



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 8, 2022

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Wicob Spruell 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.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Grid of ballot sections: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND, TOWN MODERATOR, SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST, TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND, PLANNING BOARD, TRUSTEE OF THE CEMETERY, PLANNING BOARD, TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Two Hundred Thousand and no 100th Dollar (\$6,200,000.00) to purchase land and easements for conservation purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended); provided, however, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Town shall not issue more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) of bonds or notes in any one calendar year, to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and / or issuance of said bonds or notes, however, no such bonds or notes shall be issued with a term maturity of not less than ten (10) years or more than fifteen (15) years. Land or property interest to be purchased with bond proceeds shall be acquired in the name of the Town for conservation purposes, upon recommendation of the Conservation Commission, and placed under the management of the Conservation Commission. (60% Majority Required)

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$32,500, said amount to be withdrawn from the balance in the previously established Searles Special Revenue Fund for payment of both marketing related and maintenance related costs associated with the Searles Building. Approval of this article will have no additional impact on the tax rate.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bond approved in 2020 – Article 6, for repairing the roof and stone exterior of the tower of the Searles Building, and to raise and appropriate \$98,579 in unused bond proceeds for repairing the flooring structure of the tower and upper tower interior walls, and painting of the exterior trim of the building per RSA 33:3-a, II. No amount of money needs to be raised by taxation. (60% vote required)

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,070 for the purpose of hiring a full time Police Officer beginning on or about July 1, 2022. Said sum representing the costs associated with wages, benefits, and equipment needed for a portion of 2022.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of making repairs and renovations to the Town Hall, to include but not limited to, siding repairs and or painting, drainage improvements, moisture control, insulation, and window improvements. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of five (5) years, whichever is less. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Program.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing a small excavator for the Highway Department and purchasing ancillary equipment for said vehicle. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1*

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000 for the purpose of purchasing a five-ton, six-wheel plow truck for the Highway Department and purchasing ancillary equipment for said vehicle. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of developing an updated Master Plan and to authorize the Planning Board to engage the services of a consultant to assist in the development of the plan. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of three (3) years, whichever is less.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1*

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to be used towards forest improvements and maintenance within the McIlvaine Town Forest and further to raise the same by withdrawal of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) from the Special Forest Maintenance Fund created in accordance with RSA 31:113. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse for a period of three (3) years. Approval of this article will have no impact on the tax rate.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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*Wicor Spruell*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see of the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey an easement in favor of Brian Harvey, of MCL, LLC, over a portion of the Town's Recreational Trail, lot 9-A-770, in the area between Shamrock Road and Anderson Road, for the purpose of allowing a driveway easement to Lot 9-A-825 for a single-family residence. In addition, to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the terms of such easements as they shall deem appropriate as well as to take any other action related thereto. The ability to grant one driveway easement is in accordance with the deed allowances when the Town acquired the property from the State of NH in 2001.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0*

**ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 79-H which allows the Town to "find it to be in the public interest to authorize municipalities to allow a chartered public school to be able to rent or lease its building or facilities from a property owner which is not exempt from property taxes, and not have the property taxes attributable to the chartered public school facilities be taxed to the owner at the full market value of the facilities?" If adopted qualifying chartered public school facility property would be assessed at no more than 10 percent of its market value.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote in accordance with RSA 32:5(V-b) to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1*

**ARTICLE 17.** By petition (as amended by Deliberative Session), a request to the voters to raise and appropriate \$9,500.00 dollars to restore the stonework on the historic Gov. Dinsmore Wall. This represents the third phase of work on the wall located at the corner of Gov. Dinsmore Road and Mockingbird Hill Road. The other phases included extensive tree removal, creation of a historic district, and the restoration of the bronze plaque. The goal is to create a pocket park. The appropriation hereunder shall not come from general taxation if the Board of Selectmen agrees to authorize the use of previously accepted and received Fiscal Recovery Funds by July 1, 2022.

YES   
NO

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 18.** By petition (as amended by Deliberative Session), "May the following provisions pertaining to elections be considered by the Board of Selectmen? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices."

YES   
NO

This shall not constitute an application for RSA 656:40, stating ballot counting machines were not adopted on a trial basis, so we do not wish to return to manual hand counting by citizens.

*Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1*

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 19.** 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 \$17,583,167.58. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$17,071,004.58 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.

Town Officers' Salaries	\$3,330	Appraisal of Properties	203,840
Administration	866,110	Information Technologies	264,495
Town Clerk Expenses	357,095	Town Museum	6,750
Tax Collector Expenses	192,230	Searles Building	9,260
Election and Registration	32,180	Legal Expenses	133,500
Cemeteries	41,450	Retirement Service Charges	4,000
General Gov't Buildings	411,520	Insurance	381,555
Contracted Services	5	General Assistance	45,540
Police Department	3,856,965	Library	1,386,825
Dispatching	542,180	Recreation	286,840
Fire Department	4,218,620	Historic District Commission	7,500
Emergency Management	4,590	Conservation Commission	7,160
Community Development	607,690	Senior Center	5,370
Town Highway Maintenance	1,208,010	Cable TV Expenses	129,790
Street Lighting	15,320	Interest Expenses (TANSs)	500
Solid Waste Disposal	1,391,010	Long Term Debt	529,012.58
Health and Human Services	52,925		

**YES**   
**NO**

(Principal \$390,367.85 and Interest \$138,644.73)  
 Capital Outlay - Roads (Part of CIP) 380,000

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**\*Note:** Warrant Article 19 (operating budget does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles).

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**

**SAMPLE**