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# SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
APRIL 12, 2022

*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.

<p><b>TOWN COUNCILOR</b></p> <p>3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than two (2)</span></p> <p>ANDY HUNTER 1392 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHARLES LAFOND 656 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BARBARA A. HEALEY 1581 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBER</b></p> <p>3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than two (2)</span></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p>2 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than one (1)</span></p> <p>LYNN CHRISTENSEN 1708 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>TOWN COUNCILOR</b></p> <p>1 year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than one (1)</span></p> <p>MICHAEL R. DROUIN 795 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LON S. WOODS 1266 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b></p> <p>3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than one (1)</span></p> <p>DEBRA COVELL 1631 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p>4 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than one (1)</span></p> <p>MIRIAM GAGE 1610 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p>3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than one (1)</span></p> <p>CHRIS CHRISTENSEN 1396 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVID RUTZKIE 476 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p>6 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than one (1)</span></p> <p>FRAN L'HEUREUX 1116 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TARAH A. NOONAN 876 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

QUESTIONS

Article 2

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,102,750 (gross budget) for Waste Water Treatment upgrades to the Wash Water Piping, Compost Facility, Headworks Building and New Screening Building as well as ADA improvements and other miscellaneous upgrades to the main plant, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$10,102,750 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 further authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain and accept any federal, state, or other aid, grants or other funds, that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds and notes, and to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose; and to allow the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (3/5th ballot vote required for approval)

1822

YES ☐

NO ☐

474

Article 3 (By Petition)

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 (gross budget) for drainage and road repairs to Woodland Drive area (Shady Lane, Evergreen Drive, Glenwood Lane, Deerwood Drive, Birchwood Road, Pinetree Lane, Fernwood Drive, Forest Drive, Hartwood Drive and Timber Lane) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,000,000 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 further authorize the Town Council to apply for, obtain and accept any federal, state, or other aid, grants or other funds, that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds and notes; and to allow the Town Council to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of 2022-23 interest on said bonds or serial notes?"

(By petition) (Not Recommended by the Town Council 4-0-3) (3/5th ballot vote required for approval)

1008

YES ☐

NO ☐

1255

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT



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## QUESTIONS CONTINUED

### Article 4

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 \$36,218,840? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$34,355,572, 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.

1437

YES ☐

NO ☐

809

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

### Article 5

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:

CRF	Amount to be Deposited
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 Deposits	1,947,250

1648

YES ☐

NO ☐

645

These appropriations are **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article 4.

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

### Article 6

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 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.

1736

YES ☐

NO ☐

542

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

### 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 the Teamsters, Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2022-23	2.5%	\$49,759
2023-24	3.0%	\$35,555

1681

YES ☐

NO ☐

632

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,759, such sum representing the anticipated increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees 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.)

### Article 8

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Charter Article 6-2 A.

There shall be a board of three (3) Trustees of Trust Funds whose powers and duties are provided by New Hampshire State Law. Trustees of Trust Funds shall be elected at the regular Town election for terms of three (3) years, one (1) Trustee each year. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Town Council for the unexpired term; **“further, the board may recommend to the Town Council and the Town Council may appoint up to two (2) Alternates Members for a one-year term.”**

1703

YES ☐

NO ☐

531

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF THE BALLOT