

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

MARCH 13, 2007

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
1 FOR 3 YEARS**

PATRICIA "TRISHA" J. MCCARTHY  
(360) X  
CHARLES R. MELVIN, SR (105)  
GARY NELSON (214)  
WRITE-IN

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
1 FOR 3 YEARS**

WILLIAM LANDRY (write-in) (20) X

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS  
1 FOR 3 YEARS**

MARY ALLEN (write-in) (10)

**PLANNING BOARD  
2 FOR 3 YEARS**

JAMES L. DOGGETT (398) X  
ANN MILES (335) X  
WRITE-IN  
WRITE-IN

**PLANNING BOARD  
1 FOR 2 YEARS**

FRANK E. GIBBS (458) X  
WRITE-IN

**TRUSTEES OF THE GALE LIBRARY  
1 FOR 3 YEARS**

CAROL J. SZOT (548)  
WRITE-IN

2. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 1** to the Newton Zoning Ordinance DEFINITIONS and SECTION XXVI (11), regarding **ACCESSORY APARTMENTS**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the maximum allowable square footage for accessory apartments, provide a minimum allowable square footage for accessory apartments, and provide clarification of gross floor area to be used in square footage calculations.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 450**

**NO 246**

3. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 2** to the Newton Zoning Ordinance Article III, regarding **HOME OCCUPATIONS AND HOME BASED BUSINESSES**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a distinction between home occupations and home based businesses, and to establish appropriate permitted uses and review criteria for both.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 438**

**NO 263**

4. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 3** to the Newton Zoning Ordinance Article XXX, regarding **ELDERLY HOUSING**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this amendment is to exclude existing elderly housing units in the calculation to determine allowable new elderly housing units.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 401**

**NO 297**

5. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 4** to the Newton Zoning Ordinance Article XVIII regarding **BUILDING CODES**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this amendment is to establish the state building code as the standard for the Town of Newton, including specific standards for foundations, swimming pools, and radon systems. The purpose of this amendment is also to establish penalties for non-compliance with applicable building codes.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 471**

**NO 224**

6. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 5**, the adoption of an ordinance regarding **CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this article is to provide regulations for the conversion of any existing structure to condominium ownership in any zoning district in the Town of Newton.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 475**

**NO 219**

7. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 6**, the adoption of an ordinance regarding **FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this amendment is to establish an overlay district consistent with lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and establish building and development criteria to be allowed within the designated flood hazard area.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 482**

**NO 207**

8. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 7**, the adoption of the **COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE ORDINANCE**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum architectural design criteria for the appearance of commercial buildings, to help preserve and enhance the rural, small town character of Newton.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 487**

**NO 205**

9. Are you in favor of **Amendment No. 8**, the adoption of the **ACCESS MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE**, as proposed by the Newton Planning Board?

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish minimum driveway design criteria for the purposes of promoting traffic safety and efficiency, maintaining proper traffic capacity and traffic flow, reducing vehicular collision frequency, minimizing the future expenditure of public revenues, and improving the design and location of access connections to state and town roads.

**THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 434**

**NO 250**

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$2,967,500**) for the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a **PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX and for the purchase of land upon which it will be erected**, said parcels of land are located on Merrimac Road and identified as Lot 12-6-10 and Lot 12-6-11 with portions of said parcels combining to include 7.92 (+/-) acres, said land to be subdivided for the sole use and purpose of building a public safety complex, and to further authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,967,500) in the form of bonds and/or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended, and to invest the proceeds of the bonds and to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) of investment earnings for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and/or notes, and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity, (not to exceed 5% interest) and other terms thereof. (3/5 ballot vote required)

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 356**

**NO 361**

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11. “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 **\$2,704,395.00**?”

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

Should this article above be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,550,826.00, 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.”

**YES 376**

**NO 325**

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12. Shall the Town discontinue mass mailing the Town Reports each year, thereby reducing the cost of printing and the cost of mailing? (The Town will continue to make the Town Reports available on the Town Website at [www.newton-nh.gov](http://www.newton-nh.gov), by mail upon request, at the Gale Library, and at the Newton Town Hall.)

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 481**

**NO 226**

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Trustee of Trust Funds, the sum of **\$250** to increase the salary line from \$500 per year to \$750 per year.

**YES 349**

**NO 339**

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the sum of **\$25,000** for the preparation of a **SITE PLAN and the CONSTRUCTION of a PUMP HOUSE** on the Town Hall property, needed to house the Fire Sprinkler System equipment. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the site plan and construction is completed or by December 31, 2009, whichever is sooner.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 390**

**NO 311**

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, and the Fire Chief, the sum of **\$50,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund called the "**FIRE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT FUND**" created in 2005.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 416**

**NO 301**

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Gale Library Board of Trustees, the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund called the "**GALE LIBRARY BUILDING FUND**" created in 1982.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 408**

**NO 300**

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the "**TOWN BUILDINGS FUND**" created in 2006.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 307**

**NO 395**

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Road Agent, the sum of **\$25,000** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund called **ROAD SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT FUND** created in 2001 for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and construction.

**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE**

**YES 416**

**NO 292**



23. Shall the Town establish a **Heritage Commission** in accordance with RSA 673:1 and RSA 674:44?

**674:44-a Heritage Commission.** – A heritage commission may be established in accordance with RSA 673 for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts.

674:44-b Powers. –

I. **GENERALLY.** Heritage commissions shall have advisory and review authority, specifically, as follows:

(a) Survey and inventory all cultural resources.

(b) Conduct research and publish findings, including reports to establish the legal basis for a district and preparation of historic district ordinances within the municipality prior to its adoption or amendment as provided in RSA 675:6.

(c) Assist the planning board, as requested, in the development and review of those sections of the master plan which address cultural and historic resources.

(d) Advise, upon request, local agencies and other local boards in their review of requests on matters affecting or potentially affecting cultural and historic resources.

(e) Coordinate activities with appropriate service organizations and nonprofit groups.

(f) Publicize its activities.

(g) Hire consultants and contractors as needed.

(h) Receive gifts of money and property, both real and personal, in the name of the city or town, subject to the approval of the city council in a city or the board of selectmen in a town, such gifts to be managed and controlled by the commission for its proper purposes.

(i) Hold meetings and hearings necessary to carry out its duties.

II. **PROPERTY.** The commission may acquire, in the name of the town or city, subject to the approval of the local governing body, by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease, or otherwise, a fee or lesser interest, development rights, covenant, or other contractual right, including conveyances with conditions, limitations, or reversions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly use the cultural resources of the city or town, and shall manage and control the same; provided, however, that the city, town, or commission shall not have the right to condemn property for these purposes.

III. **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.** Heritage commissions also may assume, if authorized by the local legislative body, the composition and duties of historic district commissions.

674:44-c **Separate Commissions.** – A municipality may choose to maintain a separate and distinct heritage commission and historic district commission. In such cases, the heritage commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the historic district commission as well as to the planning board and other local boards and residents.

674:44-d Appropriations Authorized. –

I. A town or city, having established a heritage commission under this subdivision, may appropriate money as deemed necessary to carry out its purposes. The whole or any part of money so appropriated in any year and any gifts of money received pursuant to RSA 674:44-b shall be placed in a heritage fund and allowed to accumulate from year to year. Money may be expended from such fund by the heritage commission for its purposes without further approval of the local legislative body.

II. The town treasurer, pursuant to RSA 41:29 shall have custody of all moneys in the heritage fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the heritage commission. The disbursement of heritage funds shall be authorized by a majority of the heritage commission. Prior to the use of such funds for the purchase of any interest in real property, the heritage commission shall hold a public hearing with notice in accordance with RSA 675:7.

**YES 252**

**NO 388**

**24.** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5 and to appoint up to five alternate members, provided that Article 23 passes.

**YES 278**

**NO 363**

A true copy attest,  
Raymond D. Thayer, Town Clerk