

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

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 CINDY MCHUGH ☒ 791 ALDEN DILL ☐ 490 (Write-in)	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Three Year Term LAURIE BIENEFELD ☒ 957 (Write-in)	MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE Three Year Term BONITA (BONNIE) BEAUBIEN ☒ TOM DILLON ☐ 356 JON LESLIE ☐ 487 LEAH MCHUGH ☒ 712 ROBERT PRIETO ☐ 464 KEVIN VERVILLE ☒ 601 (Write-in) (Write-in) (Write-in)
TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR Three Year Term KELLY ROBERTS ☒ 1243 (Write-in)	CEMETERY TRUSTEES Three Year Term PHILIP BILODEAU ☒ 1011 (Write-in)	MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE One Year Term LINDA MCNAIR-PERRY ☒ 573 ANDREA HOTALING ☐ 468 (Write-in)
TRUSTEE OF PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY Three Year Term AMANDA TORSVIK ☒ 836 JULIE MOSGROBER ☒ 911 (Write-in) (Write-in)	WATER COMMISSIONER Three Year Term GREG WHITMORE ☒ 917 (Write-in)	SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST Six Year Term SUZANNE STEELE ☒ 1001 (Write-in)
TRUSTEE OF PHILBRICK-JAMES LIBRARY One Year Term MONIQUE MAGNUSON ☐ 314 ANNE DEELY ☒ 658 (Write-in)	PLANNING BOARD Three Year Term DONALD WYMAN ☒ 893 ERROLL RHODES ☒ 806 (Write-in) (Write-in)	

ARTICLES

Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: delete Section 211 Floodplain Development Regulations in its entirety and replace it with a new Section 211 Floodplain Development Regulations as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

YES ☒
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Zoning Amendment # 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article III Section 325.4.D.(b) by inserting the following new section and editions:

(b) Internal Setbacks and Separation:

- (1) Front setback: Structures and/or buildings shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from the edge of any roads in the subdivision.
- (2) Side and rear setbacks: Structures and/or buildings shall be located not less than 20 feet from internal side and rear property lines.
- (3) Dwelling units Separation: The depth of side and rear yards (measured from building to property lines) shall not be less than 20 feet. The Planning Board may approve a smaller separation if an acceptable alternative for fire safety, as determined by the Fire Chief, is provided. The location of setbacks proposed to achieve this requirement shall be depicted on all plats in the proposed open space subdivision.

YES ☒ 739
NO ☐ 529

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 **\$4,967,688.00**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$4,379,617.00** 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 ☐ 460
NO ☒ 836

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 4-3-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value for Proposed Budget \$3.81
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value for Default Budget \$3.06

Article # 2 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000.00**) 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 ☒ 855
NO ☐ 458

Roadway Construction - Background: Road rehabilitation and reconstruction continues to be a challenge. In an effort to work towards a goal of improving overall road conditions within the Town, these funds will be utilized to systematically improve roads based on the results of the Road Service Management System Report completed by NH Southern Planning Commission and in consultation with the Road Agent. Road program priorities are generally guided by road condition, traffic volumes, and opportunities to coordinate road construction with other projects.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.64

Article # 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (**\$70,000**) to be placed in the previously established Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Reserve Fund.

YES ☐ 531
NO ☒ 767

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$58,542.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.09

Article # 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight-Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (**\$67,826.00**), which includes additional wages and required benefits, for the purpose of providing cost-of-living adjustment to Town employees in the amount of 3.2%.

YES ☒ 742
NO ☐ 568

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.09

Article # 5 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 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 Highway Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, 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. The fund will have a cap at \$300,000.00 in principal.

YES ☒ 710
NO ☐ 595

INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$76,503.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.06

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 6 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$35,880.00) for additional part-time Fire Fighter / EMT hours in the Deerfield Fire/Rescue Department. Should this article pass, it would only be funded in the event that the 2024 Operating Budget fails to pass.

YES ☐
NO ☒

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Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value if Proposed Budget Committee 5-5-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value if Default Budget Passes \$0.00

Article # 7 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 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 Municipal Government Buildings And Related Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund.

YES ☐
NO ☒

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INFORMATION: The balance of the trust fund as of 12/31/2023 is \$39,193.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.03

Article # 8 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 To see if the town will vote to establish a Philbrick James Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of general maintenance and repair to the building and grounds of the Library building; and to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to put in the fund; further to name the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-1-1
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.03

Article # 9 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 for Aquatic Invasive Species/Aquatic Bacteria Education, Prevention, Treatment and Control in Northwood Lake.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0-0
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.01

Article # 10 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 ☐

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0
Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0-1
Estimated Tax Impact/\$1,000.00 of Assessed Property Value \$0.01

Article # 11 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 ☒

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Article #12 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 To see if the Town will vote to deposit 95% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) into the Town's Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article # 13 To see if the town will vote to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Ordinance approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 5, 2023, copies of which are available at the Town Clerk's office, posted at the George B White Building, Library and Post Office, on the Town webpage and Town Facebook page.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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Article # 14 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Deerfield Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Deerfield Select Board to develop and implement Deerfield Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7), the goal of which is to lower electric supply costs. There is no tax impact or use of Town funds.

