

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
NORTHWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023

Penny Hampel
SCHOOL DISTRICT 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.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

for 3 Years	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
GARY CARON	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	

479
43
Undervotes: 247

ARTICLES

Article 2. Shall the Northwood 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 Thirteen Million, Six Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$13,692,618)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall total Thirteen Million, Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Four Dollars (\$13,633,704) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Northwood 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.

438
YES ●
NO ○

*The operating budget warrant does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.
The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 13 to 2 vote.
The tax impact if this article passes is \$11.58
The tax impact if this article does not pass is \$11.52*

320
Undervotes: 11

Article 3. Shall the Northwood School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Northwood Teachers Association and the Northwood School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits, at the current staffing levels, over those paid in the prior fiscal year;

Year	Estimated Increase
2023-2024	\$189,899
2024-2025	\$199,866
2025-2026	\$175,865

455
YES ●
NO ○
309
Under: 6

and to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,899 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year?

*The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5-0 vote.
The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 15-0 vote.
The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.20 per \$1,000.
The tax impact if this article does not pass is \$0.00 per \$1,000.*

460

Article 4. Shall the Northwood School District, if Article 3 is defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only?

YES ●
NO ○

The School Board recommends this article by 5-0 vote.

Under 11

Article 5. Shall the Northwood School District authorize the Northwood School Board to enter into a lease and easement agreement not to exceed 25 years with an energy company to install a solar system at the Northwood School and further authorize the School Board to enter into a cost-neutral or cost saving solar power purchase agreement with an energy company for a term not to exceed 25 years with an option to purchase the solar system subject to appropriations on such terms and conditions as the School Board determines are in the best interest of the district.

309
452
YES ●
NO ○
308

*The School Board recommends this article by a 3-0 vote.
There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.
As amended by the first session.*

Under: 10

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 6. Shall the Northwood School District vote to raise and appropriate "up to" Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund established in 1986 for the purpose of financing any and all capital improvements to school buildings as well as all or part of the cost of new construction for the Northwood School District, with such amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2022. Current balance at 12/31/2022 is \$162,474.
As amended by the first session.

464
YES
NO
291

Under: 15

Article 7. To see if the Northwood School District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Curriculum Materials Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding new and replacement curriculum materials and further raise and appropriate the sum of "up to" Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,00) to be placed in the fund, with such dollar amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2023 and further appoint the School Board as agents to expend this fund.

479
YES
NO
278

The School Board recommends this appropriation by a 5 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 14 to 1 vote.

There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.

Under: 13

Article 8. Shall the Northwood School District vote to change the purpose of the Retirement Benefit Capital Reserve Fund from the purpose of funding the retirement benefits of Northwood School teachers, to the purpose of funding the retirement benefits of all district staff. Current balance at 12/31/2022 is \$47,872. (2/3 vote required).

441/13
YES
NO
382
363

As amended by the first session.

Article 9. Shall the Northwood School District vote to raise and appropriate "up to" Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund established in July 1999 for the purpose of meeting the expenses of educating children who are educationally disabled for the Northwood School District in accordance with the provisions of RSA 35:1-b, with such amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2022 Current balance at 12/31/2021 is \$136,506
As amended by the first session.

493
YES
NO
266

Under: 11

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BALLOT 1 OF 3

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TOWN CLERK

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<p>BOARD OF SELECTMEN Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>For 3 years JAMES GUZOFSKI <input checked="" type="radio"/> 411 TIMOTHY S. COLBY <input checked="" type="radio"/> 518 <u>25</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <u>Under: 578</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For 3 years STEVE BAILEY <input checked="" type="radio"/> 620 <u>Under: 146</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>PLANNING BOARD Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>For 3 years KAREN ROBINSON <input checked="" type="radio"/> 463 TIM JANDEBEUR <input checked="" type="radio"/> 349 <u>41</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <u>Under: 687</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For 1 year STEVEN G. ROBINSON <input checked="" type="radio"/> 491 <u>Under: 266</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For 3 years PATRICIA R. VAILLANCOURT <input checked="" type="radio"/> 420 CHERYL DEAN <input type="radio"/> 231 <u>Under: 117</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <u>over: 1</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>BUDGET COMMITTEE Vote for not more than Four</p> <p>For 3 years MICHAEL G. MOORE <input checked="" type="radio"/> 362 KAREN ROBINSON <input type="radio"/> 269 STEVEN G. ROBINSON <input type="radio"/> 241 NORM ROYCE <input checked="" type="radio"/> 370 BETTY A. SMITH <input checked="" type="radio"/> 372 PAUL TUDOR <input checked="" type="radio"/> 322 <u>19</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <u>Under: 1123</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>TOWN TREASURER Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For 3 years SANDRA PRIOLO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 571 <u>Under: 195</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For 3 years ALAN "TED" WILKINSON <input checked="" type="radio"/> 537 <u>Under: 226</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>POLICE COMMISSION Vote for not more than One</p> <p>For 3 years JOHN SCHLANG <input checked="" type="radio"/> 416 JOSEPH LIPSCHETZ <input type="radio"/> 152 <u>Under: 197</u> <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>ARTICLES</p> <p>Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section VII.C. Non-Conforming Lots to clarify that changes to lot boundaries that do not impact that lot's compliance with the Ordinance are permitted. (Majority vote required) 490 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 286 <u>Under: 85</u></p> <p>Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section III. Definitions to redefine Large Scale Business to apply to any commercial or industrial business, rather than a retail or wholesale business, with aggregate gross floor area of 10,000 sq. ft. or more contained on a single lot, and to amend Section IV.B.(4)(g) Large Scale Business Setbacks to reference the definition of Large Scale Business and to add a purpose statement. (Majority vote required) 432 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 245 <u>Under: 94</u></p>
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<p>Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section VI.C. Agricultural Soils Overlay District to properties consisting of at least 10 acres and 25% or more of the total land is designated as soils designated "prime" or of "statewide importance" be developed using Open Space Design, lowering the threshold from 20 acres. Further to require that the required Open Space prioritize conservation and continued use of agricultural soils of prime or statewide significance. (Majority vote required)</p>	394 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 78 299
<p>Article 5: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section VII.D.(3) Permitted Conversion of Seasonal Dwellings for Year-Round Occupancy to provide examples of other ordinance requirements that proposals must meet. (Majority vote required)</p>	425 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 74 271
<p>Article 6: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section IV.B.(1) Road Frontage to require that all required frontage be contained in a single contiguous segment. (Majority vote required)</p>	354 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 79 327
<p>Article 7: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section III Definitions to delete the existing definition of Affordable Housing, adopt definitions of Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing from RSA 674:58, and adopt a definition of Cluster Housing as housing with more than one principal residential structure per lot. Amend Section V. Use Regulations to add Cluster Housing as a permitted use and to replace all references to Elderly Housing with Cluster Housing, which may be used only for the construction of Elderly Housing and/or Workforce Housing. Further, to reduce the maximum density of Cluster Housing from 4 units per acre to 2 units per acre. (Majority vote required)</p>	401 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 68 301
<p>Article 8: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section IV.B.(5) Structure Height to clarify the points from which structure height is measured. (Majority vote required)</p>	460 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 79 231
<p>Article 9: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Northwood Development Ordinance as follows: Amend Section III Definitions to define Religious Uses and Section V. Use Regulations to comply with requirements of RSA 674:76 exempting Religious Uses from all zoning requirements other than height, yard size, lot area, setbacks, open space and building coverage requirements. (Majority vote required)</p>	314 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> Under: 74 382
<p>Article 10: 2023 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 four million twenty-two thousand six hundred thirty dollars (\$4,022,630). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be three million nine hundred fifty-six thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars (\$3,956,584) 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. (Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Net of estimated revenue \$2.48) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1)</p>	400 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 25 345
<p>Article 11: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRAILER PURCHASE To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of a 10-ton equipment trailer for the highway department and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)</p>	524 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 30 216
<p>Article 12: ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING/PAVING AND DITCHING To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000) to be used for the construction, reconstruction, paving, and ditching and/or resurfacing of town roads, and the refurbishing of ditches and culverts. Proposed Town Road Projects including paving, shimming, crack sealing etc. on a portion of Bow Lake Road (crack sealing), Church St, Harmony Road, and Jenness Pond Rd. in accordance with the Town's 2022 road plan. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 14-1)</p>	558 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Over: 1 Under: 20 155
<p>Article 13: RT 4 RECREATION COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to continue improvements to the recreation complex located on Rt 4 including but not limited to expansion of parking, improving drainage, loaming and seeding and general equipment and improvements to the existing fields. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 15-0)</p>	568 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> Under: 19 183

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Mark R...
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 14: TOWN MASTER PLAN UPDATE To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000)** to continue updating of the Town's 2004 Master Plan. This sum will provide an update and/or development up to four additional chapters. Thirty thousand (\$30,000) to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022, and the balance of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) to come from grants. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget committee 15-0)**

493
YES
NO
250
Under: 27

Article 15: FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CAB AND CHASSIS LEASE/PURCHASE To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement in the amount of **two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)** for the purpose of purchasing a new ambulance cab and chassis, and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$75,000 for the down payment, this amount to be withdrawn from the Fire Rescue Special Revenue Fund. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. If this article and Article 16 are both approved, the existing ambulance 1 cab and chassis will be retained for construction of a new forestry/utility vehicle, and the existing patient transport box will be transferred to the new cab and chassis. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-4)**

504
YES
NO
248
Under: 18

Article 16: FIRE DEPARTMENT FORESTRY/UTILITY VEHICLE To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty thousand dollars \$60,000** for the construction of a new forestry vehicle utilizing the existing ambulance 1 cab and chassis and adding the necessary forest fire fighting and other equipment to the vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Special Revenue Fund. This article will be void if Article 15 fails. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-5) (Under: 19)**

479
YES
NO
272
Under: 19

Article 17: FIRE APPARATUS LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty-two thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$52,237)** as the third payment on a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for a Tanker Truck with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. If this article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses the \$300,000 down payment and all prior years payments. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Under: 20)**

634
YES
NO
116
Under: 20

Article 18: FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND LEASE PURCHASE PAYMENT To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$26,225)** as the third payment on a 7-year lease/purchase agreement for an ambulance with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose. If this article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses the \$100,000 down payment and the first and second-year payment. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Under: 19)**

634
YES
NO
116
Under: 19

Article 19: HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCK LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **twenty-six thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$26,439)** for the fifth-year lease payment of the seven-year lease/purchase agreement of a highway dump truck that was approved at the 2019 Town Meeting. If this is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses all the money it has spent in prior years. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.04) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Under: 21)**

594
YES
NO
155
Under: 21

Article 20: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand two hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$20,298)** for the fifth of five yearly payments for the lease/purchase of the backhoe. This lease agreement was approved in 2018 and does contain an escape clause so if the article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and all prior expenditures will be lost. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.03) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Under: 25)**

586
YES
NO
158
Under: 25

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 21: EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSITS To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred and twenty thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars (\$120,778)**, 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 2022 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2022. Current balance as of December 31, 2022: Cable \$113,729 Transfer Station \$192,663, and Cemetery: \$65,800. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

542
 YES
 NO
 Under: 42 186

Cable Expendable Trust Fund \$33,291	Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund \$86,687	Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund \$800
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Article 22: VESTED BENEFIT TIME 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. Said amount to come from taxation. Current balance as of December 31, 2022: \$24,178. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

401
 YES
 NO
 Under: 49 320

Article 23: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. Current balance in this fund as of December 31, 2022: \$40,783. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

510
 YES
 NO
 Under: 37 223

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 in this fund as of December 31, 2022: \$29,369. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

462
 YES
 NO
 Under: 36 272

Article 25: LAGOON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$5,925)** 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, 2022: \$113,475 (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0)

556
 YES
 NO
 Under: 39 173

Article 26: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$8,250)** to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance in this fund as of December 31, 2022: \$1,027. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

584
 YES
 NO
 Under: 28 159

Article 27: 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 in this fund as of December 31, 2022: \$308. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.02) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

569
 YES
 NO
 Under: 32 173

Article 28: TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Terrestrial Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2022: \$3,645. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.01) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

525
 YES
 NO
 Under: 34 211

Article 29: FACILITIES COMMITTEE EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND DEPOSIT To see if the Town will vote to 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 including the Chesley Memorial Library. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. Current balance in this fund as of December 31, 2022: \$14,124. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)

520
 YES
 NO
 Under: 37 213

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 30: ROAD IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be deposited into the Roads Improvement Expendable Trust fund for improvements to Town roads including but not limited to paving, installing and replacing culverts, tree removal prior to road work, crack sealing, ditching, grading, and full reconstruction, etc. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. Said funds will be used for road improvement projects as outlined in the Town's 2022 Road Surface Management Plan and for emergency road repairs as they arise. The balance in this fund as of December 31, 2022: \$98,858. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)**

566
YES
NO 174
Under: 30

Article 31: TOWN EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING INCREASE To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000)** to cover the salary and benefits-cost associated with providing a 3% COLA (cost of living adjustment) in 2023 for all town employees. Said amount to come from taxation. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.08) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1)**

