

# SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
NORTHWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2020**

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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.

<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Two</span></p> <p><b>JAMES HADLEY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>DAVE RUTH</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>SCOTT BRYER</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>TIMOTHY COLBY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>POLICE COMMISSION</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>JOHN SCHLANG</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>For 2 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>BETSY COLBURN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>TREASURER</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>JILLIAN CHICK-RUTH</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>SANDRA PRIOLO</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>ALAN "TED" WILKINSON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Two</span></p> <p><b>LEE BALDWIN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>STEPHEN BAILEY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p>For 6 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>THOMAS CHASE</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span></p> <p><b>PATRICIA VAILLANCOURT</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>For 3 years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Four</span></p> <p><b>MICHAEL MOORE</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>BETTY SMITH</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>PAUL TUDOR</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>BRAD HALL</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>STEPHEN MANCINI</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

**ARTICLES**

**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.

YES   
NO

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**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.

YES NO **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.

YES NO **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.

YES NO **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.

YES NO **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.

YES NO **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.

YES NO **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.

YES NO **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 referencing the expiration of variances and special exceptions approved after August 19, 2013 consistent with state law described in RSA 674:33.

YES NO **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.

YES NO 

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**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:

YES

NO

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.

**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:

YES

NO

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.

**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:

YES

NO

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 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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

Cable Expendable Trust Fund	Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund	Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund
\$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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

**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)**

YES   
NO

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**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)**

YES

NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**