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**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BARRINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

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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.

SELECT BOARD MEMBER

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

ROBERT W. RUSSELL

DANNEN MANNSCHRECK

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

JACK GALE

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FOR ONE YEAR VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

SUSAN L. FRANKEL

(Write-in)

TOWN CLERK

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

KIMBERLY KEREKES

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

JERE CALEF

(Write-in)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

FOR SIX YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

NORM TREMBLAY

(Write-in)

TOWN MODERATOR

FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

RONALD ST. JEAN

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE

LYDIA CUPP

MELANIE HALEY

EZRA HODGSON

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

FOR TWO YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

SUZANNE W. MCNEIL

(Write-in)

2024 WARRANT ARTICLES

Articles 2-20 Zoning – See separate zoning ballot per RSA 675, VII

Article 21 Library Bond

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,631,324 (gross budget) for the purchase and renovation of the property at 426 Calef Highway (former Frisbie Urgent Care) for the purpose of a library, and renovations to the existing library space at 105 Ramsdell Lane for the purpose of recreation and community center uses, including but not limited to land and building acquisition, building construction, site work, architectural fees, engineering, permitting, inspection, outfitting, furniture, commissioning and other expenses necessary to occupy the building. Further, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,304,324 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The remaining \$327,000 required for the project will come from the Barrington Library Foundation. Further, to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept any grants or other donations which may be available for this project. Should such grants or donations be received, the amount of the bonds or notes issued will be reduced by the amount received. [3/5th (60%) Majority Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article will have no impact on 2024 property taxes but there is a commitment to make payments in future years which will increase property taxes in those years approximately 14 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$60 per year on a \$425,000 property.

YES

NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

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2024 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 22 Community Center Investment Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,150,000 (gross budget) for improvements to the recreation and community center facility at 105 Ramsdell Lane including, but not limited to, the addition of programming space and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept a \$1,000,000 Community Center Investment Program (CCIP) loan for this project. It is anticipated that the loan will be forgiven in its entirety. Further, to raise and appropriate \$150,000 from the Recreation Revolving Fund for the 15% required matching funds. [3/5th (60%) Majority Required]. Should the loan be denied, this article shall be null and void. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article will have no impact on 2024 property taxes.

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 23 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will 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 \$8,998,280. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,666,644, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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]. This article is projected to add 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$34 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 24 Barrington Commons and Town Center Tax Increment Financing District

To see if the Town will vote to purchase the 13-acre lot at Map 239, Lot 7 (to become the Town Center and a park) using Tax Increment Financing as the funding source. A tax increment financing district does not increase taxes. It affects property taxes because, for the period that the district is in place, taxes paid from new development within the district (tax increments) are used to pay for public improvements in the district, such as the Barrington Commons park; and not placed in the general fund. After the district expires, all value, including the new value, is returned to the tax lists. The Barrington Commons and Town Center Tax Increment Financing District is set to expire after eight years and to:

- a. Establish the Barrington Commons and Town Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in accordance with RSA 162-K (adopted by Barrington Town Meeting in 1988). The proposed district includes 79 properties near the Routes 125 and 9 intersection as represented in the map found in Section 5 of the Development Program and Financing Plan adopted by the Select Board on December 11, 2023.
 - b. Adopt the provisions of the Barrington Commons and Town Center TIF District Development Program and Financing Plan adopted by the Select Board on December 11, 2023 in accordance with RSA 162-K:6 and RSA 162-K:9. Copies of the Town Center TIF District Map, Development Program, and Financing Plan are available at the Town Hall and online at www.barrington.nh.gov/tif.
 - c. Authorize the Select Board to appoint the District Administrator in accordance with RSA 162-K:13 and to create a five-member Advisory Board in accordance with RSA 162-K:14, with the Advisory Board membership to be determined by the Select Board.
- [Majority Vote Required].

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 25 Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$150,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$150,000 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$22 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 26 Fire Truck Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$50,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$50,000 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 2 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$7 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

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2024 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 27 Paving and Related Road Work Non-Lapsing Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for road paving and reconstruction, with \$75,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$75,000 to come from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, V and will not lapse until December 31, 2025. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 3 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$11 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES

NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 28 Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$100,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$100,000 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 4 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$15 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES

NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 29 Old Settlers Road Bridge Project - 20% Grant Match

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 for the purpose of constructing a bridge on Old Settlers Road and to accept an \$880,000 grant from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Bridge Fund, with the required 20% grant match to be raised as follows: \$110,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$110,000 to come from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction of the Old Settlers Road Bridge is completed or December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 4 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$16 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES

NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 30 Police Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$25,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$25,000 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 1 cent per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$4 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES

NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 31 Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$5,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$5,000 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.2 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$1 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES

NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

2024 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 32 Emergency Communications Upgrades Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Communications Upgrades for Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$25,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$25,000 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 1 cent per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$4 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 33 Public Safety Building Design and Impact Fee Study

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the design and engineering of a renovation/addition to the Public Safety Building and to fund a public safety facility impact fee study, with \$75,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$75,000 to come from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, V and will not lapse until December 31, 2025. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 3 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$11 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 34 Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$25,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$25,000 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 1 cent per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$4 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 35 Transfer Station and Recycling Center Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$12,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$12,500 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.4 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$2 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 36 Library Technology Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Library Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with \$1,500 to come from unassigned fund balance and \$1,500 to come from taxation. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.1 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$1 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 37 Highway and Transfer Station Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Select Board and the Barrington Highway and Transfer Union AFSCME Council 93 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$32,280
2025	\$30,995
2026	\$31,865

and further to raise and appropriate \$32,280 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. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 23, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 2 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$7 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES
NO

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This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

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2024 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 38 Collective Bargaining Agreement Renegotiation and Vote

To see if the Town will authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 37, Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items only, if Warrant Article 37 for Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items is defeated. [Majority Vote Required].

YES

NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 39 Community Power Aggregation

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Barrington Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Barrington Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, but any declining user may opt-in at a later time. [Majority Vote Required].

YES

NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 40 Transfer Station and Recycling Center Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station and Recycling Center Revolving Fund and dedicate all income exceeding \$225,000 from the Transfer Station for the purpose of all costs associated with the current and future operation of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, as allowed pursuant to RSA 31:95-h (II). The first \$225,000 in revenue received from the facility each year will remain as general fund revenue to offset taxes. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. This authorization will stay in effect until rescinded. In 2022, the Transfer Station and Recycling Center revenue totaled \$225,046 and in 2023 the revenue totaled \$259,034. [Majority Vote Required]. This article will have no impact on 2024 property taxes because budgeted general fund revenue remains the same at \$225,000.

YES

NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 41 Fire/Ambulance Revolving Fund - Deposit 100% of Revenue

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Fire and Ambulance Services Revolving Fund previously established pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing ambulance and fire services to increase the percentage of revenues received from ambulance fees to be deposited into the Fund from 50% to 100%. The money in the Fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the Fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is projected to add 4 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to the 2024 tax rate or \$18 to the tax bill on a \$425,000 property.

YES

NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 42 Close Unused Capital Reserve Funds and Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve and Trust Funds. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund, Road Reclamation Capital Reserve Fund, Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund, Town Building Preservation Capital Reserve Fund, and Tricentennial Expendable Trust Fund. All funds have small balances. [Majority Vote Required].

YES

NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

2024 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 43 Old Garrison Road Discontinuance

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue any rights the public may have in a right of way which runs over four parcels of land, identified as Map 234, Lots 25.1, 27, 28, and 30. This road has never been developed. Although it is not clear that the public has any rights in this right of way, the discontinuance is necessary to ensure that it will never be developed. [Majority Vote Required].

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 44 By Petition: Joint Advisory Budget Committee

To see if the Town will vote to approve a joint Town and School District Advisory Budget Committee consisting of seven members and two alternates. Membership would be appointed as follows: three full members and one alternate member appointed by the Barrington School Board, three full members and one alternate member appointed by the Barrington Select Board, and one full member appointed jointly by the School and Select Boards. The joint member and one full member from each entity would be appointed for a three-year term, one full member from each entity would be appointed for a two-year term, and one full member from each entity would be appointed for a one-year term, thereby ensuring that four members would always be returning each year. If the Select Board or School Board can not fill the entity's membership, the other governing body may appoint members to the vacant position. Upon approval of the voters, the Joint Advisory Budget Committee would begin working on the 2025 School and Town Budgets.

YES
NO

(BY PETITION)

**This article is not recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT