



Sample Ballot
 Official Town Election • March 12, 2024
 Winchester School, Winchester, New Hampshire

Jeanne M. Bennett
 Town Clerk

Instructions

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Board of Selectmen

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 For 3 years

David Olmstead

Lindselgh Picard

Theresa G. Sepe

Jack Marsh, Jr.

 write-in

 write-in

Trustee of Trust Funds

Vote for not more than 1
 For 3 years

Gail Merrill

 write-in

Thayer Public Library Trustee

Vote for not more than 1
 For 2 years

Ian Howes

 write-in

Conant Public Library Trustee

Vote for up to 3
 3 will be elected
 For 3 years

Aaron Bittner

Jennifer Gomarilo Howe

Kathy Morehouse

Jennifer Bennett

 write-in

 write-in

 write-in

Musterfield/Cemetery

Vote for not more than 1
 For 3 years

Stanley Plifka, Jr.

 write-in

Budget Committee

Vote for not more than 1
 For 3 years

Neal Stetson

 write-in

Planning Board

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 For 3 years

William M. Kelly III

Todd Kilanski

Paul Landry

Michael C. Mastafer

Jordan Sharra

 write-in

 write-in

Thayer Public Library Trustee

Vote for up to 2
 2 will be elected
 For 3 years

Paul M. Taylor

Chester Lapointe

 write-in

 write-in

Moderator

Vote for not more than 1
 For 2 years

Denis V. Murphy II

 write-in

Supervisor of the Checklist

Vote for not more than 1
 For 6 years

Stephanie B. Tommila

 write-in

Article 2

Shall the Town of Winchester 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 \$4,526,955 (Four million five hundred twenty-six thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,440,464 (Four million four hundred forty thousand four hundred sixty-four dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester 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. (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1

Article 3

Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$409,829 (Four hundred nine thousand eight hundred twenty-nine dollars) for the operations of the Water Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$383,449 (Three hundred eighty-three thousand four hundred forty-nine dollars). If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved. With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester 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. (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Article 4
 Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$504,803 (Five hundred four thousand eight hundred three dollars) for the operations of the Sewer Department, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. This article will not affect taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$501,760 (Five hundred one thousand seven hundred sixty dollars). If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved. *With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester 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. (Majority vote required)
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 5
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,522.00 (sixteen thousand five hundred and twenty-two dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing Assessing & Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 16 at the March 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of performing the assessing update or revaluation of the real estate in the Town of Winchester scheduled for 2025.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 6
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Town Owned Building Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of upgrades for Town owned buildings?
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 7
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) for the Town's share of State Road grant reconstruction costs for bridges and place it in the existing non-lapsing Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 2006 Town Meeting under Article 19 for that purpose.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 The vote by the Budget Committee on whether to recommend was 2 for 2 against

Yes
 No

Article 8
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Highway equipment.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 9
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing an Ambulance.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1

Yes
 No

Article 10
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Fire equipment.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 11
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of updating the current Police fleet.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 12
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Computer Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing/maintenance of computers.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1

Yes
 No

Article 13
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Culvert Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs & maintenance.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 14
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Beach Ramp Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of installing a ramp at the Town Beach.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
 Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1

Yes
 No



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Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** (Three thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Electronic Balloting device Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing or repair/maintenance of the Electronic Balloting device.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0

Yes
 No

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000** (Fifty thousand dollars) to be placed into the Forest Lake Dam Capital Reserve Fund, previously established, for the purpose of repairs and maintenance to the Forest Lake Dam.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1

Yes
 No

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$104,517** (One hundred four thousand five hundred seventeen dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Array Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing the solar array scheduled in 2027.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 2-1-1

Yes
 No

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to remove a portion of the property identified as Map 6, Lot 11, from the Town forest as previously designated by the 1990 Town Meeting pursuant to RSA 31:110, said portion is a long narrow strip of land along Plumb Pak Drive approx. 23,996 S.F.
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1

Yes
 No

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing **Storm Damage** Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-II for the purpose of addressing needs that arise as a result of storm damage, including making necessary repairs, using and acquiring equipment, supplies and/or facilitating cleanup and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** (Fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund with the board of selectmen being named as the agents to expend from said fund?
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
 Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1

Yes
 No

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue absolutely, the unused portion of Old Rixford Rd from the Old Spofford Rd to the present-day Old Rixford Rd intersection. The length is to be 226 feet in length and discontinues the unused portion of the road running through the driveway of Map 11 Lot 19.
 Inserted by Petition

Yes
 No

Article 21

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000** (Sixty thousand dollars) for the purpose of subsidizing recreation in the Town of Winchester to be paid to the E.L.M. Memorial Community Center on a contractual basis.
 Inserted by Petition
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

Yes
 No

Article 22

Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of **\$840.00** (Eight hundred and forty dollars) to support the annual Winchester Pickle Festival?
 Inserted by Petition
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-1

Yes
 No

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** (Five thousand dollars) to be given to the Winchester Historical Society for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Sheridan House so that the museum may continue to preserve the history of Winchester for benefit of the public.
 Inserted by Petition
 Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

Yes
 No



Article 24

To determine if the Town of Winchester will appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of supporting year-long youth activities with ACCESS. The monies support ACCESS to scholarship children throughout the year who might not otherwise be able to attend the program and also supports obtaining resources for programming such as appropriate staffing, curriculum, enrichment materials, and other programming needs. ACCESS provides mentorship and a safe productive learning environment for the youth of Winchester and Ashuelot to take advantage of opportunities to learn, help their community, and have fun activity experiences with their peers.

Yes

No

Inserted by Petition
Recommended by the Board of Selectman 3-0-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

Article 25

Are you in favor of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article XXI: Definitions- Add 'NN'; Pre-site Built Housing is any dwelling structure which is substantially or entirely fabricated or assembled in off-site manufacturing facilities, transported via trailer or etc. without a permanent chassis or attached wheels, adhering to local, state, and federal building codes. Pre-site built housing shall not include manufactured housing, as defined in RSA 674:31.

Yes

No

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

Article 26

Are you in favor of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article XXI: Definitions - BB - Revise to: Lodging means a place whose primary business is the rental of rooms or suites to the public for overnight accommodations of a period 30 consecutive days or fewer. Included in this definition are such hospitality establishments as hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, tourist homes, cabins, and guesthouses. Additional services may include meals, functions, and indoor/outdoor recreation.

Yes

No

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

Article 27

Are you in favor of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article XXI: Definitions - GG - Revise to: A Duplex, or Two-family Housing, is two dwelling units under one roof, or sharing of a common wall, with separate utilities, usually of similar size, and occupied by two separate families independent of each other.

Yes

No

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

Article 28

Are you in favor of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article III, J, 4: Accessory Dwelling Units - (f) - Revise to: The unit shall be a maximum of 1000 sq ft. Attached ADU's shall have an interior lockable door between the units.

Yes

No

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

Article 29

Are you in favor of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article III, N (Backlot Development) - to Remove the Backlot Development Ordinance.

Yes

No

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2

Article 30

Are you in favor of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article XXII: Table of Permitted Uses- Change Sawmills, Forestry Products manufacture to the following: CBD: NP, RES: NP, RR: P, AG: P, FL: NP, CM: SE, HC: P.

Yes

No

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2

Article 31

Are you in favor of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board? To amend Article III, K (Minimum Housing Requirements), 2- Revise to: All single-family homes shall be at least 400 Square Feet in size.

Yes

No

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the reports of the Selectmen, Auditors, and other Town Officers.

Yes

No

Article 33

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Yes

No



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School Board
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 For 3 years

Kristin Durkee-Landry

Russell Kanning

Amanda Winchester

 write-in

 write-in

School District Clerk
 Vote for not more than 1
 For 3 years

Jim Tetreault

 write-in

School District Treasurer
 Vote for not more than 1
 For 3 years

Bill McGrath

 write-in

Article Two
 Shall the Winchester School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the 2024-2025 school year, 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 \$12,764,453.51. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$13,028,870.00 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Winchester School District 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?

Yes

No

The School Board does recommend this appropriation 4-0
 The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0

Article Three
 Shall the Winchester School District vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winchester School District and the Winchester's Support Staff Association (WSSA), which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing.

The estimated increase in the costs for salaries and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year #1 2024-2025
 Wages: \$32,022.99
 Benefits: \$2,449.76
 Total: \$34,472.75

Year #2 2025-2026
 Wages: \$16,870.96
 Benefits: \$1,290.63
 Total: \$18,161.59

Year #3 2026-2027
 Wages: \$16,870.96
 Benefits: \$1,290.63
 Total: \$18,161.59

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,472.75 for the upcoming fiscal year 2024-2025, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the costs for salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement?

Yes

No

The School Board does recommend this appropriation 4-0
 The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0

Article Four
 Shall the Winchester School District, if article #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #3 only? (Majority vote)

Yes

No

The School Board does recommend this appropriation 4-0

Article Five
 Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00 to be placed in the Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Majority vote required)

Yes

No

The School Board does recommend this appropriation 4-0
 The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0

Article Six
 ARTICLE SIX: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate up to \$25,000.00 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2024, Unreserved Fund Balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024?

Yes

No

The School Board does recommend this appropriation 4-0
 The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0

Article Seven

Shall the Winchester School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees and officers?

Yes

No

Article Eight

Shall the Winchester School District vote to transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting?

Yes

No