

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2023

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Kelly A. Roberts
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.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Two

STEVE BARRY 573 ☒

ALEX E. COTE 294 ☐

ALDEN DILL 551 ☐

ROBERT "BOB" HEON 512 ☐

WILLIAM "WILL" HUEBNER 661 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN TREASURER

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

JOANNA WARING 918 ☒

HARRIET E. CADY 403 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN MODERATOR

Two Year Term Vote for not more than One

DAN HOLDRIDGE 1179 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Two

JANICE LEVITON 978 ☒

CHRISTINA EAGEN 997 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

JOHN REAGAN 1042 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

JENNY WELLINGTON 632 ☒

JEFF MACKEY 368 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Three Year Term Vote for not more than Three

JOCELYN MESSIER 965 ☒

MAUREEN QUINN 865 ☒

ERROLL RHODES 872 ☒

Leah McHugh 61 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Two Year Term Vote for not more than One

JEFF KELLEY 936 ☒

Leah McHugh 201 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

One Year Term Vote for not more than One

ANDREA HOTALING 795 ☒

Leah McHugh 34 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

GARY SANBORN 811 ☒

BRIAN ADAMS 338 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term Vote for not more than One

GARY B. SANBORN 688 ☒

HEIDI L. BENNETT 420 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

WATER COMMISSIONER

Two Year Term Vote for not more than One

KIMBERLY BLACK 1061 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

ZONING AMENDMENT

ZONING AMENDMENT # 1 Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by petition for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows?

To see if the town will vote to amend Zoning Ordinance - Section 204 District Objectives and Land Use Control - to increase the "Minimum Lot Size Area Per Dwelling Unit in Acres" from 3 acres to 5 acres? [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐
NO ☒

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

560
760

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES

Article # 1 Shall the Town of Deerfield 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$4,813,543.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,267,422.00 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Deerfield or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of the revised operating budget only.

YES ☐
NO ☒

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact Proposed Budget \$6.20
Estimated Tax Impact Default Budget \$5.50

Article # 2 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) for the purpose of repair and/or reconstruction of existing roads and associated drainage improvements? Shall the Town further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all State Aid or other revenue source that may become available for this work. The funds will be used for the improvement, reconstruction, maintenance, crack sealing, engineering of roads and tree removals as needed. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2025.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.45

Article # 3 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of providing general support by way of maintenance and repair of equipment, purchasing of supplies and overall operational support to the Highway Department for road upkeep and repair. These funds will not be used for personnel support. Should this article pass, it would only be funded in the event that the 2023 Operating Budget fails to pass. This funding will be effective January 1, 2023.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.32

Article # 4 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to be placed in the previously established Police Department Building Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of having engineering and architectural plans prepared for a new Police Department building; and for the dissemination of information relative to the planning and design of such building.

YES ☐
NO ☒

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-3-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.15

Article # 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand One-Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$112,195.00), which includes additional wages and required benefits, for the purpose of providing cost-of-living adjustment to Town employees in the amount of 5.0%.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.14

Article # 6 To see if the town will vote to establish a Highway Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of general vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair with the ability to purchase any vehicle or piece of equipment, should repair not be possible; and to raise and appropriate Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to put in the fund; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The fund will have a cap at \$300,000.00 in principle.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.10

Article # 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) to build a 64-niche columbarium that could take the place of 128 traditional burial plots. The columbarium, construction, landscaping and installation cost is estimated at \$55,000.00. A garden-like setting would be created in part of the lower section of the Old Center Cemetery. The columbarium would eventually pay for itself with money generated from the sale of niches.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

667
765

1126
315

1046
390

563
864

977
460

915
506

907
527

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Kelly A. Roberts
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 8 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.06

905
530

Article # 9 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established Municipal Government Buildings And Related Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

1019
412

Article # 10 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in the previously established Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Reserve Fund, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

1055
376

Article # 11 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Recreational Facility Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of executing general town field/court maintenance upkeep and to maintain existing playgrounds, athletic fields, athletic courts and the surrounding areas; with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

1058
394

Article # 12 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund said fund to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0

1062
370

Article # 13 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the previously established Rescue Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03

961
472

Article # 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be used by Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control the Milfoil in Northwood Lake.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

1046
394

Article # 15 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be used by the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association to increase the number of hours for trained attendants to provide courtesy boat inspection at the public access ramp on Gulf Road to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants, like variable milfoil and aquatic nuisance animals like zebra mussels from entering Pleasant Lake.

YES ☒
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01

1100
341

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 16 Shall the Town of Deerfield READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750.00? (Majority vote required).

YES ☒

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

1977
218

Article # 17 Shall the Town of Deerfield READOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Deerfield under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required)

YES ☒

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0

1165
223

Article # 18 Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Deerfield on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law?" (A 3/5 majority of those voting is required.)

