

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MARCH 10, 2015

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(2 for 3 yrs)

Charles R. Melvin, Sr	323	
Matthew A. Burrill	540	X
Ralph E. Fellows	219	
Lisa L. Gonyer	391	X

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

(1 for 3 yrs)

Mary-Jo McCullough	805	X
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CEMETERY TRUSTEE

(1 for 3 yrs)

Michael Hughes	697	X
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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

(1 for 3 yrs)

Joseph A. Simone, Jr.	687	X
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TRUSTEE OF GALE LIBRARY

(1 for 3 yrs)

Lynne O. Camp	704	X
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TREASURER

(1 for 3 yrs)

Arthur Graichen	696	X
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PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

(1 for 1 yr)

Billy R. Smith	630	X
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PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

(2 for 3 yrs)

Roger Hamel	562	X
Sandra M. Estabrook	594	X

1. To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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 XXVIII Aquifer-Watershed Protection Ordinance. The revisions clarify the district boundaries of the Aquifer Protection District and the Watershed Protection District by providing an easier to understand mapping reference. The actual boundaries of the districts will not change.

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 6-0

YES 738 NO 123

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 XXXVII Personal Wireless Service Facilities. The revisions bring the language of the Town of Newton Zoning Ordinance into compliance with recent changes to federal and state laws regarding modifications to existing cell towers and co-location of cell tower facilities on an existing building or structure.

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 6-0

YES 733 NO 124

4. "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 **\$3,141,939.00**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,142,415.00, 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 2014 ACTUAL budget to the 2015 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$.34 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 573 NO 288

5. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to RSA 31:95-h **for the purpose of paying Inspector fees for permits**. Ninety Percent (90%) of permit fees from the Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector, and One Hundred Percent (100%) of permit fees from the Road Inspector and Health Inspector will be deposited into this fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon the order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

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

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 620 NO 233

6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to RSA 31:95-h **for the purpose of Highway Construction**. All monies received from the Highway Block Grant will be deposited into this fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 677 NO 178

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$90,549.00 for the repair and maintenance of town roads to be offset by the NH Highway Block Grant**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the completion of the project or until December 31, 2020, whichever is sooner. This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 738 NO 122

8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to RSA 31:95-h **for the purpose of paying Emergency Management payroll, training and other expenses**. All monies received from the State of New Hampshire for Emergency Management purposes will be deposited into this fund. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon the order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 644 NO 199

9. To see if the Town will vote to **establish a Capital Reserve Fund** under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of **Engineering and Renovation of the land and buildings located at 8 Merrimac Road**, identified in the town's tax records as Map 12, Lot 6, Sub-lot 11, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,700.00** from the unassigned fund balance for revenues generated from rental fees at this location, to be deposited into this fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 604 NO 242

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement to purchase a fully equipped **Tank Truck** for the Fire Department at a cost of \$350,000.00 and further to raise and appropriate **\$235,000.00** and authorize the withdrawal of **\$235,000.00** from the Fire Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for a down payment, and shall include a manufacture discount of \$10,606.00, to lower the agreement amount to \$104,394.00 payable over a term of 7 years at a rate of \$16,946.00 annually and further to raise and appropriate **\$16,946.00** for the first year's payment. This agreement does not contain an escape clause. *(This new standard Tanker will be replacing the existing 1983 (32 year old) Tanker that has been out of service due to failing NFPA pump testing and other mechanical issues)*(3/5 majority vote required for passage)

This article would result in a \$.03 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOESRECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 637 NO 228

11. To see if the Town will vote to **change the position of the HIGHWAY FOREMAN** from a permanent part-time position to a full-time position effective April 1, 2015 and further to raise and appropriate **\$14,191.00** for the additional costs in salary and benefits. If approved, this appropriation will be included in the operating budget in coming years.

This article would result in a \$.03 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-1

YES 406 NO 454

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 **2015 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.

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

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 672 NO 182

13. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000.00** to hold a **HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY for Newton Residents only** and to authorize the withdrawal of \$35,000.00 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.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 700 NO 152

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$29,182.00** for the following **Community Services**:

A SAFE PLACE	\$ 2,500.00
AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
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	1,835.00
SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES (SASS)	550.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	<u>2,700.00</u>
	\$ 29,182.00

This article would result in a \$.06 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 542 NO 323

15. 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 \$.01 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 570 NO 299

16. To see if the Town will vote to decrease the Recreation Commission from seven (7) to five (5) members and to establish two (2) alternate positions. All members and alternates will be appointed by the Select Board for a term of 3 years, pursuant to RSA 35:B-4.

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

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 701 NO 163

17. On a petition of 25 or more legal voters of the Town of Newton, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00 to Child and Family Services** for the purpose of supporting services provided to residents to access counseling, family support and reunification services, without regard to income from Child and Family Services. Child and Family Services provides accessible and affordable programs to children, youth and their families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance and better citizenship. From July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, twenty-eight (28) Newton Residents received 1,226 hours of free and reduced service valued at over \$44,000 from Child and Family Services. These services protected children from abuse and neglect, strengthened families, prevented out of home

placements and insured that young women had the comprehensive health care necessary to give birth to healthy babies and the guidance to develop positive parenting skills during their baby's first years of life.

This article would result in a \$.003 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YES 542 NO 326

A true copy attests:
Mary-Jo McCullough
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**NOVEMBER 3, 2015
NEWTON TOWN HALL**

The Town of Newton held a special meeting to correct a procedural defect per instructions of the NH Department of Revenue Administration. The meeting was held on November 3, 2015 at the Newton Town Hall. The Town Moderator, Robert Dezmelyk opened the meeting at 5:45 pm to inform the voters what occurred and what needed to be done to correct the defect. The polls were opened at 6:00 pm to vote on the issue, and remained open for one hour, closing at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to legalize and ratify the action taken by the voters at the annual meeting held on March 10, 2015; whereas the Town did not hold at least one bond hearing in regards to warrant article 10 and also did not place the article in consecutive numerical order or act upon prior to other business per RSA 33:8-a; provided, however, that should this article not pass, such vote will not rescind the original authorization.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-0

YES 83

NO 7

A true copy attests:
Mary-Jo McCullough
Newton Town Clerk