

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 3

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

*John Richardson*  
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

**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.

**SELECT BOARD MEMBER**

Three year term Vote for not more than one

BRENDAN FENNELL

HENRY MARSH

JONATHAN PINETTE

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**TOWN MODERATOR**

Two year term Vote for not more than one

BOBBI BURNS

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**TOWN TREASURER**

One year term Vote for not more than one

ANGELA T. BLATUS

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST**

Six year term Vote for not more than one

KEVIN M. MURPHY

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Three year term Vote for not more than one

SUSAN W. LEONARDI

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Three year term Vote for not more than two

JERRY GNAZZO

JANET LARSEN

PAUL MARTINO

SEAN DIONNE

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER**

One year term Vote for not more than one

ANN MARIE BANFIELD

ROBERT BENEVENTO

ANDREW M. RAUCCI

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF THE CEMETERIES**

Three year term Vote for not more than one

FRANK FERRARO

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Three year term Vote for not more than two

JENNIFER KOTZEN

KIRSTEN LARSEN SCHULTZ

PHIL WILSON

VALERIE GAMACHE

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

One year term Vote for not more than one

ORIANA ALLEN

KATHERINE RAUCCI

JOHN SILLAY

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Three year term Vote for not more than two

DONNA McCAY

JAY CHABOT

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER**

Three year term Vote for not more than one

JONATHAN HOWE

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Three year term Vote for not more than one

TORY MARSH

MARY LAMBERT

\_\_\_\_\_   
(Write-in)

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES

**Article Two:** Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 401 Accessory Dwelling Unit. The intent of the proposed revision is to clarify the criteria for allowing an accessory dwelling unit in an antique barn that is connected to a primary dwelling while retaining the traditional New England style architecture of the structures. YES  NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Planning Board: 7-0

**Article Three:** Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 2 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Sections 201.2.A, R-1 High Density District and 201.2.B, R-2 Medium Density District. The intent of the proposed revision is to clarify the intent of the zoning ordinance that only one residential structure is allowed on a lot in the R-1 High Density District and the R-2 Medium Density District. YES  NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Planning Board: 7-0

**Article Four:** Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 3 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To amend Section 104 Definitions and 202.4 Industrial-Business/Residential District Permitted Uses. The intent of the proposed revision is to clarify existing permitted use classifications within the Industrial-Business/Residential District and add definitions for permitted uses terms. YES  NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Planning Board: 7-0

**Article Five:** FY 2025 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation 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, Nine Million Six Hundred Forty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars (\$9,641,882)? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Four Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$9,492,223), 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. YES  NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 9-0

**Article Six:** Proposed Fire Department Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the International Fire Fighters Association Local 3211 which calls for the following increases in salaries, fringe and other cost items at the current staffing level:

| Fiscal Year | Total of Cost Items | Estimated Increase | YES <input type="radio"/> |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 2025        | \$2,122,396         | \$150,169          | NO <input type="radio"/>  |
| 2026        | \$2,200,049         | \$77,653           |                           |
| 2027        | \$2,262,948         | \$62,899           |                           |

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$150,169) for Fiscal Year 2025? Said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, fringe and other cost items required in year one of the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

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*John Beckman*  
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article Seven: Revised Police and Highway Departments Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in a revision to the existing three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 211 which calls for the following increases in salaries, fringe and other cost items at the current staffing level:

| Fiscal Year | Total of Cost Items | Estimated Increase |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2025        | \$1,163,807         | \$168,637          |

And further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of One Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-seven Dollars (\$168,637) for Fiscal Year 2025? Said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, fringe and other cost items required in the revised agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the existing agreement.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Eight: Replace Fire & Rescue Forestry/Water Rescue Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a forestry/water rescue vehicle for the Fire & Rescue Department to replace the temporarily repurposed former Department of Public Works vehicle with said funds to come from the Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Special Revenue Fund? This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan. Approval of this Article will have no effect on the tax rate.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Nine: Purchase Mini-splits for the Highway Facility

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing mini-splits at the Highway Department facility with said funds to come from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund? Approval of this Article will have no effect on the tax rate.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

Article Ten: Road Resurfacing

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the purpose of resurfacing and reconstructing approximately three miles of road, by withdrawing Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the previously established Municipal Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, and raising through taxation the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000)? This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-2

Article Eleven: Replace DPW Mower

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) for the purpose of replacing the current 2012 mower for the Department of Public Works? This item has been identified in the approved Capital Improvements Plan.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article Twelve: Contribution to the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for deposit into the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is to buy out employees' earned time during anytime of the life of their career and limit the Town's unfunded accrued leave liability. The total liability for unfunded accrued leave is estimated to be \$417,625 of which \$198,899 may be payable prior to July 1, 2025. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$74,408.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-2

Article Thirteen: Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) for deposit into the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is to allow for funding to comply with the State of New Hampshire's requirement to perform a property revaluation every five years. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$20,106.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-2

Article Fourteen: Contribution to the EPA Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for deposit into the EPA Stormwater Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is for the implementation of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) project required by an unfunded federal mandate of the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent harmful pollutants from being washed into local water bodies. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$28,874.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 6-2

Article Fifteen: Contribution to the Town Land Environmental Remediation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for deposit into the Town Land Environmental Remediation Capital Reserve Fund? The purpose of this fund is for environmental remediation to Town owned land and costs related thereto. The balance in the Fund, as of December 31, 2023, is \$21.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7-1

Article Sixteen: Close the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006 and amended in 2018 to plan and prepare for future Town building projects, including new buildings and renovations to existing buildings, not covered as part of routine maintenance? Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. Approval of this article will have no effect on the tax rate.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

Article Seventeen: Adopt the North Hampton Community Choice Aggregation Plan

To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to adopt the North Hampton Community Choice Aggregation Plan which authorizes the Select Board to develop and implement a North Hampton Community Choice Aggregation Program as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E). This program would allow the Town to provide North Hampton residents and businesses access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0

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*John B. [Signature]*  
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

Article Eighteen: Modify Elderly Exemption from Property Tax

Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of North Hampton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$170,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$225,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$275,000. 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 \$40,800 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$59,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$190,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

YES   
NO

Majority Ballot Vote Required.  
Recommended by the Select Board: 3-0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 8-0

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT