



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Victor Botta
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.

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand, and no 100ths (\$850,000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Quint Aerial Truck for the Fire Department, to replace a 1980 Ladder Truck (L1), and necessary equipment and materials to place the vehicle into service, as well as payment of costs associated with the financing of said project; said sum to be in addition to any federal, state or private funds made available therefor, and to raise the same by issuance of not more than \$850,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to apply toward the cost any interest earned from the temporary investment of any bond or note and to take any other action as may be necessary to carry out and complete financing of this project, with the balance of \$0 to come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

YES 2331

NO 1153

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2279

NO 1129

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2030

NO 1309

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, meaning that the principle and interest may be appropriated and expended, to be known as the Town Facilities and Grounds Improvement Fund, for the purpose of maintaining, improving, repairing or replacing municipal facilities, grounds, or its other infrastructure, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 towards this purpose; and to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 2016 fund balance in that amount for this purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

2223

YES

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2494
NO 896

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the latest tentative bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and members of Local Union No. 1801 AFSCME (Municipal Union) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,190 representing the amount of the increased cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits to said members for the fiscal year 2017. Said contract to expire on March 31, 2020 with the additional cost for 2018 to be \$17,130, \$20,440 for 2019, and \$6,160 for 2020 at the current staffing level.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2250
NO 1096

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the latest tentative bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and members of Local Union No. 2915 IAFF (Fire Union) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,190 representing the amount of the increased cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits to said members for the fiscal year 2017. Said contract to expire on March 31, 2020 with the additional cost for 2018 to be \$30,210, \$36,160 for 2019, and \$9,460 for 2020 at the current staffing level.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2338
NO 1013

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the latest tentative bargaining agreement reached between the Selectmen and members of Local Union No. 213 NEPBA (Police Union) and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,840 representing the amount of the increased cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits to said members for the fiscal year 2017. Said contract to expire on March 31, 2020 with the additional cost for 2018 to be \$43,090, \$41,530 for 2019, and \$10,170 for 2020 at the current staffing level.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2289
NO 1050

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Windham, if Articles #9, 10 or 11, are defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article(s) #9, 10, or 11, cost items only?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2271
NO 1043

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to replace the Town's forty (40) year old phone system with a voice over IP system which will result in both cost savings and customer service efficiencies. This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2512
NO 818

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purpose of replacing the carpeting and hard flooring in the Library as well as painting of the building's exterior, and to authorize the withdrawal of four thousand seven hundred thirty five dollars (\$4,735) towards this project from the Library Maintenance and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, with the balance to come from general taxation; and further after withdrawal to discontinue the noted capital reserve fund that was established in 2000 and repurposed in 2014. Any remaining funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund. 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 two (2) years, whichever is less. This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2163
NO 1233

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$280,000 for the purpose of replacing and upgrading the Dispatch Command Center at the Police Station, including restructuring the physical dispatch offices and purchasing equipment, furnishings, and technology needed to complete the project. 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 two (2) years, whichever is less. This article is part of the Capital Improvement Program.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2078
NO 1308

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Town's 275th Anniversary Celebration in 2017; said funds will cover costs associated with events and activities planned to celebrate the anniversary.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2064
NO 1306

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 (\$122.49 balance as of 1/1/16). Any funds within each account, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2855
NO 502

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Route 111 Complex Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997 (\$1,475.97 balance as of 1/1/16). Any funds within each account, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2956
NO 388

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Old Fire Station Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created in 1998 (\$6,084.27 balance as of 1/1/16). Any funds within each account, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2961
NO 399

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Senior Center Capital Reserve Fund created in 2003 (\$169.04 balance as of 1/1/16). Any funds within each account, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2949
NO 407

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 (\$1,645.95 balance as of 1/1/16). Any funds within each account, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the town's general fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2981
NO 378

ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town vote to adopt the "all veterans' property tax credit" under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500), which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

YES 2755
NO 641

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a perpetual easement deed on Windham tax map 25-C, Lot 250, known now as the Marston-Finn Conservation Dam (formerly known as the Moeckel Pond Dam), and Pelham tax map 5, Lot 9-149, along with Windham tax map 25-C-lot 252 and Pelham tax map 5 Lot 9-149-1 (limited to those rights retained in the Quitclaim Deed from the Friends of Moeckel Pond to Christopher Vavra and April Vavra, dated November 30, 2012 and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, Book 5383, Page 321 and the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds Book 8162, Page 924), as well as an access easement over the Town of Pelham's Bay Leaf Road that will secure recreational access in perpetuity to Moeckel Pond for the public with provisions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen; and to further raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1) for this purpose.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2922
NO 437

