



**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: ●
- 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.

<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 3 years more than ONE</p> <p>CHARLES R. MELVIN, SR. <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT S. DONOVAN, JR. <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 2 years more than ONE</p> <p>ROBERT DEZMELYK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 5 years more than ONE</p> <p>COLLETTE A. FERRANDI <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p><b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 3 years more than TWO</p> <p>JAMES H. WHITE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHARLES R. MELVIN, SR. <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 3 years more than ONE</p> <p>WILLIAM G. LANDRY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 1 year more than ONE</p> <p>JULIE LAMERE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
	<p><b>GALE LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 3 years more than ONE</p> <p>ANNE D. BANKS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not for 3 years more than ONE</p> <p>MARY M. ALLEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>

**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. This shall include vehicles or appurtenances no longer intended for legal use on the highways, or used parts or materials from which, taken together, include in bulk one or more vehicles. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to fines and penalties as outlined in RSA 676:17. (Amended March 1994, amended March 2003, amended March 2008)

YES   
NO

**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 ~~shall~~ **shall** be constructed of wood, granite, painted cast metal, bronze, brass, or other material consistent with the materials used in the building's façade or fixtures. Plastic panel rear-lighted signs are not permitted. Billboards are not permitted. Signs employing mercury vapor, low pressure and high-pressure sodium, and metal halide lighting are not permitted.

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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. YES NO

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. YES NO

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) This article would result in a \$0.15 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes. YES NO

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." 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. YES NO

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

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

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

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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**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.

YES

NO

**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
	<u>\$30,459.00</u>

YES

NO

*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.*

YES

NO

**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.*

YES

NO

**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.*

YES

NO

**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.*

YES

NO

**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.

YES

NO

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

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**