

OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NORTHWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2020
3312 Ballots Cast = 828 Voters
Savannah Audet, Town Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN For 3 years (Vote for 2)	
James Hadley 410	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Dave Ruth 287	<input type="radio"/>
Scott Bryer 207	<input type="radio"/>
Timothy Colby 535	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-in 7	<input type="radio"/>
TREASURER For 3 years (Vote for 1)	
Jillian Chick-Ruth 251	<input type="radio"/>
Sandra Priolo 485	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-In 5	<input type="radio"/>
CEMETERY TRUSTEE For 3 years (Vote for 1)	
Stephen Bailey 685	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write- In 1	<input type="radio"/>
LIBRARY TRUSTEE For 3 years (Vote for 1)	
Patricia Vaillancourt 676	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-In 1	<input type="radio"/>
POLICE COMMISSION For 3 years (Vote for 1)	
John Schlang 659	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-In 3	
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUDNS For 3 years (Vote for 1)	
Alan "Ted" Wilkinson 605	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-In 4	<input type="radio"/>

MODERATOR For 3 year (Vote for 1)	
Write-In Keith McGuigan 88	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
BUDGET COMMITEE For 3 years (Vote for 4)	
Michael Moore 380	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Betty Smith 410	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Paul Tudor 363	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Brad Hall 359	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Stephen Mancini 295	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In 13	<input type="radio"/>
BUDGET COMMITEE For 2 years (Vote for 1)	
Betsy Colburn 610	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-In 19	<input type="radio"/>
PLANNING BOARD For 3 years (Vote for 2)	
Lee Baldwin 599	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-In Timothy Jandebour 3	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST For 6 year (Vote for 1)	
Thomas Chase 592	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Write-In 15	<input type="radio"/>

Warrant Article 02: General housekeeping and minor amendments

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Amend the purpose section of the ordinance to provide that one of the purposes of the ordinance is to implement the policies of the Master Plan without referring to a specific year’s master plan; amend Section IV (B)(4)(c) to clarify that driveways are exempt only from front setbacks; amend the definition of a Large Scale Business to include all businesses larger than 10,000 sq. ft.; amend the definition of structure to refer readers to Section IV.B.(4)(c) which exempts certain structures from setbacks; and amend Section VI.C Agricultural Soils Overlay District to update the purpose and remove a statement that agriculture is not an important economic factor in Northwood. This amendment was previously approved at Town Meeting 2017 and Town Meeting 2018 but had not been included in the corresponding warrant.

Article 02	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 422
NO	<input type="radio"/> 205

Warrant Article 03: Content-neutral sign regulations

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Replace the Sign Regulations section in its entirety with content-neutral Sign regulations as required by the United States Supreme Court and delete all existing references to a Service Station Price Sign for consistency with these regulations. This amendment was previously approved at Town Meeting 2017 and Town Meeting 2018 but had not been included in the corresponding warrant.

Article 03	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 536
NO	<input type="radio"/> 222

Warrant Article 04: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Add a new definition for the term Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU); allow ADUs as a use permitted throughout Northwood if they comply with specific performance criteria as required by RSA 674: 71-71; and also to delete all references to Accessory Apartments. This amendment was previously approved at Town Meeting 2017 but had not been included in the corresponding warrant.

Article 04	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 507
NO	<input type="radio"/> 241

Warrant Article 05: Home Businesses and Occupations

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Delete all existing references to Home Occupation and Home Business; and adopt a new definition of Home Business that allows the use of a room in a dwelling or accessory building as a home office by an occupant of that property without site plan approval if the use does not generate any traffic and certain other conditions are met. This amendment was previously approved at Town Meeting 2017 but had not been included in the corresponding warrant.

Article 05	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 601
NO	<input type="radio"/> 160

Warrant Article 06: Class VI and Private Roads

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Amend Sections IV (B)(1)(b)(2) and IV (B)(1)(b)(3) to allow new building development on both Class VI and private roads which are proposed to be improved to current town standards and for which adequate security is provided to the town? This amendment was previously approved at Town Meeting 2017 but had not been included in the corresponding warrant.

Article 06	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 498
NO	<input type="radio"/> 261

Warrant Article 07: Non-Conformities

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Amend Section VII (C)(4) to no longer allow by special exception new structures on undeveloped, pre-existing non-conforming lots when waterbody and wetland setbacks cannot be achieved and to amend the criteria for development of a nonconforming lot of less than 80,000 square feet to require that the well protection radius on such lots not extend beyond the property lines. This item was previously approved at Town Meeting 2017 but had not been included in the corresponding warrant.

Article 07	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 466
NO	<input type="radio"/> 285

Warrant Article 08: Lot Coverage

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 7 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. This amendment was previously approved at Town Meeting 2018 but had not been included in the corresponding warrant.

Article 08	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 464
NO	<input type="radio"/> 268

Warrant Article 9: Section III. Definitions

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Amend the definitions of a “structure” and a “driveway” to clarify that unpaved driveways are not considered structures.

Article 09	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 616
NO	<input type="radio"/> 142

Warrant Article 10: Section II. Administrative Provisions

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Add a new section to II.F regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment stating variances and special exceptions approved after August 19, 2013 will expire consistent with state law described in RSA 674:33. This new section provides information and does not have a regulatory impact.

Article 10	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 490
NO	<input type="radio"/> 225

Warrant Article 11: Section II. Administrative Provisions

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Add a new section to II.F regarding the Zoning Board of Adjustment scheduling the termination of variances and special exceptions that were approved before August 19, 2013 and have not been exercised. If approved, this amendment would require public notice to be posted for one year and unused variances and special exceptions would terminate two years after the expiration of the public notice.

Article 11	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 467
NO	<input type="radio"/> 255

Warrant Article 12: Section IV. General District

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Amend multiple sections of Section IV. General District to clarify that zoning provisions apply to all lots of record, not only new lots. This amendment would not impact uses, structures, or lots that have non-conforming rights.

Article 12	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 459
NO	<input type="radio"/> 280

Warrant Article 13: Section VI. Overlay Districts

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Replace Section VI.E with a new Section VI.E Steep Slope Protection Overlay District that sets a minimum threshold of 2,000 square feet of sloped area for the overlay to apply, revises the criteria and application materials for granting a Special Exception, and makes administrative changes to overlay regarding the purpose, authority, and cost statements.

Article 13	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 424
NO	<input type="radio"/> 287

Warrant Article 14: Section III Definitions; Section VII. Non-Conformity

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town’s development ordinance as follows:

Amend Section III to add a new defined term, Seasonal Dwelling, amend Section V to add Seasonal Dwellings to Table V-1 as a permitted use in column 1, and add a new Section VII.D Expansion and Conversion of Seasonal Dwellings regulating their conversion to year-round dwellings.

Article 14	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 458
NO	<input type="radio"/> 269

Article 15: 2020 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 eight hundred forty-one thousand five hundred eighty-six dollars (\$3,841,586)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **three million six hundred eighty-one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars (\$3,681,392)** 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 \$0.33) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11/1)**

Article 15	
YES	<input type="radio"/> 349
NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 453

Article 16: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **five hundred fifty-one thousand two hundred thirty dollars (\$551,230)** for a Tanker Truck, to raise and appropriate **three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)** for an initial deposit payment under the lease, with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. This lease will commence in 2021 with five subsequent annual payments of fifty-six thousand six hundred seventy-two dollars (\$56,672). This purchase is in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. This lease shall contain an escape clause. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13/3)**

Article 16	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 625
NO	<input type="radio"/> 185

Article 17: FIRE DEPARTMENT THERMAL IMAGER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to replace one of the two Fire Department Thermal imagers. The current thermal imager is 10 years old. This purchase is in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Plan for 2021. **(Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14/0)**

Article 17	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 646
NO	<input type="radio"/> 155

Article 18: AMBULANCE LEASE PURCHASE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a seven-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **two hundred seventy-three thousand dollars (\$273,000)** for a new, equipped ambulance, to raise and appropriate **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** for an initial deposit payment under the lease, with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. This lease will commence in 2021 with seven subsequent annual payments of twenty-nine thousand three hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$29,359). This lease/purchase will replace a 2007 ambulance. This purchase is in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. This lease shall contain an escape clause. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 16/0)**

Article 18	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 651
NO	<input type="radio"/> 155

Article 19: COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000)** for the acquisition of communication equipment pursuant to the first year of the three-year Fire Department Mobile Communications Equipment Replacement Plan. The plan will replace all our portable and mobile radios over the next three years. Our current stock of radios are approximately 15 years old. This purchase is in accordance with the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. **(Tax Impact \$0.07) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 19	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 604
NO	<input type="radio"/> 196

Article 20: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-nine thousand five hundred four dollars and ninety cents (\$79,504.90)**, 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 2019 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2019. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: Cable \$34,105, Transfer Station \$54,717, and Cemetery: \$350,964. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/0)**

Article 20	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 628
NO	<input type="radio"/> 163

Cable Expendable Fund	Trust	Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund	Cemetery Expendable Fund	Trust
\$35,064.00		\$43,240.90	\$1,200.00	

Article 21: VESTED BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$25,247. **(Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 21	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 441
NO	<input type="radio"/> 329

Article 22: HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK LEASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount of **twenty-six thousand one hundred six dollars (\$26,106)** for the second year's lease payment of the seven-year lease/purchase agreement of a highway dump truck that was approved at the 2019 Town Meeting. The lease agreement contains an escape clause. **(Tax impact \$0.05) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 22	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 470
NO	<input type="radio"/> 215

Article 23: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

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. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$88,447. **(Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14/1)**

Article 23	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 471
NO	<input type="radio"/> 300

Article 24: POLICE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand dollars (\$6,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$20,274. **(Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14/1)**

Article 24	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 513
NO	<input type="radio"/> 269

Article 25: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$13,875)** 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. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$103,612. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12/0)**

Article 25	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 623
NO	<input type="radio"/> 159

Article 26: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** to be deposited into the Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs, and replacement of general government buildings including the Chesley Memorial Library. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$52,952. **(Tax Impact \$0.05) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 26	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 452
NO	<input type="radio"/> 320

Article 27: COMMUNITY BUILDING WARRANT

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be deposited into the Facilities Committee Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, repairs, and replacement of general government buildings for the purpose of restoration of the former Center School. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$52,952. **(Tax Impact \$0.08) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommend by the Budget Committee 14/2)**

Article 27	
YES	<input type="radio"/> 286
NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 498

Article 28: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** to be deposited into the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund to support efforts to recognize the Town's 250th Anniversary in 2023. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$6,682. **(Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 28	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 511
NO	<input type="radio"/> 276

Article 29: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand two hundred ninety-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$20,297.79)** for the third of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the backhoe. This lease agreement was approved in 2018 and does contain an escape clause. **(Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14/0)**

Article 29	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 571
NO	<input type="radio"/> 216

Article 30: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING/PAVING AND DITCHING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000)** to be used for the construction, reconstruction, paving, and ditching and/or resurfacing of town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts as recommended by the Board of Selectmen, the Road Agent, and the Highway Advisory Committee. This would include all Town Road Projects including paving on Tasker Hill Road and Ridge Road. **(Tax Impact \$0.73) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 16/0)**

Article 30	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 442
NO	<input type="radio"/> 355

Article 31: 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. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$3,234. **(Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 31	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 596
NO	<input type="radio"/> 202

Article 32: 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. Current balance as of December 31, 2019: \$284. **(Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 32	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 553
NO	<input type="radio"/> 240

Article 33: TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Terrestrial Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of mitigation and control of terrestrial invasive species and to raise and appropriate **one dollar (\$1.00)** to put in the fund. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5/0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15/0)**

Article 33	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 589
NO	<input type="radio"/> 201

Article 34: AGENTS TO EXPEND

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Police Equipment Reserve Fund, previously established in 2001. **(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required)**

Article 34	
YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 483
NO	<input type="radio"/> 289

Article 35: Cable Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to expand the purposes of the Cable Expendable Trust Fund established in 2000 from “creating, maintaining, and upgrading a broadcast system” to include paying for electronic communications, electronic signage, email blasts, electronic equipment, and staff to support electronic communications. Further, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. **(No Tax Impact) (2/3 vote required)**

Article 35	
YES	<input type="radio"/> 497
NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 281