



SAMPLE BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
APRIL 9, 2024

BALLOT 1 OF 2

*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

3 years Vote for up to two (2)  
2 will be elected

TOM KOENIG ☐

NANCY M. HARRINGTON ☐

CHARLES LAFOND ☐

NANCY A. MURPHY ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

3 years Vote for up to two (2)  
2 will be elected

MOLLY MORTIMER ☐

JANET KRUPP ☐

☐ (Write-in)

☐ (Write-in)

TOWN CLERK/  
TAX COLLECTOR

Vote for not  
more than one (1)

3 years ☐

BRENDA DULONG ☐

☐ (Write-in)

ETHICS COMMITTEE  
MEMBER

Vote for not  
more than one (1)

3 years ☐

HEATHER ROBITAILLE ☐

CHARLES LAFOND ☐

☐ (Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE  
TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not  
more than one (1)

3 years ☐

WILLIAM WILKES ☐

☐ (Write-in)

SUPERVISOR OF  
THE CHECKLIST

Vote for not  
more than one (1)

6 years ☐

MARGIE PETROVIC ☐

MAX ABRAMSON ☐

☐ (Write-in)

MODERATOR

Vote for not  
more than one (1)

2 years ☐

BRIAN MCCARTHY ☐

☐ (Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 2

Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the charter amendment reprinted below?  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Charter Article VI, Section 6-1 (B):

Conservation Commission. There shall be a Conservation Commission consisting of seven members. Six of these members shall be appointed by the Town Council for terms of three years, such terms to be staggered. One Town Council member shall be appointed annually to serve as an ex officio member [and one student representative would be recommended by the School Board and appointed by the Town Council, this individual is not a voting member, nor a member for quorum purposes.] There shall also be three alternate members appointed in the same manner as regular appointed members, except no more than one alternate appointed member's term shall expire in a single year. The Town Council shall fill any vacancy for the period of the unexpired term. The Conservation Commission shall have all the powers granted to conservation commissions by New Hampshire state law Effective April 1, 2024.  
(Recommended by Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 3

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$266,338)(gross budget) for the purpose of developing final design plans for the stormwater and infrastructure project for the Baboosic Lake (Pine Knoll Shores) Drainage Study, addressing roadway improvements, stormwater conveyance, treatment needs, and to include solutions that promote energy efficiency, water quality and flood resiliency in accordance with the 2017 or newer NH Small MS4 General Permit ("the Project"); and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$266,338 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33, as amended), and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Town Council to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state, or private funds that may become available to be applied to the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or borrowed or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and further to authorize the Town Council to apply for, accept, and expend any funds or loan forgiveness through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). This Article is contingent upon approval of the loan application and the CWSRF program being able to provide 100% of the funding for the Project. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$93,268 in loan forgiveness from the CWSRF program.

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

### Article 4

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 \$39,778,556? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$38,484,241, 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.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

### Article 5

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,250,000 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:

YES ☐

NO ☐

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Liability Trust Fund</b>       | <b>\$ 10,000</b>   |
| Ambulance                         | \$ 250,000         |
| Athletic Fields                   | \$ 5,000           |
| Communications Equipment          | \$ 55,000          |
| Computer Equipment                | \$ 95,000          |
| Daniel Webster Highway            | \$ 75,000          |
| Fire Equipment                    | \$ 400,000         |
| Highway Equipment                 | \$ 425,000         |
| Library Building Maintenance Fund | \$ 75,000          |
| Playground Equipment              | \$ 5,000           |
| Property Revaluation              | \$ 20,000          |
| Solid Waste Disposal              | \$ 100,000         |
| Traffic Signal Pre-emption        | \$ 5,000           |
| GIS                               | \$ 20,000          |
| Road Infrastructure CRF           | \$ 700,000         |
| <b>Total CRF</b>                  | <b>\$2,240,000</b> |
| <b>Milfoil</b>                    | <b>\$ 10,000</b>   |
| <b>Total GENERAL FUND</b>         | <b>\$2,250,000</b> |

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

### Article 6

Shall the town 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 Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required)

YES ☐

NO ☐

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**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 New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 12, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

| <u>Fiscal<br/>Year</u> | <u>Wage and Benefit<br/>Costs Increase</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| 2024-25                | \$ 293,873                                 |
| 2025-26                | 170,465                                    |
| 2026-27                | 185,130                                    |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$293,873 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 Police Officer, Sergeants and Detectives in the Police Department.

Should this article fail to pass, the cost items approved by the 2020 Town Meeting for the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Local 12 collective bargaining agreement for the term ending June 20, 2025 shall remain in place for fiscal year 2024-2025.  
(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 8**

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 112, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

| <u>Fiscal<br/>Year</u> | <u>Wage and Benefit<br/>Costs Increase</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| 2024-25                | \$ 59,943                                  |
| 2025-26                | 38,868                                     |
| 2026-27                | 25,313                                     |
| 2027-28                | 22,089                                     |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,943 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 Dispatchers and Office Staff of the Police.

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 9**

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Town Council and Teamsters, Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

| <u>Fiscal<br/>Year</u> | <u>Wage and Benefit<br/>Costs Increase</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| 2024-25                | \$ 84,762                                  |
| 2025-26                | 54,232                                     |
| 2026-27                | 40,153                                     |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,762 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? \$44,556 towards the first year's payment to come from sewer fees from the Waste Water Enterprise Fund. 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.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 10**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the Town of Merrimack Community Choice Aggregation Plan, prepared by the Merrimack Electric Aggregation Committee/Community Choice Aggregation Committee (CCAC), and to further authorize the Town Council to develop and implement Merrimack Community Power, and to take all action in furtherance of the Town of Merrimack Community Choice Aggregation Plan, pursuant to RSA 53-E.  
(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 11 (By Petition)**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of development of town owned land on Pearson Rd into a multiple use athletic field, for the use of Soccer, Football, Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball etc.?  
Reference: Tax Map 7C Lot 40-2  
(by petition) (Recommended by the Town Council 2-5-0) (Majority vote required).

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 12 (By Petition)**

Shall the Merrimack Police Department maintain Standard Operating Procedures consistent with NH State Police "Fair and Impartial" policing practices?  
(by petition) (Majority vote required).

YES ☐

NO ☐

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**