

# 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		
Steve Barry Three Year Term <div>Vote for not more than Two</div>	John Reagan Three Year Term <div>Vote for not more than One</div>	Andrea Hotaling One Year Term <div>Vote for not more than One</div>
Alex E. Cote		
Alden Dill		
Robert "Bob" Heon		
William "Will" Huebner		
<div>(Write-in)</div>		
Town Treasurer <div>Vote for not more than One</div>	Jenny Wellington	Gary Sanborn
Joanna Waring		Brian Adams
Harriet E. Cadby		<div>(Write-in)</div>
<div>(Write-in)</div>		
Town Moderator	Jocelyn Messier	Water Commissioner <div>Vote for not more than One</div>
Two Year Term <div>Vote for not more than One</div>	Maureen Quinn	Gary B. Sanborn
Dan Holdridge		Heidi L. Bennett
<div>(Write-in)</div>		<div>(Write-in)</div>
Trustee of Philbrick-James Library <div>Vote for not more than Two</div>	Municipal Budget Committee	Water Commissioner <div>Vote for not more than One</div>
Janice Leviton	Jeff Kelley	Kimberly Black
Christina Eagen	<div>(Write-in)</div>	<div>(Write-in)</div>
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# 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)

**NO** ☐ *Not Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0*

**YES** ☐

No ☐

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## 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*

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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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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*

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## 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*

**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*

**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 ☐

**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 iij) 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 ☐

**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 ☐

**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 RSA36-A:5.III as authorized by RSA79-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 ☐

**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 ☐

**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 ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT