



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 11, 2025**

**SAMPLE**

*Kelly A Roberts*  
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><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b> Three Year Term <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Two</span></p> <p>FRED MCGARRY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JARED MESSINA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GREG WHITMORE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY</b> Three Year Term <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Three</span></p> <p>TINA MCDANIEL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARIANE H. ROBERT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>AMY HARRINGTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>REBECCA HUTCHINSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ANNA KERR <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b> Three Year Term <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p>PETER J. SCHIBBELHUTE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b> Three Year Term <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Three</span></p> <p>RICK DRUCKENMILLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MIRANDA HEATH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JEFF MACKEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>MODERATOR</b> One Year Term <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p>ERIK GROSS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> Three Year Term <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Three</span></p> <p>LINDA MCNAIR-PERRY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KARL SCHLICHTE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSHUA CRESSWELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TOM DILLON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STACY MARCHIONNI <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>WATER COMMISSION</b> Three Year Term <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p>KIMBERLY BLACK <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>

**ARTICLES**

**Article 01 Petition: Bond for Transfer Station Improvements**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (gross budget) for improvements to the Transfer Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$0.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; (3/5 ballot vote required). By Petition.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends against passage of this article 1-4.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 0-11.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 of Assessed Property Value: 0 cents

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 02 Petition: Bond for Roads**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (gross budget) for the repair and/or reconstruction of existing roads including associated drainage improvements and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$0.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; (3/5 ballot vote required). By petition.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends against this article 0-5.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 0-11.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 of Assessed Property Value: 0 cents

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**Article 03 OPERATING BUDGET**

Shall the Town of Deerfield 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling five million seventy-one thousand nine hundred eighty-two dollars (\$5,071,982). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be four million five hundred forty-one thousand, nine hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$4,541,977) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only. Majority vote required. This budget article does not include any of the other warrant articles.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 10-1.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value for Proposed Budget: \$3.64  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value for Default Budget: \$2.99

**Article 04 Road Construction**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of repair and/or reconstruction of existing roads and associated drainage improvements and to further authorize Board of Selectmen to accept any and all State Aid or other revenue source that may become available for this work? The funds will be used for the improvement, reconstruction, maintenance, crack sealing, engineering of roads and tree removals as needed. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the projects are completed or December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value: 62 cents

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**Article 05 Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the previously established Winter Road Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. In 2024 the Town used \$100,000 from the fund for winter road maintenance. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The balance in the fund as of 12/31/24 was \$12,158. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 11-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 of property value assessment: 6 cents

**Article 06 Highway Vehicle & Equipment Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established Highway Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The Town used \$40,000 from the fund in 2024. The fund will have a cap at \$300,000.00 in principal. Balance in fund as of 12/31/24 was \$91,440. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 11-0  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 5 cents

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**Article 07 Employee COLA**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-nine thousand one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$59,175.00), which includes additional wages and required benefits, for the purpose of providing cost-of-living adjustment to Town employees in the amount of 2.5%. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 10-1  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 7 cents

**Article 08 Transfer Station Supervisor**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000) for the purpose of hiring a full-time supervisor for the Transfer Station as an ongoing regular position with benefits. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. This article will be void if the proposed operating budget passes. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 11-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 8 cents

**Article 09 Milfoil Treatment Northwood Lake**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association for Aquatic Invasive Species/Aquatic Bacteria Education, Prevention, Treatment and Control in Northwood Lake. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 11-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: less than half a cent

**Article 10 Pleasant Lake Preservation**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 11-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: less than half a cent

**Article 11 Expendable Trust for Solid Waste**

To see if the town will vote to establish the Solid Waste Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of the collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclable material from the Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the unrestricted fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Due to increases in costs in 2024 the town over-expended the Solid Waste operating budget lines by over \$100,000 and had to reduce expenditures elsewhere in the budget. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 10-1.  
There is no tax rate impact in 2025 as the money comes from unrestricted fund balance.

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 12 Removal of trees**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be used for removal and trimming of roadside trees that are dead, dying, or otherwise viewed as a public safety hazard. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 4 cents

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**Article 13 Purchase 6-wheel plow truck**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for the purpose of purchasing Highway Department plow truck. Last year the town spent \$60,000 repairing Highway Department Vehicles. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommended against this article 2-3.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 10-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 44 cents

**Article 14 Salary Survey**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400) for the purpose of a salary survey. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 4-1  
Municipal Budget Committee did not have a recommendation 5-5.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 1 cent

**Article 15 Ready Rides**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of funding Ready Rides, a volunteer organization providing rides to those in need. This article was requested by the Age-friendly Deerfield Working Group. This is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 10-0.  
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1000 assessed property value: Less than a tenth of a cent

**Article 16 Review and Revise Impact Fees**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of reviewing and revising impact fees, said funds to come from the unreserved fund balance. The fees owner(s) or builder(s) pay help to fund various town and school projects but need to be revisited to remain valid. Majority vote required.

**YES**   
**NO**

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 9-1.  
There is no 2025 Tax Rate Impact since this is funded from unreserved fund balance.

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**Article 17 Petition: Solar on George B. White Building**

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to negotiate a lease of property or an easement agreement with a solar provider on such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the Town for the purpose of installing a solar panel array and related equipment at the George B. White Building at 8 Raymond Road. Deerfield, New Hampshire and further to authorize the Select Board to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with a term not to exceed 25 years, with provisions for a buy-out of the agreement subject to subsequent appropriation, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town, with the understanding that the Select Board may decline to enter into either of these agreements if it deems the terms and conditions not to be in the best interest of the Town. By Petition. Majority vote needed.

**YES**   
**NO**

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**Article 18 Petition: Modify the Elderly Exemption**

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Deerfield, based on assessed value, for qualified resident taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$115,000 (currently \$70,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$180,000 (currently \$110,000); for a person 80 years of age or older \$250,000 (currently \$154,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$55,000 (currently \$36,800) or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$72,000 (currently \$52,800); and own net assets not to exceed \$160,000 (currently \$100,000) excluding the value of the person's actual residence and the land upon which it is located up to 3 acres. By Petition. Majority Vote Needed.

YES   
NO

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.

**Article 19 Additional Cemetery Maintenance**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand (\$70,000) for the purpose of additional cemetery maintenance requested by the Cemetery Trustees but not included in the operating budget for additional tree work and maintenance of additional cemeteries. Fourteen cemeteries are currently not maintained on town property. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required.

YES   
NO

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-2  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 8-2.  
Estimated tax impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 9 cents.

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**Article 20 Voting Machine Replacement**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of one new voting machine, including first-time license fees and necessary accessories, to ensure compliance with state requirements for election equipment and to maintain the security, accuracy, and accessibility of the voting process. Should this article pass, it would only be funded in the event that the 2025 Operating Budget fails to pass. Majority vote required.

YES   
NO

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0.  
Municipal Budget Committee recommends this article 10-0.  
Estimated tax impact/\$1000 assessed property value: 1 cent

**Article 21 Petition: Regarding Highway Agent**

Shall the position of road agent continue to be appointed as it currently is.

YES   
NO

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**Article 22 Petition: 2nd Amendment Sanctuary**

To see whether the Town of Deerfield shall declare itself to be a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary, in which town authorities and officials will be prohibited from enforcing or assisting with the enforcement of any federal laws, rules or Executive Orders that violate the individual right to keep and bear arms as stated in the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution. Advisory Only. By Petition

YES   
NO

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**Article 23 Petition: Police & Immigration Enforcement**

Shall we express an advisory view that the Deerfield Police Department continue to enforce its current arrest policy regarding undocumented immigrants. This policy, developed in 2017, effectively respects individual rights while enforcing public safety measures.

YES   
NO

**As amended at the 2/1/25 town deliberative Session**

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**