

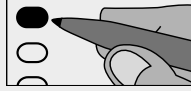


Sample Ballot
Town Election
May 13, 2025
 Town of Newport, NH

Instructions

To Vote:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



To Vote for a Write-in:

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.



Selectmen

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 For Three Years

James C. Burroughs

Jeffrey F. Kessler

Douglas Ring

Write-in

Write-in

Selectmen

Vote for not more than 1
 For Two Years

Rachel Dilger

Write-in

Selectmen

Vote for not more than 1
 For One Year

Herbert R. Tellor Jr.

Write-in

Trustee of Trust Funds

Vote for not more than 1
 For Three Years

David McCrillis

Write-in

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand (\$2,700,000) Dollars to pay for the creation of a lead service line inventory and fund any necessary repairs. Said sum to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2029, whichever is sooner, in accordance with RSA 33:8-f. (3/5ths ballot vote required) (No Tax Impact) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

Note: There is no tax impact from this article. Repayment of this debt, after 70% forgiveness, is expected to come from the Water Fund.

Yes

No

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty Thousand (\$640,000) Dollars to pay for the completion of the Unity Road Water Main Project. Said sum to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest and time period thereon, and to take other such action as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town; and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such monies as become available from the Federal and/or State governments for use in connection with said project and pass any votes thereto. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 III and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2029, whichever is sooner, in accordance with RSA 33:8-f. (3/5ths ballot vote required) (No Tax Impact) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

Note: There is no tax impact from this article. Repayment of this debt is expected to come from the Water Fund.

Yes

No

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to 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 posted budget with the warrant, or as amended by the first session of the annual meeting, for the purposes set forth therein totaling Eleven Million One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Five (\$11,127,745) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million Six Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two (\$10,610,792) Dollars, 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 (The tax rate of the operating budget is anticipated to be \$7.23 and the default budget is anticipated to be \$6.91.) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

Yes

No

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and Police Union for a Three (3) Year period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year 2025-2026 \$96,336

Year 2026-2027 \$45,307

Year 2027- 2028 \$49,144

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six (\$96,336) Dollars, to fund the increases in salaries and benefits for the first year of the agreement, in addition to the appropriation to maintain current funding levels already contained in the operating budget. (Majority Vote Required) (First Year Tax Impact \$.13) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 9

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and Public Works Union for a Three (3) Year period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, which calls for the following total increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year 2025-2026 \$73,463

Year 2026-2027 \$37,356

Year 2027-2028 \$25,838

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three (\$73,463) Dollars to fund the increases in salaries and benefits for the first year of the agreement, in addition to the appropriation to maintain current funding levels already contained in the operating budget below. Said sum to consist of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three (\$48,153) Dollars from the General Fund, Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three (\$15,773) Dollars from the Water fund, and Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Seven (\$9,537) Dollars from the Sewer Fund. (Majority vote required) (First Year Tax Impact \$.07) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.)**

Yes

No

Article 10

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$375,000) Dollars payable over a term of Five (5) Years to purchase a street sweeper and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Six (\$88,806) Dollars for the first year's payment for that purpose. (3/5ths ballot vote) (Tax Impact \$.12) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 11

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five (\$188,595) Dollars payable over a term of Seven (7) Years to purchase a sidewalk plowing machine and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty One (\$33,841) Dollars for the first year's payment for that purpose. (3/5ths ballot vote) (Tax Impact \$.05) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Town Common Capital Reserve Fund and name the Board of Selectmen the agents thereof. These funds will be used for maintenance of trees, planting of trees, restoration and repairs of sidewalks, repairs to the bandstand and maintenance and improvements of the turf on the Town Common. Further to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be transferred to said Fund. (Tax impact \$.01) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Capital Reserve Fund for Town Office Computer Equipment, to be named Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund to include but not limited to the needs for all Town Departments any Information Technology Computer or Electronic Equipment and name the Board of Selectmen the agents thereof under the provisions of RSA 35:1. (2/3rds Vote Required) (No Tax Impact) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be added to the Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$.01) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No



Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Building Repairs, Mechanical System Replacements, and Roof Repairs and Replacements for all Town buildings, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Tax impact \$.01) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax impact \$.10) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Communications Systems Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax impact \$.02) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) Dollars, with Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars of said funds to come from the School District, to be transferred to the Public Works Garage Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax impact \$.02) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars to be transferred to the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. (Tax impact \$.02) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars for the installation of a sidewalk, curbing, drainage and a retaining wall on Maple Street between Laurel Street and Parkview Street (Tax Impact \$.34) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Community Center Capital Reserve Fund and name the Board of Selectmen the agents thereof under the provisions of RSA 35:1. These funds will be used for maintenance, repairs and improvements of the Community Center. (No Tax Impact) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) for paving various roads in town. (Tax Impact 0.27) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) to hire two (2) full-time Fire Fighter/EMT's. This sum includes salary, health benefits, pension contribution and additional benefits afforded to employees. (Tax Impact 0.27) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 24

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Bald Mountain Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) created in May 2009. Said funds in the amount \$400,000 to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No



Article 25

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) Dollars to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance which represents the discontinued Bald Mountain TIF District Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee (Majority vote required) (No Tax Impact) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 26

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars for the purpose of supporting the federal match requirements for the Sullivan County Transportation Program, operated by Southwestern Community Services. (Petition) (Tax Impact \$.02) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$6,730) for the support of West Central Behavioral Health. In fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024), West Central provided services to 193 Newport residents, including 83 children. (Petition) (Tax Impact \$.01) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to accept Lucinda Circle Way as a Town road. The road as shown on approved subdivision plans on record, was built to town standards as approved by the Planning Board. The acceptance of the road is conditioned upon making the necessary improvements prior, and upon approval of the Board of Selectmen and Public Works Director. (Petition) (No Tax Impact)

Yes

No

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand (\$24,000) Dollars for the purpose of funding the Town's cost of the Newport Town Times for the 2025-26 fiscal year. (Estimated tax impact \$.03) (Petition) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee)**

Yes

No