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through grants and donations, the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of reconstructing the Marston-Finn Conservation Dam (formerly known as the Moeckel Pond Dam), including the cost of engineering, permitting, construction, and any other ancillary costs associated with this purpose, and further to authorize the acceptance of \$150,000 of this appropriation from the State of New Hampshire as part of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the acceptance of the balance of \$150,000 from a donation by the Friends of Moeckel Pond. Should this article be approved but the Town either not receive the State grant or the donation from the Friends, this article will be considered null and void. 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 four (4) years, whichever is less. This article will have no impact on the Town tax rate.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2772
NO 618

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be used towards forest maintenance and recreational trail improvements within the McIlvaine Town Forest and further to raise the same by withdrawal of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) 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 two (2) years. Approval of this article will have no additional impact to the tax rate.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2782
NO 614

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-law as follows:

BY-LAWS:

MANAGEMENT OF THE MCILVAINE TOWN FOREST:

(Parcels: 25-R-103, 25-R-6500, 25-R-6000A, 25-R-7010, 25-R-7025, 25-R-8000)

SECTION I: PURPOSE

In order to promote multiple uses including recreation, wildlife habitat, soil and water conservation as well as sound long term sustainable timber management of the McIlvaine Town Forest, the Windham Town Meeting adopts the following use regulations for the area pursuant to the authority granted to the Town by RSA 31:39.

SECTION II: PERMITTED USES WITHIN THE MCILVAINE TOWN FOREST

- A. Passive recreational activities such as hiking, bicycling, dog walking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, carry-in and carry-out picnics, wildlife watching, and other uses that are consistent with the purpose of these By-Laws, which is to protect the natural resources of this area.
 1. Dogs are allowed and subject to the same restrictions as specified under; Regulations: Dogs on Town Property # WIN 2:06:21:04.

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- B. Overnight camping is allowed for a period of no more than one continuous week.
 - 1. Follow the "Leave No Trace" guidelines for waste disposal.
 - 2. Camp fires are not permitted.
- C. Hunting is allowed, but subject to the same New Hampshire Fish and Game regulations as specified for state owned or state managed lands.
 - 1. Permanent hunting stands are illegal. Portable stands or blinds may only be erected between August 1 and January 31, and must be removed by January 31.

SECTION III: PROHIBITED USES WITHIN THE MCILVAINE TOWN FOREST

- A. Discharge of firearms for target shooting.
- B. The use of all motorized vehicles is prohibited, subject to the following exceptions:
 - 1. Motorized vehicles for any maintenance or construction work needed to implement the management plans for the Forest.
 - 2. Law enforcement vehicles/emergency vehicles may be permitted within this area.
 - 3. Wheeled devices typically operated by the handicapped which were not originally manufactured as motor vehicles.
- C. Disposal of yard waste, garbage, vehicles, or any other trash is prohibited.
- D. Cutting, digging up or otherwise willfully damaging trees, shrubs or plants, is prohibited, except as needed to implement the management plans for the Forest.
- E. Building of fires is strictly prohibited.
- F. Damage or removal of historic sites, walls, or artifacts is prohibited.
- G. Collection or removal of firewood by the public is prohibited.
- H. Smoking is prohibited.
- I. Parking is prohibited except where required for Forest management purposes.
- J. Camping beyond allowed time frame.

SECTION IV: VIOLATIONS

Violations of these By-Laws shall be punishable to the fullest extent as permitted by law.

SECTION V: ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Windham Police Department or any other law enforcement authority.

SECTION VI: WAIVERS

The Windham Forestry Committee is authorized to make exceptions or grant waivers regarding the permitted/prohibited uses within such areas for specific events or activities for good cause shown provided such activity is not inconsistent with the purposes for which such land was acquired as set forth in RSA 31:111.

SECTION VII: SEVERABILITY

If any section, clause, provision, portion or phrase of these By-Laws shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent authority, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other section, clause, provision, portion or phrase of these By-Laws.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2794

NO 469

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to lease to the Windham School District the former Police Station/Pre-School facility and land associated (lot 20-D-900) for one dollar (\$1) per year for a period of five (5) years and upon such other terms as may be acceptable to the Selectmen; said lease to be for the purpose of allowing the School District to use the facility for their maintenance operations, professional development training, registrar, conference/community rooms, and other administrative needs.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2986

NO 340

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Conservation Commission in accordance with its management authority contained in RSA 36-A:4, to negotiate and enter into a long term "curatorship lease agreement" of at least five (5) years, but not exceeding twenty (20) years, of the historic single family home known as the Campbell Farm House (Lot 1-C-100) and a small area of land adjoining the House, upon such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Conservation Commission; said lease to be for the purpose of monitoring, maintaining, repairing, restoring, and improving the House through the provision of in-kind renovations and investments in the property as a portion of the annual lease payments. Said lease to include an obligation to pay property taxes as required under RSA 72:23 (I) (b).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2634

NO 619

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 29. By petition of Timothy Pitcher and others, "Authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter certain agreements as are necessary and appropriate to facilitate a community water or public water system which would serve the Town owned lots (Tax Map Lot 16-L-100, Tax Map 11-A Lot 590) and to serve parcels of land currently situated within the Village Center District as set forth in the Windham Zoning Ordinance. Said agreements could include, but would not be limited to (i) well agreements to permit the utilization/installation of water wells, (ii) water supply agreements governing the sale of groundwater on Town-owned land, and (iii) easements to allow the placement of pumps, pipes, tanks and other ancillary structures needed to support a distribution system". Any further Board of Selectmen authority for this purpose beyond December 31, 2019 must be submitted to a future Town Meeting.

YES 2359
NO 810

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

ARTICLE 30. 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 \$13,706,200.22. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$13,438,435.22 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
Administration	539,010
Town Clerk Expenses	286,590
Tax Collector Expenses	144,430
Election and Registration	23,370
Cemeteries	41,450
General Gov't Buildings	422,980
Appraisal of Properties	186,480
Information Technologies	212,200
Town Museum	5,000
Searles Building	23,730
Legal Expenses	50,400
Retirement Service Charges	4,000
Insurance	360,260
Contracted Services	5
Police Department	3,057,590
Dispatching	477,430
Fire Department	3,252,355
Emergency Management	30,170
Community Development	525,580
Town Highway Maintenance	1,188,190
Street Lighting	16,390
Solid Waste Disposal	836,450
Health and Human Services	41,330
General Assistance	45,540
Library	1,118,900
Recreation	231,200
Historic District Commission	6,000
Conservation Commission	5,640
Senior Center	5,040
Cable TV Expenses	118,945
Interest Expenses (TANs)	500
Long Term Debt	85,715.22
<i>(Principal \$81,976.55 and Interest \$3,738.67)</i>	
Capital Outlay – Roads (Part of CIP)	360,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

YES 2574
NO 826

***Note:** Warrant Article 30 (operating budget does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles).

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT



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Nancy Botta
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:

ARTICLES

Article #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment to the Town of Windham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? (This amendment, if adopted, would amend provisions of Section 616 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to the Cobbetts Pond and Canobie Lake Watershed Protection Ordinance, by (i) amending several definitions in Section 616.4, including Artificial Pervious Surface; Best Management Practices; Non-point Source Pollution; and Tributary Stream; (ii) adding a definition of Point Source Pollution; (iii) removing roof surfaces with recharge systems from the exception from the impervious surface limitation; and (iv) including chloride storage and off premises snow storage as prohibited uses in the buffer zone as established in Section 616.8.1).

YES 2848

NO 565

The Planning Board Recommends Voting Yes (6-0)

Article #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment to the Town of Windham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by Petition (See, RSA 675:4) of Pradeep Behl and others? (This amendment, if adopted, would amend Section 612.4.1.3 of the Zoning Ordinance relative to the Village Center District criteria for a special use permit for retail businesses in excess of 10,000 square feet providing that any easements for access into the adjoining Rural District be reserved for emergency vehicle access only).

YES 1408

NO 1867

The Planning Board Recommends Voting No (4-3)