



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

BALLOT 1 OF 2

*Regina M. Schofield*  
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.

SELECTMAN	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
for 3 years	for 3 years
Vote for not more than One	Vote for not more than One
MICHAEL A. DRAKE 150 <input type="radio"/>	ANDREW ANDERSON 191 <input type="radio"/>
INGRID HEIDENREICH 81 <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	

**ARTICLES**

**Article 02 Operating Budget**

Shall the Town 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 Three million Three hundred Seventy-Four thousand Six hundred Ninety-nine dollars and no cents (\$3,374,699.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three million Two hundred Fifty-one thousand Four hundred Eighteen dollars and no cents (\$3,251,418.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town 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. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

195  
YES   
NO  57

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 03 Town Bridge Expendable Trust**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2008 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing or replacing town owned bridges? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was \$100,924.07 The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

210  
YES   
NO  41

The Selectboard recommends (2-1) this appropriation.

**Article 04 Surplus / Used Equipment Expendable Trust**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to replenish the Surplus/Used Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2015 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of purchasing surplus vehicles or equipment? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was \$5,117.33 The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

198  
YES   
NO  53

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 05 Fire Dept. Training Expendable Trust**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Zero dollars (\$0) to be placed in the Fire Dept. Training Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2011 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of paying for mandatory Fire Dept. trainings? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was \$10,662.62 The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

202  
YES   
NO  48

The Selectboard recommends (2-1) this appropriation.

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 06 Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 1997 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing Town owned vehicles? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was \$18,174.27 The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

206  
YES   
NO   
43

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 07 Appropriation for Portion of Public Safety Building**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Twenty-Five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to partially pay the ninth year's bond payment on the Public Safety Building and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, which was authorized to be used for this purpose in 2011? The remainder of the annual bond payment (\$139,106.09) is included in the Operating Budget Article 02.

221  
YES   
NO   
28

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 08 Fire Dept. Ambulance Lease Payment**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven thousand Three hundred Forty-Four dollars (\$37,344) to pay the third year's lease payment on 17A1, purchased in 2020, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$37,344 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, which was created for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Department in 1997, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

224  
YES   
NO   
25

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 09 Town Road Maintenance**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred Fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for maintenance and improvements on Town owned roads, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$250,000 from Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

232  
YES   
NO   
18

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 10 Fire Dept. Turnout Gear**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the purchase of 20 complete sets of turnout gear, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$4,500 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$85,500 funded by a Firefighters Grant, with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the Operating Budget under Article 02.

202  
YES   
NO   
47

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 11 Fire Dept. Air Packs**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five thousand Three hundred Fifty-five dollars (\$35,355) for the purchase of 3 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units (with Thermal Imaging Cameras and pack locators) for the Fire Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$35,355 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

199  
YES   
NO   
50

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 12 Fire Dept. Rescue Pumper Truck**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the purchase of a new Pumper/Rescue to replace a 17E3, a 1989 KME Fire Truck, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$37,500 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of \$712,500 funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2025. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the Operating Budget under Article 2.

176  
YES   
NO   
72

The Selectboard recommends (2-1) this appropriation.

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 13 Highway Dept. Medium Duty Truck**

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement for the lease and purchase of a fully equipped Highway Department Medium Duty Dump Truck, with a plow, sander and rake, for a total cost of One hundred Thirty-Five thousand dollars (\$135,000), using \$25,000 of ARPA funding, and to raise and appropriate Twenty-Six thousand dollars (\$26,000) for the first year's payment? The remaining balance of \$84,000 will be financed through the lease/purchase agreement. This lease agreement will contain an escape clause. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

190  
YES   
NO   
59

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 14 Reimbursable Grants Fund**

Shall the town vote to establish Reimbursable Grants Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of applying for grants which reimburse expenditures and to raise and appropriate Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to put in the fund; and further, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

193  
YES   
NO   
56

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 15 Establish a Heritage Fund**

Shall the town vote to establish a Heritage Fund under the provisions of RSA 674:44-d for the proper recognition, use and protection of resources that are valued for their historic, cultural and community significance to the municipality whereby any appropriation made in support of the Heritage Commission remaining at year-end may be deposited into it. The town treasurer shall have custody of the fund and shall pay out the same only on order of a majority of the heritage commission without further town approval; and further raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of \$10,000 from Fund Balance?

173  
YES   
NO   
74

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 16 Re-adoption of Veterans Tax Credit**

Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 Optional Veterans Tax Credit, as amended in 2022 by the State Legislature (HB 1667)? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service, or who continues to serve. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as voted by the Town in 2012 under RSA 72:28.

239  
YES   
NO   
11

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 17 Re-adoption of All Veterans Tax Credit**

Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b All Veterans' Tax Credit, as amended in 2022 by the State Legislature (HB 1667)? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service, or who continues to serve. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as voted by the Town in 2017 under RSA 72:28-b.

235  
YES   
NO   
15

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

**Article 18 Discontinuance Fire Dept. Equipment Capital Reserve**

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Fire Dept Emergency Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

183  
YES   
NO   
65

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 19 Discontinuance Hwy. Dept. Building Capital Reserve**

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Highway Dept. Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

173  
YES   
NO  70

**Article 20 Discontinuance Highway Dept. Equipment Capital Res**

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Highway Dept. Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1969. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

170  
YES   
NO  72

**Article 21 Discontinuance Conservation Easement Capital Reserve**

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Conservation Easement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

163  
YES   
NO  80

**Article 22 Zoning Amendment**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To adopt the amended Floodplain Development Ordinance, which meets the minimum requirements of Section 60.3(b) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations, as an addendum to the New Hampton Zoning ordinance?

The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

205  
YES   
NO  39

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**