



**SAMPLE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Maurice Bellefleur
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 style="text-align: center;">FOR SELECTMAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than Two</p> <p>JESSE RENAULD-SMITH 173</p> <p>SALIM BLUME 279</p> <p>ERIC CONNOR 93</p> <p>BENJAMIN "BENJI" KNAPP 366</p> <p>MARK NELSON 119</p> <p>JONATHAN H. OSBORNE 129</p> <p>KYLE P. PARKER 160</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than One</p> <p>MARK M. CAREY 505</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR ETHICS COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not One Year Term more than One</p> <p>THOMAS FLAHERTY 299</p> <p>SUZANNE COUHIE 341</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR ETHICS COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Two Year Term more than Two</p> <p>NEAL KURK 323</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER W. MANN III 291</p> <p>EILEEN P. MEANEY 409</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 16</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR ETHICS COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than Two</p> <p>WENDY CURRY 387</p> <p>LUTHER "LUKE" DRAKE 297</p> <p>JANICE MATHEWS 291</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 14</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR BOARD OF FIRE-WARDS MEMBER FIRE DEPT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than One</p> <p>DAVID P. HEWEY SR 532</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR BOARD OF FIRE-WARDS NON-MEMBER FIRE DEPT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than One</p> <p>LEAH CUSHMAN 438</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 34</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FOR SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Six Year Term more than One</p> <p>JESSICA KALLIPOLITES 511</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not Three Year Term more than One</p> <p>MICHAEL PELLETIER 511</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/> 6</p>	

ARTICLES

<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 2</p> <p>Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Weare Building Permit Ordinance as follows: "To amend Article 4 to reference the International Building Code 2018 instead of the BOCA National Building Code 1993"? (Recommended by the Planning Board)</p>	<p>YES 516</p> <p>NO 231</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 3</p> <p>Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Weare Zoning Ordinance as follows: "Amend Article 3 regarding non-conforming lots to allow any residence to be constructed on a dimensionally nonconforming lot if certain conditions are met, and to limit additions to nonconforming structures to those structures which are located in the front setback?"(Recommended by the Planning Board)</p>	<p>YES 399</p> <p>NO 341</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 4</p> <p>Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as follows: "We the undersigned residents petition to amend the Town of Weare Zoning Map by modifying the zoning of Tax Map 107 Lots 44 and 46, said parcels being located at 60 and 68 Woodfern Road, to change from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Residential (R). By Petition (Recommended by the Planning Board)</p>	<p>YES 417</p> <p>NO 314</p>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 5

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 Seven Million Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$7,977,540)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seven Million Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$7,419,348), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of 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. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 431
NO 342

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town approve the cost items contained in the one (1) year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Union for the Police Department Employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2023	\$59,266

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$59,266) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 475
NO 294

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$98,225) to be used for raises for non-union Town and Library personnel? If approved, this addition would become part of the annual budget with an estimated annual cost of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$125,584). **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 462
NO 307

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the replacement of approximately 25 aging pagers and chargers that are unserviceable at this time for the Fire Department Call Personnel with said funds to come from the Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle Special Revenue Fund? **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 645
NO 128

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) for the purchase of one (1) fully equipped Utility Truck for the Fire Department with said funds to come from the Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle Special Revenue Fund? This vehicle replaces the existing 2003 F350 Utility Vehicle. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 599
NO 177

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Ten Dollars (\$78,010) for the purchase of one (1) fully equipped front line police cruiser, with Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to come from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds and the remaining balance of Forty-Eight Thousand Ten Dollars (\$48,010) to be raised by taxation? This would replace a vehicle that has already retired. **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 442
NO 333

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$241,941) to be added to the previously established Highway Truck and Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing one (1) new fully equipped 10-wheel plow truck for the Highway Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Undesignated Fund Balance? (This amount represents all of the unanticipated revenue received from the state as Additional Highway Block Grant per SB401.) **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 595
NO 180

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the previously established Government Building and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding unanticipated failures to aging infrastructure, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Undesignated Fund Balance? **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 565
NO 208

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be added to the previously established Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund for road reconstruction and resurfacing of roads with up to Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$283,965) anticipated from the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant (pursuant to RSA 235) and the remaining balance to be raised by taxation? (If the Town receives the anticipated amount of the Highway Block Grant, the amount to be raised by taxation will be \$216,035. If the Town receives less than anticipated, the difference will need to be raised by taxation, and if the Town receives more than anticipated, less will be raised by taxation.) **(Recommended by Board of Selectmen)**

YES 538
NO 233

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ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to establish a Recreational Courts Replacement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to fund the replacement of the existing tennis courts and creating a multipurpose recreational court facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 347
NO 429

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote to establish a Parks and Recreation Facilities Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2, II, for the purpose of maintaining, improving, and/or adding to equipment, buildings, and grounds overseen by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents of said fund. All revenues received by Parks and Recreation facilities and services, to include fees, charges or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission, will be deposited into the 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 fund balance or surplus. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen 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? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 534
NO 236

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for cemetery improvements and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from Cemetery Trust Funds Cy Pres Account? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 595
NO 180

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to allow the Conservation Commission to secure contracted services with a Licensed Forester for forestry services including plan updates, harvest layout, harvest management, forest inventory, invasive species control and other related services, and to allow the Conservation Commission to contract or purchase materials or services for maintenance and upkeep of town forests and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Town Forest Account? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES 564
NO 210

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town vote to readopt the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500? (If adopted, the credit will apply to every resident who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or the surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph; (b) Every resident who was terminated from armed services because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. If approved, the credit granted will be \$500, which is the amount previously adopted by the Town.) (**Recommended** by the Board of Selectmen)

YES 661
NO 115

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to readopt the All Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28? (If approved, the credit will be available to any resident who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty or state active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is no receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the optional veteran's tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.) (**Recommended** by the Board of Selectmen)

YES 651
NO 125

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town vote to disband the Board of Firewards and return control of the Fire Department back to the Board of Selectmen and be governed as described in NH RSA 154:1 I (b): A fire chief appointed by the local governing body, or by the town or city manager, if any, with firefighters appointed by the local governing body or manager, upon recommendation of the fire chief? If approved, this change will be effective one year from today.

YES 483
NO 272

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ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to pave Orchard Hill Road and Apple Way? (By **Petition**)

YES 260

NO 479

ARTICLE 22

We the Town of Weare hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Free and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety. We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to _____'s State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to _____'s Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by _____'s Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. (By **Petition**)

YES 265

NO 466

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT