

**OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN BALLOT
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

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

ARTICLES

Article 02 Operating Budget

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 on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,739,260. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,732,234 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead 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. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$6.19 per 1000)

Yes No

Article 03 Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$418,575 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsum Mine Rd with up to \$403,575 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and up to \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 04 New 10-Wheel Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new 10-wheel dump truck, with up to \$180,000 to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 38 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 05 Purchase & Equip a Used Ambulance Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used ambulance vehicle, with \$180,000 to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 06 Road Striping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the purpose of striping roads, \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (1-2). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 07 Dust Control

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of Dust Control, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 08 Add to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,033 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$45,033 to come from the Alstead Special One-Time Bridge Payment. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 09 Add to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$8,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 4 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 10 Add to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 11 Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 12 Add to the Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 13 Add to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (0-3). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 14 Add to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 39 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 15 Add to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 34 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 16 Repair and Preserve the Historical Society Steeple

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$40,000 for the purpose of repairing, painting, and preserving the Historical Society Steeple, with \$30,000 to be raised by taxation and \$10,000 to be donated by Alstead Historical Society. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the contractor completes the work in 2024. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 16 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 17 Purchase Main Street Property (M11 L2)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$0 for the purpose of purchasing the Main Street property next to the Town Hall (M11 L2), with \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (1-2). (Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 18 Repair Fire Engine 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 3, with \$30,000 to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992 . The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 19 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA equipment for the Fire Department, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 10 cents per 1000)

Yes No

Article 20 Authorize Library Trustees to Manage Unanticipated Funds

Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required).

Yes No

Article 21 Adopt a 4% Tax Cap per RSA 32:5-b

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.) (3/5 Vote Required.)

Yes No

Article 22 Rescind the 3% tax cap

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Town in Warrant Article #21 on March 11, 2014, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.) (3/5 Vote Required.)

Yes No

Article 23 Re-adopt Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28, II)

Shall the Town READOPT the VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit of three hundred dollars (\$300) on residential property? (Majority vote required)
The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Yes No

Article 24 Re-adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b)

Shall the Town RE-ADOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, which was originally adopted in 2022? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be three hundred dollars (\$300), which is the same amount as the standard veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Yes No

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NH
WARRANT BALLOT
TOWN ELECTION

March 14, 2023

Julie A. Bacon

Town Clerk

I certify upon honor that I have assisted the
voter in marking his ballot upon request.

Signed _____

Election Officer

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