YES ☒
NO ☐

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Article # 15 Advisory Only. To see if the Town of Deerfield supports the Deerfield Fire/Rescue Department and the Board of Selectman in pursuit of transitioning away from a Non-Transport Emergency Medical Service to a Transporting Emergency Medical Service and obtaining Deerfield its own Ambulance.

YES ☐
NO ☒

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Article # 16 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 WE THE UNDERSIGNED PETITION TO CHANGE THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION TO \$50,000 AT AGE 65 WITH INCREMENTS OF EVERY 5 YEARS BEING AN ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION OF \$50,000 (AT AGE 65 EXEMPTION TO BE \$50,000 AT AGE 70 \$100,000, ETC). THE RECIPIENT MAY HAVE UP TO \$150,000 IN ASSESTS NOT COUNTING THE HOME AND UP TO TWO VEHICLES. Advisory Only [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☒
NO ☐

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Article # 17 As Amended on Saturday, February 3, 2024 Shall the position of Road Agent continue to be appointed as it currently is; Advisory Only. [Sic] (Petition Warrant Article)

YES ☒
NO ☐

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

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SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Three Year Term Vote for not more than Two (2) CATHLEEN (MISSY) PERRON ☒ NANCY SHUTE <i>729</i> ☒ STACEY MARCHIONNI <i>452</i> ☐ DANIELLE K. PALMER <i>525</i> ☐ ☐ (Write-in) ☐ (Write-in)	SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK One Year Term Vote for not more than One (1) KAYLA STANKARD <i>953</i> ☒ ☐ (Write-in)	SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR One Year Term Vote for not more than One (1) DAN HOLDRIDGE <i>998</i> ☒ ☐ (Write-in)
SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER One Year Term Vote for not more than One (1) ERIK E. GROSS <i>977</i> ☒ ☐ (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 **Eighteen Million, Seven Hundred Ninety-One Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$18,791,468)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Eighteen Million, Eight Hundred Sixty- Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty- Six Dollars (\$18,868,836)** 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 [4-1-0]
Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval [3-6-1]*

If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$19.48[per thousand], which will result in a \$2.20 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 Para Educators Association for the 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28 fiscal years, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year:	Estimated Increase:
2024/25	\$94,853
2025/26	\$51,610
2026/27	\$62,178
2027/28	\$50,544

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ninety-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$94,853)** for the 2024/25 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 [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval [5-5-0]*

If passed, the tax impact will be \$0.12 [per thousand]

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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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 ☐

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4. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** to be placed in the **Special Education Trust Fund**, this sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024? Majority vote required. **No amount to be raised from additional taxation.**

YES ☒ NO ☐

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

5. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** to be added to the **Special Education Trust Fund** as previously established.

YES ☐ NO ☒

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*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval [5-5-0]*

If passed, the tax impact will be \$0.19[per thousand]

6. Shall the Deerfield School District authorize the Board to submit to the State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22 the approved tuition agreements between the Deerfield School District and the Concord and Pembroke School Districts as well as Coe Brown Northwood Academy as negotiated by the school board, to be high schools maintained by the district, each of which provides for an initial term beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30,2027, with the option for the term to be extended for two (2) years at Coe Brown Northwood Academy, for additional one (1) year periods at Pembroke Academy and Concord High School, and that the tuition to be paid to each school will be determined by the operating budget of the school and student attendance, and take such other and further acts as are necessary to give effect to this warrant article, including the adoption of minor amendments to the agreements from time to time during the terms of those agreements without further action by the school district meeting?

YES ☒ NO ☐

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7. To see if the Deerfield School District will vote to create a High School Tuition Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-C for the purpose of unanticipated high school tuition costs and to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars, (\$140,000)** to be placed in this fund and further to name the school board as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐ NO ☒

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*School Board Recommends Approval [4-0-0]
Budget Committee Recommends Approval [6-4-0]*

If passed, the tax impact will be \$0.18[per thousand]

8. Shall the District authorize its Board to negotiate a lease of property or an easement agreement with a solar provider on such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the District for the purpose of installing a solar panel array and related equipment at the Deerfield Community School at 66 North Road Deerfield, New Hampshire and further to authorize the Board to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement with a term not to exceed 20 years, with provisions for a buy-out of the agreement subject to subsequent appropriation, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the District, with the understanding that the Board may decline to enter into either of these agreements if it deems the terms and conditions not to be in the best interest of the District.

YES ☒ NO ☐

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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 ☒

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10. Shall the Deerfield School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II? (Majority vote required).

YES ☐ NO ☒

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VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT