

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
NORTHWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2018

Judy C. Pease, Town Clerk

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| <b>MODERATOR</b><br>For 2 years (Vote for 1)   | <b>ROAD AGENT</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 1)   |
| Hal Kreider 531  | Charles Pease 523   |
| <b>TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR</b><br>3 years (Vote for 1)                                | <b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 1)   |
| Savannah Audet 565   | Ann "Beth" Boudreau 269<br>Babette Morrill 7<br>Michael L. (Mike) Smith 126<br>Richard Wolf 214 |
| <b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 4)                                    | <b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 3)   |
| Daniel McNally 413<br>Jon Boudreau 432<br>Tom Chase 422<br>Grace Mattern (Write-In) 60 | John E. Schlang 547<br>Chris Brown (Write-In) 5<br>Taryn Bassett (Write-In) 3                   |
| <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 1)                                     | <b>PLANNING BOARD</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 2)   |
| Betty A. Smith 548   | Betty A. Smith 434<br>Robert Strobel 416  |
| <b>POLICE COMMISSION</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 1)                                   | <b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b><br>For 6 years (Vote for 1)                                  |
| Richard L. Cummings 210<br>Colleen Krochmal 388  | Judy Pease (Write-In) 33  |
| <b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b><br>For 1 year (Vote for 1)                           | <b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b><br>For 3 years (Vote for 1)                                       |
| Betsy Colburn 513  | Peter J. George, Jr. 513  |

**Article 2: 2018 OPERATING BUDGET**

Shall the Town 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 **three million six hundred forty-seven thousand four hundred twenty-four dollars (\$3,647,424)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **three million five hundred thirty-five thousand six hundred eighty dollars (\$3,535,680)** 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. **(Tax impact: \$0.15) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

**Yes            331**  
**No             185**

**ARTICLE 3: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty-six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$56,912)** for the fourth of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the new pumper truck, and to fund the payment by withdrawing the sum of **fifty-six thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$56,912)** from the Fire/Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement was approved in 2015 and does not contain an escape clause. **(No Tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

**Yes            532**  
**No             73**

**Article 4: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty-five thousand six hundred fifty-four dollars (\$55,654.00)**, to be placed in the following existing expendable trust funds created under RSA 31:19 –a. These amounts represent the amount of user fees deposited in the general fund in 2017 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of **55,654.00** from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2017. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 13/0)**

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| <b>Cable Expendable Trust Fund<br/>\$36,708.00</b>       | <b>Transfer Station Expendable<br/>Trust Fund<br/>\$17,846.00</b> |
| <b>Cemetery Expendable Trust<br/>Fund<br/>\$1,100.00</b> |   |

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| Yes | 487 |
| No  | 113 |

**Article 5: VESTED BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. **(Tax Impact: \$.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

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| Yes | 399 |
| No  | 193 |

**Article 6: DEFIBRILLATOR PAYMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand three hundred eighty-four dollars (\$13,384)** for the fifth of five yearly payments for two defibrillators for the Northwood Fire Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of said sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2017. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. **(Tax impact: \$0.00) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

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| Yes | 563 |
| No  | 43  |

**Article 7: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$18,500)** to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. **(Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

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| Yes | 445 |
| No  | 153 |

**Article 8: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$14,700)**, to be placed in the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Lagoon Special Revenue Fund held by the Northwood Treasurer. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by Budget Committee 13/0)**

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| Yes | 504 |
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No 99

**Article 9: RED LISTED BRIDGE ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$698,000) for the engineering and construction of Bridge Replacement on Bow Lake Road over Sherburne Brook and to fund this appropriation by withdrawing one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) from the Red listed Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, five hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$558,000) in Grant Revenue from NH Dot Bridge Aid Program. This is to be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7-vi, and will not lapse **until the project is complete or December 31 2020, whichever is sooner. (Tax impact \$0.00) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Yes 520

No 86

**Article 10: RED LISTED BRIDGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **eighty-four thousand dollars (\$84,000)** to deposit into the fund. This is the third of three deposits. The fund was established in 2016 to support the replacement of failing bridges in Northwood. **(Tax Impact 0.18) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Yes 447

No 155

**Article 11: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500)** to be deposited into the Facilities committee expendable trust fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs and replacement of general government buildings. **(Tax impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Yes 439

No 183

**Article 12: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be deposited into the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund to support efforts to recognize the town's 250th anniversary. **(Tax Impact: \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Yes 432

No 193

**Article 13: POLICE CRUISER PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the best way to fund police cruisers on an ongoing basis. **(Majority vote required)**

Yes 422

No 198

**Article 14: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for **one hundred ten thousand nine hundred dollars (\$110,900)** for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe for the highway Department, to trade in the existing backhoe for fifteen thousand nine hundred (\$15,900) and to raise and appropriate an amount of twenty thousand (\$20,000) for the first year's lease payment. This will be the first of five payments. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. **(Tax impact: \$0.05) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13/2)**

Yes 372

No 245

**Article 15: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be used for the construction, reconstruction, and/or resurfacing of town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts as recommended by the Highway Advisory Committee. **(Tax Impact: 0.22) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Yes 452

No 172

**Article 16: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **seven thousand dollars (\$7,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Expendable Trust fund. **(Tax Impact: less than .02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Yes 472

No 174

**Article 17: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT AND CONTROL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and Control Expendable Trust Fund. **(Tax Impact: .03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

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| Yes | 447 |
| No  | 170 |

**Article 18: PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be deposited in the previously established Public Safety Complex Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of designing a Public Safety Complex. **(Tax impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7/8)**

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| Yes | 312 |
| No  | 303 |

**Article 19: NORTHWOOD NARROWS FIRE STATION EXPANSION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)** for the Northwood Narrows Fire Station Expansion. **(Tax impact: \$0.44) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/1)**

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| Yes | 341 |
| No  | 253 |

**Article 20: BACKSTOP FOR BASEBALL DIAMOND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500)** to install the backstop and dugout fences at the new baseball diamond. **(Tax impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/1)**

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| Yes | 368 |
| No  | 237 |

**Article 21: Change Board of Selectmen to 5 Members**

Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to five members?  
**(Majority vote required) (Petition Warrant Article)**

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| Yes | 367 |
| No  | 231 |

Article 22. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's development ordinance as follows: Amend the definition of a Large Scale Business to include all businesses larger than 10,000 square feet?

Yes 403

No 183

Article 23. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's development ordinance as follows: Delete all existing references to a Service Station Price Sign for consistency with the content-neutral Sign Regulations adopted in 2017?

Yes 386

No 181

Article 24. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's development ordinance as follows: Amend the definition of a Structure to include a cross-reference to Section IV.B.(4)(c) regarding setback exemptions for certain types of structures?

Yes 370

No 198

Article 25. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's development ordinance as follows: Amend Section VI.C. Agricultural Soils Overlay District to update its Purpose Statement to remove the statement that agriculture is not an important economic factor in Northwood?

Yes 379

No 201

Article 26. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's development ordinance as follows: Add Section IV.B.(7) Lot Coverage to limit the amount of lot coverage by low permeability surfaces to 40% on residential and mixed use lots and 50% on non-residential lots?

Yes 309

No 244

*Judy C. Lease*  
*Town Clerk / Tax Collector*

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

ZONING AMENDMENTS

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