

Ballots cast: 2290

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# SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**APRIL 11, 2023**

*Diane Juppette*  
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  
3 years more than two (2)

CHARLES LAFOND 397 ☐

MACKENZIE MURPHY 987 ☐

FINLAY ROTHHAUS 1125 ☐

DAVID TRIPPETT 539 ☐

WOLFRAM VON SCHOEN 913 ☐

undervote 274 ☐

overvote 7 ☐

16 (Write-in)

### ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Vote for not  
3 years more than two (2)

JENNIFER McCORMACK 1643 ☐

SARA LOCKE 1467 ☐

undervote 1417 ☐

overvote 0 ☐

39 (Write-in)

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vote for not  
3 years more than two (2)

ROBERT REISMAN 1537 ☐

JENNIFER JOBIN 1580 ☐

undervote 1439 ☐

overvote 0 ☐

12 (Write-in)

### TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not  
3 years more than one (1)

ELIZABETH PETRIDES 1651 ☐

undervote 602 ☐

overvote 0 ☐

write-in 30

## QUESTIONS

### Article 2

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 \$38,801,878? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$35,300,821, 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 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

1407  
YES ☐

NO ☐

722

undervote:  
161  
overvote:  
0

### Article 3

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,947,250 to be added to the following Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes for which they were created and to apportion the sum among the several funds as listed below:

Liability Trust Fund	10,000
Ambulance	115,000
Communications Equipment	100,000
Computer Equipment	35,000
Daniel Webster Highway	50,000
Fire Equipment	400,000
Highway Equipment	425,000
Library Building Maintenance Fund	75,000
Property Revaluation	17,250
Solid Waste Disposal	100,000
Traffic Signal Pre-emption	5,000
GIS	5,000
Road Infrastructure CRF	595,000
Athletic Fields CRF	5,000
Total CRF	1,937,250

Milfoil	10,000
Total GENERAL FUND	1,947,250

These appropriations are not included in the total town operating budget warrant article 2.  
(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

1163  
YES ☐

NO ☐

552

undervote:  
75  
overvote:  
0

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

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## QUESTIONS CONTINUED

### Article 4

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000 to be added to the Sewer Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said amount to come from sewer fees and no amount to come from taxation.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

1758

YES ☐

NO ☐

467

undervote:  
65

over vote:  
0

### Article 5

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 IAFF, Local 2904, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Wage and Benefit Costs Increase
2023-24	\$ 154,367
2024-25	106,788
2025-26	100,613

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$154,367 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? This collective bargaining agreement covers the Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

1735

YES ☐

NO ☐

508

undervote:  
46

over vote:  
0

### Article 6

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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 93, Local 3657, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Wage and Benefit Costs Increase
2023-24	\$ 153,941
2024-25	76,059
2025-26	80,757
2026-27	62,039

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153,941 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? This collective bargaining agreement covers the supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

1618

YES ☐

NO ☐

617

undervote:  
55

over vote:  
0

### Article 7

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 93, Local 2986, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Wage and Benefit Costs Increase
2023-24	\$ 162,748
2024-25	130,167
2025-26	82,414

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$162,748 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels? \$59,980 towards the first year's payment to come from sewer fees from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund. This collective bargaining agreement covers laborers of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

1655

YES ☐

NO ☐

581

undervote:  
54

over vote:  
0

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF THE BALLOT