

SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

Kim Colbert
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>CEMETERY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One</p> <p>WARREN HOUGHTON 1203 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One</p> <p>SUSAN HANSEN 1152 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECT BOARD MEMBER Vote for not more than One</p> <p>JOSEPH CONSTANCE 674 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NICHOLAS BREZNIAK 449 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST Vote for not more than One</p> <p>DAVID W. MUDRICK 1195 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>
<p>FIRE WARD Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>BRUCE MCKIM 784 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CLIFF PLOURDE 835 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEPHEN L. SEARS 615 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One</p> <p>JOHN FLADD 1082 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>MODERATOR Vote for not more than One</p> <p>LEE C. NYQUIST 1113 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>TOWN CLERK Vote for not more than One</p> <p>KIM COLBERT 1219 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>
<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>CHRISTA SNYDER 1004 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KERRI KELLEY 991 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECT BOARD MEMBER Vote for not more than One</p> <p>WILLIAM MCFADDEN 1068 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Vote for not more than One</p> <p>FRED HAYES 1119 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Write-in)</p>	

ARTICLES

Article 02. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment No. 2 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: adding a new Section 410 to allow Roof Mounted Solar Energy Systems as a permitted use and Ground Mounted Solar Systems as an allowed use by Conditional Use Permit reviewed by the Planning Board as an innovative land use control.
 YES 983
 NO 397

Article 03. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment No. 3 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: amending Article II, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 204.2 Small Scale Planned Commercial District by adding Research and Development Facility as a Permitted Use and deleting Research and Development Facility as Allowed by Special Exception.
 YES 859
 NO 500

Article 04. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment No. 4 to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, amend Article II, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section 204.2 Small Scale Planned Commercial District by adding Light Industry as a use allowed by Conditional Use Permit.
 And amend **Article VI Definitions** as follows: Light Industry – Uses which are intended primarily for production, processing, and assembly plants that are operated so that excessive noise, odor, dust, and glare of such operations are confined within an enclosed building.
 YES 912
 NO 447

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 05. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment No. 5 to the existing Floodplain Development Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, as follows: updating and amending the Town Floodplain Ordinance consistent with new requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, such changes will include amending the following sections: introduction, item 1 definition of tasks, item V (b), and item VIII 1, 2, b, d and e, as necessary.

YES **981**
NO **351**

Article 06: 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 in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Six Million Five Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$6,531,390)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Five Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$5,827,326)**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston 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. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact Net of Estimated Revenue \$4.87)

YES **957**
NO **473**

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$489,212)**, for the purpose of funding **Per Diem Fire Department staffing**. All funding for the continuation of the Per Diem Program is included in this warrant article, there is no funding in the proposed 2024 Operating Budget, Warrant Article #06. If approved, this appropriation will be included in the following year's Operating Budget and Default Budget. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.52)

YES **863**
NO **571**

Article 08: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** to cover the salary and benefits-cost associated with providing a **Three Percent (3.0%) COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment)** in 2024 for all town employees. COLA to be voted on annually at the discretion of the Select Board. Said amount to come from taxation. If approved, this appropriation will be included in the following year's Operating Budget and Default Budget. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommended 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.10)

YES **752**
NO **672**

Article 09: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$890,000)** for the purpose of replacing the **Bedford Road Culvert** located at Cochran Brook 280' east of Foxberry Drive / Bedford Rd intersection, with **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)** to come from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Grant (NHDES), **Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Thirty-Four Dollars (\$228,034)** to come from the **NH State Bridge Aid** and **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** to come from the **Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** and the balance of **Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$61,966)** to come from taxation. If this article fails, the Town will lose the **NHDES** grant in the amount of **\$400,000**. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07)

YES **1135**
NO **293**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund** established in 2000 per RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.21)

YES **985**
NO **425**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000)**, for the purchase of a **Fire Department Command Vehicle**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the **Fire Department Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the specified purchase is complete or December 31, 2026, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (No current year tax impact)

YES **992**
NO **439**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purchasing, upgrading and maintenance of fire department equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in this fund, with the amount to come from taxes. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05)

YES **766**
NO **605**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund** established in 2020 per RSA 35:1, to maintain the Emergency Management communications and related system. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)

YES **1186**
NO **340**

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Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund** established in 1999 per RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.18) YES **981** NO **451**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$260,000)**, for the purchase of **one fully equipped 10-wheel dump truck with plow**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the specified purchase is complete or December 31, 2026, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (No current year tax impact) YES **1070** NO **366**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** established in 2007 per RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07) YES **987** NO **441**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** established in 2011 per RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04) YES **112** NO **314**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)**, for **Road Improvements**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the road improvements are complete or until December 31, 2028, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.11) YES **115** NO **315**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$212,713)**, for **Town road-related upgrades and other road improvements**, to be offset by revenue from the State of New Hampshire **Highway Block Grant Program** estimated to be **Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$212,713)**. If the grant is not fully received, only the amount received will be expended. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, IV and will not lapse until the said funds are expended. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (No funds to be raised by taxation) YES **1234** NO **200**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** established in 1995 per RSA 35:1, as required by State Law RSA 75:8-a, and the New Hampshire Constitution, the Town must revalue all real estate so that all assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03) YES **927** NO **489**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Municipal Facilities Expendable Trust Fund** established in 2022 per RSA 35:1. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03) YES **915** NO **497**

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000)**, for a **Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Mapping**, the second of two (2) annual appropriations for a total of **Two Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$220,125)**. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.12) YES **880** NO **542**

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of **Fire Department Special Detail** wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment, and apparatus and to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)** to be deposited into the fund. Further, all revenues received for fire department special details 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. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. After payment of fire department special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies and other equipment, the fund may also be used for the purpose of purchasing apparatus and equipment for fire special details. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.001) YES **1079** NO **354**

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Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,850)**, for the purpose of supporting the New Boston Fourth of July Association, a non-profit organization, by funding a portion of the cost of the **Fourth of July fireworks** and cover the costs of **mandatory police and fire details** for the parade and the fireworks events. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01)

YES **975**
NO **415**

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$6,438)**, for funding the additional cost of **Police and Fire Dispatch Services** contracted through the Town of Goffstown. If Article #06 (Operating Budget) passes, this article will become null and void. If Article #06 (Operating Budget) fails, and this article is approved, the appropriation will be included in the following year's Operating Budget and Default Budget. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-1) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01)

YES **873**
NO **538**

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600)**, for funding the update of the names on the plaques of the **New Boston Soldier's Monument** located on the Town Common. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or until December 31, 2028, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.004)

YES **1082**
NO **322**

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighteen Thousand Ninety-Two Dollars (\$18,092)** of the remaining **Mill Pond Foot Bridge** funds to be added to the **Mill Pond Foot Bridge Expendable Trust Fund** established in 2020 per RSA 31:19-a. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. **No amount to be raised from current year taxation.** (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES **1039**
NO **366**

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000)** for the purpose of subscribing and implementing a **budget software program** as a tool to modernize the Town's budget process and the ability to clearly communicate the budget finances and other financial information to the residents of New Boston. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)

YES **635**
NO **769**

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000)** for the purpose of upgrading and replacing the fire and security alarm systems in the Town Hall, Highway Department, Police Station, Transfer Station, and the Recreation Building (Old Engine House) to include all associated equipment, labor, and materials to install and maintain the fire/security alarm systems. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.10)

YES **621**
NO **784**

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,900)** to be distributed to seven (7) human service agencies that provide service in the New Boston community in the amounts requested by the following agencies for 2024:

Agency Name	2024 Funding
Home Healthcare Hospice / Visiting Nurse	\$ 1,000
Granite State Children's Alliance (Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County)	1,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire (CASA)	1,000
Crispin's House Coalition for Youth	1,000
Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire	1,000
Red Cross	2,900
St. Joseph Community / Meals On Wheels	<u>\$ 8,900</u>
Total	YES 776 NO 641

These agencies shall be required to give a written report at the end of their fiscal year 2024 to the Select Board highlighting what the funds were used for and what impact the funds had in assisting them to achieve their goals and objectives. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 7-0) (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

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Marilyn Legien
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Three Years _____ Vote for not more than One

BILL SCHMIDT

1067

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2

"Shall the school district 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 TWENTY MILLION FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$20,047,946)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be NINETEEN MILLION NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$19,936,240), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district 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 warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

*The School Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend
The Finance Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend*

741
YES ○
NO ○
689

ARTICLE 3

Shall the school district vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the New Boston School District and the New Boston Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2025	\$227,007
2026	\$ 32,273
2027	\$ 32,295

and further to raise and appropriate TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$227,007) for the 2024-2025 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. This amount to be offset by SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$7,287) from the Food Service Revenues, THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$3,775) from the Special Federal Revenue Fund, with the remaining TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$215,945) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2 the Operating Budget

*The School Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend
The Finance Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend*

778
YES ○
NO ○
659

ARTICLE 4

Shall the school district vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) to be added to the New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) (established in 2010). This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No amount to be raised from new taxation. (Majority vote required)

*The School Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend
The Finance Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend*

1128
YES ○
NO ○
310