



**SAMPLE**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

*Julie A. Bacon*  
TOWN CLERK

<p><b>SELECTBOARD</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Joel C. McCarty <u>270</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Michael Kercewich <u>129</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Barbara Viegener</u></p> <p><u>Alan Dustin - 2</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Rock Wilson</u> (write in)</p>	<p><b>MODERATOR</b> (Two Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Susan E Norlander <u>383</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Barbara Wilson</u></p> <p><u>Joe Biden</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b> (Six Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Erin Heidorn <u>383</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>- <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>
<p><b>TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Julie A Bacon <u>396</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Judy Bellows</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Bruce A Bellows <u>380</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Rock Wilson</u></p> <p><u>Rose Knight</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>no one</u> (write in)</p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Susan E Norlander <u>384</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Joy Nalevanko</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in) <u>Susan Berringer</u> <u>Rose Knight</u> <u>Jodi Kercewich</u> <u>Joe Biden</u></p>
<p><b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Bruce A Bellows <u>383</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>uncommitted</u></p> <p><u>anyone else</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>		



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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 \$1,946,541. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,746,784 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. Should Article 06 pass, the operating budget shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$4.96 per 1000)

Yes  No

238 171

**Article 03 Bridge Design and Consulting Services**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purposes of continuing the ongoing analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and cost estimating for the replacement of the currently closed bridge on Hill Road and the bridge on Comstock Road. \$250,000 to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$0 per 1000)

Yes  No

315 92

**Article 04 Rescind SB2**

To see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (3/5 Majority Required)

Yes  No

163 239

**Article 05 Paving**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Drewsville, Homestead, Cobb Hill (apron), and North roads with \$255,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and \$145,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.75 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

282 127

**Article 06 Ambulance Revolving Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of funding expenses of the Alstead Ambulance Department. All revenues received for ambulance services 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 moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. Should this Article pass, the operating budget, Article 02, shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Yes  No

320 87

**Article 07 Backhoe**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe with \$50,000 of said funds to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988; and up to \$150,000 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 December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.77 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

194 214

*Julie Bacon*

**Article 08 Dam Engineering**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding Phase One analysis for Lake Warren and Vilas Pool Dams, with \$75,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.38 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

255 146

**Article 09 Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #1**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for Thayer Brook Road in the area of the emergency bypass, with \$8,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.04 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

243 160

**Article 10 Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #2**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for two (2) culverts on Thayer Brook Road, one (1) culvert on South Woods Road, and one (1) culvert on North Road, with \$17,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.09 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

233 167

**Article 11 Transfer Station Safety Upgrades**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of implementing safety upgrades at the Transfer Station, with \$5,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.025 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

260 144

**Article 12 1-Ton Truck To Replace The 2012 Dodge Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 1-ton truck for use by the ambulance and by other departments, with \$40,000 of said funds to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund subject to DRA approval. If DRA does not approve using Ambulance Capital Reserve funds then the amount will be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.205 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

180 222

**Article 13 Fire Department Turnout Gear**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$12,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.06 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

315 91

**Article 14 Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,368 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$18,368 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.095 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

306 100

**Article 15 Fire Dept. New Brush Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new brush truck, with \$1.00 of said funds to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

247 148

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**Article 16 Electrical Upgrades for Town Hall**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 for the purpose of upgrading the electric service for the Town Hall, adding additional electrical outlets to the Town Hall, with \$2,400 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.012 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

293 133

**Article 17 Lighting Upgrade for Village Fire Station**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,800 for the purpose of upgrading lighting at the Village Fire Station, with \$6,800 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.035 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

240 222

**Article 18 Library Roof Repair**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing the library roof, with \$30,000 of said funds to come from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

347 60

**Article 19 Sign Trailer Subscription**

To see if the town will vote to approve a three-year contract with All Traffic Solutions Inc. for electronic sign software and warranty, with each year of the cost items of said contract as follows:

Fiscal Year 2024 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2025 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2026 - \$2,550

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550 for the current fiscal year, with \$2,550 of said funds to be raised by taxation. If this Article passes, the annual cost of \$2,550 for 2025 and \$2,550 for 2026 will be included in the operating and default budgets for those years. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.01 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

224 179

**Article 20 Add to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to be added to capital reserves: \$15,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$20,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$45,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$45,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.49 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

233 171

**Article 21 Create Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and replacing the town's backup generators and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be placed in this fund, with \$500 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.01 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

273 132

*Julie Bacon*