

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022

Erika L. Robinson
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.

<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTMEN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>STEVE THOMAS <u>624</u></p> <p>JOSEPH R. TROMBLEY <u>764</u></p> <p>BOB A. JORDAN <u>208</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHECKLIST SUPERVISOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>6 years</p> <p>GRACE S. LAVOIE <u>1105</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>JOAN S. HARLOW <u>970</u></p> <p>BETSY A. McCOMBS <u>938</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>2 years</p> <p>ADAM MUNGUIA <u>1076</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRUST FUND TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>JOE DENONCOUR <u>1077</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>CHARLIE GOODSPEED <u>679</u></p> <p>SCOTT ROBERTSON PIM <u>115</u></p> <p>CHESTER "CHET" CLARK <u>291</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 3</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>SEAN DANIEL MORRISON <u>515</u></p> <p>BRIAN G. REED <u>597</u></p> <p>JORDENNE SARGENT <u>637</u></p> <p>RENE C. ARCHAMBAULT <u>315</u></p> <p>JONATHAN M. HAGAN <u>449</u></p> <p>MICHAEL J. LECUYER <u>497</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>MIKE J. SUDAK <u>163</u></p> <p>SEAN DANIEL MORRISON <u>344</u></p> <p>BRIAN G. REED <u>279</u></p> <p>DAVID REINHOLD <u>299</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>JOHN S. HORNE, JR. <u>570</u></p> <p>BRIAN G. REED <u>574</u></p> <p>BOB ELDRIDGE <u>566</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 2</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>GRACE S. LAVOIE <u>1016</u></p> <p>JOY C. TRUE <u>916</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>ERIKA L. ROBINSON <u>1145</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOWN CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>3 years</p> <p>ERIKA L. ROBINSON <u>1126</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>1 year</p> <p>CASSIE LEIGH HOJABOOM <u>625</u></p> <p>MOE TITCOMB <u>350</u></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-ARTICLE 6 - NON-CONFORMING USES & STRUCTURES

To see if the Town will amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.6 Nonconforming Uses and Structures by combining the defined process for alteration/expansion of nonconforming uses and/or structures, combining the defined process of discontinuing nonconforming uses and/or structures. The intent of this amendment is to provide clarity to the requirements for non-conforming uses and structures.

[Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 925
NO 316

ARTICLE 3: ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-ARTICLE 12- DEFINITIONS

To see if the Town will amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance, Article 12, Definitions by adding the definition of nonconforming lot. The intent of this amendment is to provide a definition for the term "non-conforming lot" which is a term used throughout the zoning ordinance, but not defined.

[Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 948
NO 293

ARTICLE 4: ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-ARTICLE 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS - PARCELS LOCATED IN MULTIPLE ZONING DISTRICTS

To see if the Town will amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance, Article 2, Sections 1.9, 2.8, 3.9, 4.8, 5.8, 6.8, 7.8, Supplementary Regulations by removing the requirement for the property owner to declare a zone at a Board of Adjustment hearing. The intent of this amendment is to provide clarity to the process required when a parcel is located in more than one zoning district.

[Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 920
NO 305

ARTICLE 5: 2022 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 amount 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 Ten Million, Three Hundred Ten Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$10,310,395.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million, Eighty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,087,280.00), 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.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 758
NO 519

ARTICLE 6: ACCRUED BENEFITS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 11-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 847
NO 408

ARTICLE 7: TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 880
NO 392

ARTICLE 8: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 909
NO 366

ARTICLE 9: WATSON ACADEMY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Watson Academy Repairs Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 890
NO 399

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 16: TRANSFER STATION COMPACTOR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$62,250.00) for the purchase of a new trash compactor and receiver box to be installed at the Transfer Station. This will bring the total number of trash compactors at the facility from three to four, helping to reduce wait times at the facility.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[NOT Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-5]
Majority Vote Required

YES 593
NO 671

ARTICLE 17: CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the Conservation Commission, for the purpose of maintenance and improvements to conservation areas and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the fund and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 7-4]
Majority Vote Required

YES 754
NO 496

ARTICLE 18: CONSERVATION QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, l(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 635
NO 589

ARTICLE 19: CONSERVATION OUTSIDE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, l(a) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 618
NO 609

ARTICLE 20: BY PETITION - READY RIDES FUNDING

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the Ready Rides Program. The goal of Ready Rides is to ensure everyone who resides in any one of our service towns over 55 and/or disabled has a ride to a Medical, Dental, Therapy or any Health related appointments.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 9-2]
Majority Vote Required

YES 981
NO 278

ARTICLE 21: BY PETITION: COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of supporting services provided to residents by the Community Children's Fund (CCF). CCF raises funds that are distributed to families in need in the form of vouchers that can be redeemed at local stores to purchase warm clothing and bedding. The organization also provides direct financial assistance to the schools to help cover student unmet needs.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 957
NO 301

ARTICLE 22: BY PETITION: ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY ACTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$11,300.00) for the purpose of funding Rockingham Community Action for its work in providing fuel, utility, food, homeless and housing assistance, budgeting education and support to Epping residents in crisis to move them toward self-sufficiency.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 905
NO 353

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 10: RECREATION FACILITIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Recreation Facilities Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]

Majority Vote Required

YES 954
NO 349

ARTICLE 11: LANDFILL CLOSURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1]

[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]

Majority Vote Required

YES 648
NO 622

ARTICLE 12: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Government Buildings Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 11-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 118
NO 493

ARTICLE 13: EPPING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-1]

Majority Vote Required

YES 1047
NO 251

ARTICLE 14: FIREWORKS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Fireworks Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 8-3]

Majority Vote Required

YES 531
NO 750

ARTICLE 15: ADDITIONAL FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$47,245.00) for the hiring of an additional Full-Time Police Officer including benefits for the first six months. Approval would call for a total estimated cost of Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$298,880.00) in fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. A total of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (125,000.00) to be funded through an already approved 3-year Federal COPS Hiring Grant. The grant is a 75/25 percent match, with Thirty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35,435.00) to be received in year 2022.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2]

Majority Vote Required

YES 678
NO 621

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 23: BY PETITION: WAYPOINT (AKA RICHIE MCFARLAND CHILDREN'S CENTER)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$8,100.00) for the Waypoint's (aka Richie McFarland Children's Center) early intervention program that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families. This investment will support the cost of providing early childhood special education, pediatric therapies and family support services to Epping residents. This past year thirty-eight (38) children and their families were served. This request helps support the annual cost for weekly home-based therapies. Our request is based on the average number of children served over the past 8 years.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]

Majority Vote Required

YES 939
NO 364

ARTICLE 24: BY PETITION: ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$5,152.00) to enable Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program to continue to provide the meal service to older homebound and disabled Epping residents.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]

Majority Vote Required

YES 1098
NO 210

ARTICLE 25: BY PETITION - CURBSIDE TRASH/RECYCLING PICK-UP

To see if the Town of Epping is favorable in having the Board of Selectmen explore budgeting for curbside pick-up for residential trash and recyclables.

[NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2]

Majority Vote Required

YES 329
NO 977

ARTICLE 26: BY PETITION - PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to explore the feasibility of offering a 2% deduction from property tax when payment is made prior to the due date, in accordance with RSA 80:52.

[NOT Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 805
NO 499

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT