



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WEARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13, 2018**

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 align="center">FOR SELECTMAN</p> <p align="center">Three Year Term Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>FREDERICK W. HIPPLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SHERRY M. BURDICK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>THOMAS S. CLOW <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FOR TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">Three Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>SARAH A. DINWOODIE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">One Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>CONNIE L. ST. CLAIR <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">FOR MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">Two Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>JOHN P. FOSS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Three Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>LEROY MARCROFT <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FOR BOARD OF FIRE-WARDS NON-MEMBER FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p align="center">Three Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>STEVEN COLBURN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">FOR SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">Six Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>COLLEEN LEIGH COUHIE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Three Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>WILLIAM F. TIFFANY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FOR BOARD OF FIRE-WARDS MEMBER FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p align="center">Three Year Term Vote for not more than One</p> <p>MARK BLUTEAU <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>

ARTICLES

<p align="center">ARTICLE 2</p> <p>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 Six Million Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$6,074,660)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$5,997,260), 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)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">ARTICLE 3</p> <p>Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$26,855) to be used for raises for non-union Town and Library personnel? If approved, this addition would become part of the annual budget. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">ARTICLE 4</p> <p>Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the previously established Government Building and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to the various Town Buildings? (Recommended by Board of Selectmen)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">ARTICLE 5</p> <p>Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$44,571) for the purchase of one (1) fully equipped marked police cruiser; and to authorize Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$44,571) to be withdrawn from the unreserved fund balance for this purpose? This will replace an existing cruiser. (Recommended by Board of Selectmen)</p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$41,544) representing the cost of adding one (1) additional full time Police Officer to the existing Police Department? This represents the wages and benefits for six (6) months. If this article is approved, this would become part of the annual operating budget, with the estimated sum increase to \$100,656 for a full 12 months. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town change the name and purpose of the Weare Fire Department Replacement Vehicle Special Revenue Fund (established by Warrant Article 41 of the 1999 Town Meeting), to allow for the purchase of equipment in addition to the purpose of purchasing vehicles. The new name of the fund will be the Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle Special Revenue Fund? (2/3 Vote Required) (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) to be added to the previously established Highway Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? It is anticipated that these funds will be utilized for the purpose of replacing an existing plow truck with a new fully equipped 10-wheel plow truck. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$95,320) to be added to the previously established Highway Truck and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? It is anticipated that these funds will be utilized for the purpose of purchasing the back-hoe that is currently being rented by the Public Works Department. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000) for the reconstruction and resurfacing of roads with up to Two Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$278,320) anticipated to be received from the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant (pursuant to RSA 235) and the remaining estimated balance of \$201,680 to be raised by taxation? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300) representing the cost of recruiting and hiring a part time truck driver for the Public Works Department? This represents the wages for 9 months (390 hours). If approved, this addition would become part of the annual budget, with the estimated sum increase to \$8,400 for a full 12 months. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) to be added to the previously established Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of erecting, repairing and/or replacing bridges? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of constructing two (2) pavilions at the Francis Arthur Bolton Sr. Memorial Park? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$49,660) to be added to the previously established Government Building & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of performing the necessary repairs to the Bell Tower at the Town Hall? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town establish a Library Space Planning/Engineering Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding the planning and engineering needs and to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$00) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the previously established Cemetery Construction Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of continuing to repair the stone walls and fences around the cemeteries? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) 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
NO

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) for the purpose of purchasing fireworks for the 2018 Weare Patriotic Celebration? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to allow the Conservation Commission to secure contracted services with a Licensed Forester to prepare forest management plans; secure contracted services for the Town Forest maintenance, and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Town Forest Account? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for Conservation Commission expenditure toward the purchase of new town forest land, and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that sum from the Town Forest Account? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town vote to discontinue a 50' x 50' portion of Pine Hill Road abutting the property located at 253 Pine Hill Road (Tax Map 402, Lot 31), and to convey that property to the owner of 253 Pine Hill Road (presently TKG Properties, Inc.)? The portion of the road that is to be discontinued was designed as a turnaround for one of the phases of the Pine Hill Road development and is no longer necessary. (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town allow the operation of KENO games within the town pursuant to NH RSA 284:41 through 51?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of all tax deeded property by public auction or sealed bid? The authority granted in 1994 limited the selectmen's authority to sell tax deeded property to properties of less than 5 acres (land only) or 10 acres (if developed with a residence). (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town require that the Finance Committee broadcast/record its meetings, unless a conflict of facilities, availability, or daily operations/interactions do not allow for this to occur? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of fitness equipment for the Fire Department and fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the Buxton Bequest Fire Rescue Trust Fund? (**Recommended** by Board of Selectmen)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to remove the hammerhead from property address 253 Pine Hill Road Map 402, Lot 31, owned by TKG Properties, Inc.? (By Petition)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 27

To see if the town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of no less than ten and no more than twenty persons to assist in the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's "Becoming Age Friendly" assessment, should Weare be chosen as a pilot community, and if not, to begin the information-gathering process necessary for a long-overdue revision of the town's Master Plan, including demographic, economic, environmental, and public opinion data? The committee shall be comprised of representatives of town government, of business persons, of social and service organizations within Weare, and of the broad demographics in Weare. The committee shall be appointed by May 1, 2018, and produce a report of its findings to be delivered to the Board by February 1, 2019, shared by the Board with the Planning Board, and made available to the community at large.

YES
NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING