



1641 votes cast

**-SAMPLE-
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
APRIL 11, 2017**

Diane Juppeth
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.

TOWN COUNCILOR
Vote for not more than two (2)
3 years

BILL BOYD 578 1160

FINLAY ROTHHAUS 65 1280

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

ETHICS COMMITTEE
Vote for not more than one (1)
3 years

MELINDA ELIZABETH SZATELA

1242

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
Vote for not more than one (1)
3 years

JACK BALCOM 1317

(Write-in)

TOWN COUNCILOR
Vote for not more than one (1)
1 year

PETER ALBERT 1339

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
Vote for not more than two (2)
3 years

KAREN JO FREED 1217

LORA PHILP 1159

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

Article 2
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300,000 for Highway Garage upgrades and installation, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,300,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take any other action or to pass any other measure relative to said purpose and financing; and to further authorize the Town Council to apply for and accept any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available; to authorize the Town Council to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; and to authorize the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other measure relative to said purpose and financing? (2/3rds ballot vote required for approval) (Recommended by the Town Council 6-0-0)

1064 *needed to pass*

1133
YES
NO
462

Article 3
Shall the Town 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 \$34,839,898. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$30,286,895, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Town Council may hold one (1) 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 Town Council 6-0-0)

968
YES
NO
619

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

-SAMPLE- QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 4

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 12, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Wage Increases	Benefit Savings	Anticipated Increase
2016-17	0	0	0
2017-18	\$186,528	\$(127,553)	\$58,975
2018-19	\$120,794	0	\$120,794
2019-20	\$70,783	0	\$70,783

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,975 for the ensuing fiscal year (2017-2018), such sum representing the anticipated increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? The passage of this article will result in employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement changing their health care to \$20 office visit \$10/\$20/\$45 pharmacy co-pay and \$1,000/\$3,000 deductible plan. These savings have been factored into the anticipated increase set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers Police Officer, Sergeants and Detectives in the Police Department. (Recommended by the Town Council 6-0-0)

1210
 YES
 NO
 387

Article 5

Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the charter amendment reprinted below?

§ 8-18 Town Treasurer.

A. Treasurer. There shall be a Town Treasurer (hereinafter called "Treasurer") who shall have all the powers and duties granted by this Charter and New Hampshire state law; provided, however, that in making investments of Town funds, the Treasurer shall follow the written investment policy as adopted or modified by the Town Council. **The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Town Council on the basis of merit and fitness and in accordance with RSA 41:57-a shall serve until the appointment and qualification of his/her successor.** ~~The Treasurer shall be elected on an at large basis to a term of three years at the Town election. Vacancies in the office of Treasurer shall be filled pursuant to New Hampshire state law.~~

1104
 YES
 NO
 469

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