YES ☐

NO ☒

274
1106

Article # 19 To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to A) develop, or cause to be developed, within a period of nine months from the passage hereof, a Conflict of Interest ordinance (the Ordinance), consistent with RSA 31:39-a, defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed, to include, but not be limited to, conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof based on 1) direct or indirect pecuniary interest, whether by personal, corporate, social or professional association, 2) kinship, whether by blood or marriage, 3) employment, whether as principal, agent or representative, 4) abutment, or 5) any combination of items 1) to 4) above, and also setting i) the terms and conditions for the disclosure of such conflicts, ii) the disqualifications based on such conflicts, and iii) the resolutions of such conflicts (including with respect to political solicitations), such that the public might have increased confidence that local officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, are placing the interests of the public at large ahead of their own interests, and B) include the Ordinance on the 2024 Town Warrant for adoption by the legislative body. (Majority vote required) [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☒

NO ☐

892
432

Article # 20 To see if the Town will vote for the future improvements of town maintained asphalt roads that are being resurfaced or newly installed to be constructed with center lane striping. At minimum, a single solid yellow line, for the purpose of lane delineation, in accordance with NH RSA 265:22. Improved line striping enables the authorities to more effectively pursue traffic violations regarding lane offenses in the interest of the safety of the community. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☒

627
759

Article # 21 To see if the town will vote to deposit 100 percent of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by future vote of the town meeting. If the above article does not pass, the percentage of LUCT revenues deposited in the conservation fund shall remain at 50% as it is now. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☒

NO ☐

712
620

Article # 22 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Deerfield Select Board to work jointly with the Deerfield School Board on a solar energy project for the purpose of powering the school and the town buildings to reduce energy costs. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☒

NO ☐

869
521

Article # 23 Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for the contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property? [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☐

NO ☒

560
749

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2023

[Signature]
SCHOOL DISTRICT 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.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than Two (2)

BOBBY-ANN DOSTIE 541 ☐

STACEY MARCHIONNI 571 ☐

ELLEN O'DONNELL 733 ☒

KENDRA COHEN 702 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One (1)

DANIELLE K. PALMER 695 ☒

WILLIAM "BILL" MONNIE 592 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL TREASURER

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One (1)

ERIK GROSS 1109 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One (1)

KAYLA STANKARD 1040 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

SCHOOL MODERATOR

One Year Term ☐ Vote for not more than One (1)

DAN HOLDRIDGE 1134 ☒

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

1. Shall the Deerfield School District 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, Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred Eighty Six Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$15,886,390)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fifteen Million, Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$15,823,174) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Deerfield 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. Majority vote required.

YES ☐
NO ☒

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-2-0]*

If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$16.58 [per thousand], which will result in a \$0.87 increase over the previous year school tax rate.

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include appropriations from separate Warrant Articles.]

2. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Deerfield School Board and the Deerfield Education Association for the 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

2023/24	\$223,437
2024/25	\$228,752
2025/26	\$234,011
2026/27	\$239,484

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$223,437 for the 2023/24 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.

YES ☒
NO ☐

*School Board Recommends Approval [5-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

[Estimated tax impact of this article is \$.29 per thousand]

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

649
786

902
536

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

3. Shall the Deerfield School District, if Article #2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article # 2 cost items only?

YES ☒
NO ☐

807
593

4. Shall the District approve, subject to approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to RSA 194:22, an agreed revision and extension of the current tuition agreement between the Deerfield School District and the Concord School District, currently set to expire on June 30, 2024 which provides for an initial term beginning on July 1, 2024 ending on June 30, 2036 with an option to extend the agreement for an additional eight years through June 30, 2044, and requires Deerfield to send at least 90% of Deerfield's assignable high school students to Concord at a tuition rate determined by the most recently reported per pupil cost (excluding transportation and special education costs) of operating Concord High School increased by the 5 year average increase in those operational costs; and further authorize the School Board to take such other and further acts necessary to give effect to this vote, including the adoption of minor amendments to the Tuition Agreement as the board determines are necessary during the term of the agreement without further action by the School District Meeting?

YES ☐
NO ☒

604
827

5. Shall the School District vote to establish a Building Renovation and Site Improvement Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of renovating the Deerfield Community School, modernizing its systems and making site improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in this Fund, this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023? Further to name the School Board as agents to expend from said fund. Majority vote required. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

YES ☒
NO ☐

1025
400

*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [8-2-0]*

6. Shall the Deerfield School District, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to be placed in the School Building Repair Trust Fund for the purpose of school building repair and future replacement at Deerfield Community school? Majority Vote Required.

YES ☒
NO ☐

875
549

*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

7. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in Special Education Trust Fund, this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023? Majority vote required. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

YES ☒
NO ☐

878
542

*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [5-5-0]*

8. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in School-Facility Paving Plan Expendable Trust Fund, this sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2023? Majority vote required. No amount to be raised from additional taxation.

YES ☒
NO ☐

914
506

*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [10-0-0]*

9. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), adopted by the Deerfield School District on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? [3/5 majority vote required]

YES ☐
NO ☒

281
1128

10. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Deerfield School Board to work jointly with the Deerfield Select Board on a solar energy project for the purpose of powering the school and the town buildings to reduce energy costs. [This article is submitted by petition].

YES ☒
NO ☐

882
537

11. Shall the Deerfield School District enter into contracts and tuition agreements with more than one public high school for the purpose of accommodating high school choice. The Deerfield School District will budget for and pay the full tuition for students to attend an approved public high school of their choice. This article is advisory only, if passed. [This article is submitted by petition].

YES ☒
NO ☐

780
631

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT