BUDGET as an offset to the 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.
A "yes" vote for this article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. A "no" vote will result in an increase in the amount to be raised by taxes of \$0.12 per \$1000.00 of assessed value.

1047
YES
NO
172

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,459.00 for the following Community Services:

HAVEN (f/k/a A SAFE PLACE & SASS)	\$ 3,050.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES	1,500.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
FAMILY MEDIATION	5,947.00
LAMPREY HEALTH CARE	1,600.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	1,612.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	2,700.00
	\$30,459.00

855
YES
NO
427

This article would result in a \$0.06 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of \$4,000.00 for Recreational Programs and Trips for Newton Senior Citizens.
This article would result in a \$0.01 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

803
YES
NO
420

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum of \$9,655.00 for the purpose of sponsoring an "Olde Home Day" similar to the event held in town on October 3, 2015.
This article would result in a \$0.02 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

575
YES
NO
696

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum of \$15,000.00 to resurface the Greenie Skate Park. The Commission would like to make these improvements to enhance overall safety at Greenie Park.
This article would result in a \$0.03 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

555
YES
NO
723

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum of \$19,800.00 to restructure the equipment and replace the "safe fall zones" in the playground area at Greenie Park. The Commission would like to make these improvements to enhance overall safety at Greenie Park.
This article would result in a \$0.04 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

604
YES
NO
672

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

16. On a citizen petition of 25 or more voters of the Town of Newton, NH, to ask the voters to allow the Board of Selectmen the authority to convey the Town's interest in a parcel of land, known as MAP 8, BLOCK 3, LOT 4-2 or 74 Smith Corner Road for a fee, to the abutter, Wanda Bilodeau relative of Raymond & Amanda Bilodeau.

334
YES
NO
898

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

SAMPLE

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016

Melvin J. Beal
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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SCHOOL BOARD, MODERATOR, BUDGET COMMITTEE, SCHOOL BOARD, BUDGET COMMITTEE AT LARGE

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2. General Acceptance of Reports 2292 YES ○

ARTICLE 3. Operating Budget 1118 YES ○

ARTICLE 4. Professional Staff Agreement 1261 YES ○

N 1128
K 1165
84 83

604 514
679 812

502 759
793 577

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 5. Discontinue Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

1720

If Article 6 is adopted, Shall the School District vote to discontinue the Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established in 2005 with said funds together with the accumulated interest to the date of the withdrawal (in the approximate amount of \$53,621) to be transferred to the School District's general fund? (majority vote required)

YES

NO

822

Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board (6-0)

Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.00/\$1,000 Newton: \$.00/\$1,000

N K
807 913
457 635

ARTICLE 6. Capital Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve

1743

If Article 5 is adopted, Shall the School District vote to establish a new capital reserve fund to be known as the Capital Improvement and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of the care, upkeep and improvement of School District facilities, and appoint the School Board as agents to expend this fund, and finally to raise and appropriate up to \$153,621 to be placed in this fund with said sum to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 (approximately \$53,621 of that amount will be from the discontinuation of the 2005 Expendable Trust Fund)? No amount to be raised from additional taxation. (majority vote required)

YES

NO

887

Recommended by the Budget Committee (4-2)

Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board (6-0)

Estimated Tax Impact Kingston: \$.00/\$1,000 Newton: \$.00/\$1,000

782 861
466 421

ARTICLE 7. List SRSD Employees

1353

By petition of 25 or more registered voters: Shall we direct the Sanborn Regional School Board to include a list of employees who work for the School District in the Annual Report starting in 2016 and continue each year until voted out by voters. The list should be alphabetical by last name, followed by first name. The list should show the following: name, position held, salary for year reported, total cost of employee to district*, step level, years at SRSD.

YES

NO

1212

*Total cost shall include the following: all benefits including retirement cost, and life, dental and health premiums paid by the District.

Not Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board (6-0)

720 633
563 649

ARTICLE 8. Dispose of the Old Sanborn Regional School Building

1239

By petition of 25 or more registered voters: Shall we direct the Sanborn Regional School Board to come up with a plan to dispose of the buildings located in Kingston, NH, known as the Sanborn Seminary Building and the Science building, by December 31, 2016 by whatever means possible, whether it be selling, returning to the Trustees or some other method. Any monies received by SRSD must be used to pay down bond.

YES

NO

1323

Not Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board (5-1)

718 521
547 776

ARTICLE 9. Annual Report

1539

By petition of 25 or more registered voters: Shall we direct the Sanborn Regional School Board to have the Sanborn Regional School District Annual Report available & distributed two (2) weeks before Annual deliberative session starting with 2016 report.

YES

NO

1000

Not Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board (6-0)

806 733
459 541

ARTICLE 10. Deliberative Session

1441

By petition of 25 or more registered voters: Shall we direct the Sanborn Regional School Board to move the Deliberative Session to the Town of Newton NH every other year starting in 2017.

YES

NO

1042

Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board (4-2)

884 559
378 714

ARTICLE 11. Default Budget

991

By petition of 25 or more registered voters: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (3/5 majority vote required)

YES

NO

1533

Not Recommended by the Sanborn Regional School Board (5-1)

533 448
695 828

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