464
YES
NO 284
Under: 22

Article 32: CREATING A FULL TIME CODE COMPLIANCE AND BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION To see if the Town will vote to approve creating a full-time code, compliance and building inspector position and to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty-two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$42,700)** to pay the additional wages and benefits not included in the proposed operating budget and further to authorize the Select Board and Budget Committee to include the necessary funds in future operating budgets to support this new full-time 40 hours per week position. Said amount to come from taxation. This position is currently part time at approximately 25 hours/week. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.05) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)**

361
YES
NO 376
Over: 1 Under: 32

Article 33: CREATING A FULL TIME ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN To see if the Town will vote to approve creating a full-time assistant librarian position and to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand four hundred (\$25,400)** to pay the additional wages and benefits not included in the proposed operating budget and further to authorize the Library Trustees and Budget Committee to include the necessary funds in future operating budgets to support this new full-time 35 hour per week position. This position is currently part time at approximately 30 hours/week. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.03) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1)**

306
YES
NO 445
Under: 19

Article 34: CREATING A FULL TIME TECHNOLOGY LIBRARIAN To see if the Town will vote to approve creating a full-time technology librarian position and to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$25,850)** to pay the additional wages and benefits not included in the proposed operating budget and further to authorize the Library Trustees and Budget Committee to include the necessary funds in future operating budgets to support this new full-time 35 hour per week position. This position is currently part time at approximately 30 hours/week. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.03) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-2) (Under: 23)**

285
YES
NO 462
Under: 23

Article 35: CENTER SCHOOL REHABILITATION To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000)** for the repair and restoration of the former Center School located at 818 1st NH Turnpike. Said project including but not limited to abating all hazardous materials, "gutting" the building to the outside walls and studs, repairing the existing foundation, removing the existing rear addition and constructing a new addition of similar size to include one full appropriate sized ADA compliant bathroom and a small kitchenette, replacing all insulation on all exterior walls and sheetrock and painting all interior walls, upgrading all electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems to meet all building and life safety codes. The finished building will be used for recreational, leisure, meeting and other activities deemed appropriate by the Select Board. Said amount to come from taxation. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.11) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Under: 21)**

215
YES
NO 534
Under: 21

Article 36: RAZE THE CENTER SCHOOL In the event Article 35 fails, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to raze the former Center School building located at 818 1st NH Turnpike next to the Town Hall and restore the property to a level area. Said amount to come from taxation. **If Article 35 passes this article will be void. (Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.02) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Under: 26)**

382
YES
NO 362
Under: 26

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 37: NORTHWOOD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seven thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight (\$7,738)** to be deposited in the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund. Said amount represents the revenue received from the sale of 250th Anniversary commemorative items by the 250th anniversary committee deposited in the general fund in 2022. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2022: \$8,591. **(Majority vote required) (Tax Estimate \$0.00) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0)**

570
YES
NO
Under: 30 170

Article 38: SNOWMOBILE CLUB TRAIL MAINTENANCE FUNDING REQUEST To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for the support of the Northwood Crank Pullers Snowmobile Club's efforts maintaining 20 plus miles of Northwood Multi Use Trails. The all volunteer Northwood Club is 50 years old this year, has lost opportunities of traditional fundraising events, has provided over 600 man hours of unpaid volunteer efforts in these trails since April, with no assistance from DPW or the Recreation Department's staff or budgets. Insurance, equipment maintenance and fuel costs keep rising so assistance is needed to help defray some of the costs. Amounts to be raised by taxation. **(Majority vote required) (Tax estimate \$0.01) This article is by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1)**

432
YES
NO
Under: 25 313

Article 39: INCREASE THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS. To see if the town will vote to increase the income limits for elderly property tax exemptions as follows: current single person income limit from \$35,000 to \$40,000 and the asset limit from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and to increase the married income limit from \$40,000 to \$50,000 and the married asset limit from \$50,000 to \$75,000. If approved, said limit increases will be effective as of April 1, 2023. **(Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)**

602
YES
NO
Over: 1 Under: 29 137

Article 40: OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT (72:28,II) Shall the Town of Northwood Readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$250? **(Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)**

642
YES
NO
Over: 1 Under: 30 97

Article 41: ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT (72:28-b) Shall the Town of Northwood 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 to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Northwood under RSA 72:28? **(Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)**

637
YES
NO
Under: 33 106

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT