

Official Absentee Ballot

Official School District Election • March 12, 2024  
Northwood School Gym, Northwood, New Hampshire

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School

Instructions

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School Board Member

Vote for up to 2  
2 will be elected  
For 3 years

Scott R Bryer ☐

Robin Hudson ☐

Brian Winslow ☐

Kendra Berry ☐

☐ write-in

☐ write-in

School District Moderator

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

Matthew Frye ☐

☐ write-in

School District Clerk

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

Penny Hampl ☐

☐ write-in

School District Treasurer

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

Jennifer Frye ☐

Betsy Colburn ☐

☐ write-in

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 Fourteen Million, Nine Hundred Thirteen Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$14,913,375)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall total Fourteen Million, Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$14,827,693) 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.

Yes ☐

No ☐

*The operating budget warrant does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.*

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

*The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 13-2 vote.*

*The tax impact if this article passes is \$12.43.*

*The tax impact if this article does not pass is \$12.35.*

Article #3

Shall the Northwood School District create a new position for Social Worker and raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) to fund the salary and benefits of the new position? If approved, this funding will remain as part of the operating and default budget in future years.

Yes ☐

No ☐

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

*The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 13-2 vote.*

*The tax impact if this article passes is \$0.11.*

Article #4

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, 2024? Current balance at 09/30/2023 is \$216,089.

Yes ☐

No ☐

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

*The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 15-0 vote.*

*There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

Article #5

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 educationally disabled children 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, 2024? Current balance at 09/30/2023 is \$189,546.

Yes ☐

No ☐

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

*The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 15-0 vote.*

*There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*

Article #6

To see if the Northwood School District will vote to raise and appropriate "up to" Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Curriculum Materials Capital Reserve Fund established in 2023 for the purpose of funding new and replacement curriculum materials, with such amount to be funded from year-end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on July 1, 2024? Current balance at 09/30/2023 is \$20,007.

Yes ☐

No ☐

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

*The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a 15-0 vote.*

*There is no additional tax impact if this article passes.*



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Select Board Member

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

Matthew Frye ☐

write-in ☐

Cemetery Trustee

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

John Schlang ☐

write-in ☐

Moderator

Vote for not more than 1  
For 2 years

Keith McGuigan ☐

write-in ☐

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

Marisa Russo ☐

write-in ☐

Cemetery Trustee

Vote for not more than 1  
For 2 years

write-in ☐

Budget Committee

Vote for up to 4  
4 will be elected  
For 3 years

Tom Chase ☐

David Copeland ☐

Virginia "Ginger" Dole ☐

Tim Jandebour ☐

Daniel McNally ☐

write-in ☐

write-in ☐

write-in ☐

write-in ☐

Planning Board

Vote for up to 2  
2 will be elected  
For 3 years

David Copeland ☐

Don Manter ☐

Jacques W. Phanuef ☐

write-in ☐

write-in ☐

Cemetery Trustee

Vote for not more than 1  
For 1 year

write-in ☐

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

write-in ☐

Planning Board

Vote for not more than 1  
For 2 years

Patrick Wykoff ☐

write-in ☐

Library Trustee

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

Betty A. Smith ☐

write-in ☐

Budget Committee

Vote for not more than 1  
For 1 year

Mike Magoon ☐

write-in ☐

Police Commission

Vote for not more than 1  
For 3 years

Kurt Straube ☐

Scott R. Bryer ☐

write-in ☐

Supervisor of the Checklist

Vote for not more than 1  
For 6 years

Betty A. Smith ☐

Cheryl Barnhart ☐

write-in ☐

Article 02: Proposed Development Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the Northwood Development Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

**Amend Section X Floodplain Management Ordinance as recommended by the New Hampshire Office of Planning & Development to reflect changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) in the Merrimack River watershed. FEMA no longer recommends the term "100-year flood" and "base flood" is recommended in its place. The amendment would edit all references to "100-year flood." The amendment adds, adjusts, and deletes some definitions of terms, and adjusts some technical requirements for development in this overlay zone.**

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 03: Proposed Development Amendment #2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment no. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Development Ordinance of the Town of Northwood as follows?

**Amend Section III Definitions and Section VI.A(4)(a) Wetland Overlay to no longer define a septic system as a "structure" and increase the minimum shoreland setbacks for septic systems to 50 feet from 20 feet.**

Yes ☐

No ☐



Article 04: Proposed Development Amendment #3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment no. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Development Ordinance of the Town of Northwood as follows?

**Amend Section III Definitions and Section IV.B(6) Accessory Dwelling Units to allow detached accessory dwelling units (ADU) with restrictions; to clarify some technical requirements for such dwelling units, including a maximum distance of 75 feet between the principal and accessory residences and limiting ADUs to a maximum of 1,000 square feet in all circumstances; and to clarify that existing dimensional nonconformities of the lot do not preclude the addition of an ADU.**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 05: Proposed Development Amendment #4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment no. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Development Ordinance of the Town of Northwood as follows?

**Delete existing light regulations and replace with new Lighting Criteria Required for All Uses aka Night Sky Protection Ordinance to adjust outdoor lighting requirements and give the Town more oversight over outdoor lighting. This would include defining "Light Trespass" and "Temporary Lighting," among others. Major amendments are made to the Outdoor Lighting Design standards:**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

**including a threshold for which a light source must be a "full cut off" fixture; adjusting height limit so that the height is subject to its distance to a property boundary OR retains the existing height limit of 14.5 feet; and clarifying language regarding lighting within a canopy-type structure. It also adds new exemption of seasonal holiday lighting.**

Article 06: Proposed Development Amendment #5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment no. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Development Ordinance of the Town of Northwood as follows?

**Amend Section III Definitions to redefine "Bed & Breakfast," and add definitions for "Hotel," "Inn," and "Motel."**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 07: Proposed Development Amendment #6

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment no. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Development Ordinance of the Town of Northwood as follows?

**Amend Section V.D Unlisted Uses for a use not listed in Table V-1 Use Table to be subject only to V.C(1), to be located within 1,000 feet of a state highway, rather than also subject to V.C(2), to be visually screened from other properties.**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 08: Town 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 five hundred seventy-nine thousand eighteen dollars (\$4,579,018)** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **four million ninety thousand six hundred & thirty dollars. (\$4,090,630)** 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. **This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.**  
**(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort, net of estimated revenue, \$2.69)**  
**(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-5) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 09: Fire Dept. Ambulance Lease Payment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$26,225)** as the fourth 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 all prior years' payments.  
**(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 10: Fire Dept. Fire Apparatus Lease Payment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **fifty-two thousand two hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$52,237)** as the fourth 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) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 11: Highway Dept. Dump Truck Lease Payment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of **twenty-six thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$26,439)** for the sixth-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 article is defeated the vehicle must be returned and the town loses all prior years' payments.  
**(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.03) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)**  
**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)**

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 12: Town Employee Cost of Living Increase

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty-one thousand one hundred dollars (\$81,100)** to cover the salary and benefits cost associated with providing a 3% COLA (cost of living adjustment) in 2024 for all town employees. Said amount to come from taxation.  
**(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.09) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)**  
**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)**

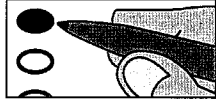
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No ☐



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Article 13: Road Improvement ETF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)** to be added to the Road Improvement ETF previously established to be used 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 in accordance with the Town's Road Surface Management Plan. Current balance in the Road Improvement ETF as of December 31, 2023: \$134,713.

(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.27) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 14: Northwood Public Safety Facilities

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be used to engage the professional services to develop the necessary plans, and engineering associated with addressing the critical need for new Public Safety Facilities. This is a special article and will not lapse until December 31, 2025.

(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.10) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-1)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 15: Narrows Fire Station Roof Replacement

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)** for the replacement of the roof on the Narrows Fire Station at 85 Main Street. Said project including but not limited to removing the existing roofing material, repairing any structural defects, and installing new shingles to meet all building codes.

(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.04) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 16: Fire Dept. Fire Apparatus Purchase

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000)** for the purpose of replacing the 1996 Spartan Fire Engine and with said funds to come from the Fire Rescue Vehicle Replacement Special Revenue Fund established for this purpose.

(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-2) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 17: Establish a Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for unanticipated winter maintenance expenses, meaning sand, salt, and contract plowing, in excess of projected needs and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed in said fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund without further authorization. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2023.

(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-2) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 18: Building Maintenance ETF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000)** to be added to the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2023. Current balance in the Building Maintenance ETF as of December 31, 2023: \$41,363.

(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 19: Lagoon Maintenance & Repair ETF

Shall the Town vote to expand the purpose of the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund to include the development and implementation of the closure plan as required by DES, with the Selectboard named as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Selectboard) (2/3 vote required)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 20: Lagoon Maintenance & Repair ETF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** to be placed in the Lagoon Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2023. Current balance in the Lagoon Maintenance & Repair ETF as of December 31, 2023: \$105,564.

(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 21: Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to expand the purpose of the Transfer Station Facility Expendable Trust Fund to include the development and implementation of any and all closure plans as required by DES, with the Selectboard named as agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Selectboard) (2/3 vote required)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 22: Transfer Station ETF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)** to be deposited into the Transfer Station Facility Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement and repairs of the transfer station facility. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2023. Current balance in the Transfer Station ETF as of December 31, 2023: \$256,282.

(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐



Article 23: Highway Dept. Excavator Purchase

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** for the purchase of a mini-excavator (15,000 lb) for the Highway Department.  
(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.09) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-7) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 24: Benefit Vested Time ETF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the Benefit Vested Time Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2023. Current balance in the Benefit Vested Time ETF as of December 31, 2023: \$5,052.  
(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 25: Rt 4 Recreation Fields Improvements

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to continue improvements to the recreation complex located on Rt 4 as recommended by the Recreation Commission, including but not limited to expansion of parking, improving drainage, loaming and seeding and general equipment and improvements to the existing fields.  
(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.03) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 26: Recreation Facility CRF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be deposited into the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the maintenance, improvement, and repairs of Town recreational facilities, beyond the capabilities of department personnel and equipment. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2023. Current balance in the Recreation Facility CRF as of December 31, 2023: \$1,363.  
(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 27: Creating a Full-time Assistant Librarian

Shall the Town vote to approve creating a full-time assistant librarian position and to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-four thousand two hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$24,254)** 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) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.03) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-2) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-2)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 28: Master Plan Update

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand two hundred dollars (\$13,200)** to continue updating the Town's Master Plan. This sum will provide for an update of the Economic Development chapter. Said amount to come from taxation.  
(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.01) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 29: Establish a Fire Hydrant Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Fire Hydrant Expendable Trust Fund to allow for the installation of, or the unanticipated repairs and replacement of the 20 Fire Hydrants within the Town of Northwood and appropriate the sum of **seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$7,500)** to be placed in said fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund without further authorization. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2023.  
(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-2) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 30: Discontinue Police Station Expansion CRF

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Police Station Expansion Capital Reserve Fund (incorrectly referred to as Northwood Safety Complex since 2017). Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. Current balance in the Police Station Expansion CRF as of December 31, 2023: \$27,217.  
(Majority vote required)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 31: Discontinue Highway Safety Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Highway Safety Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. Current balance in the Highway Safety CRF as of December 31, 2023: \$737.  
(Majority vote required)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Article 32: Expendable Trust Fund User Fee Deposits

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars (\$80,591)**, 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 2023 for these purposes, and the appropriation shall be funded by the withdrawal of the sum from the unexpended fund balance as of December 31, 2023. Current balance as of December 31, 2023: Cable \$86,284 Transfer Station \$256,282, and Cemetery: \$39,624

Yes ☐  
No ☐

Cable Expendable Trust Fund: \$474.00  
Transfer Station Expendable Trust Fund: \$78,917.00  
Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund: \$1,200.00

(Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)



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Article 33: Terrestrial Invasive Species ETF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six thousand dollars (\$6,000)** to be deposited into the previously established Terrestrial Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance as of December 31, 2023: \$6,939.  
(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.01) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 34: Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention ETF Deposit

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$11,500)** to be deposited into the previously established Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Control Expendable Trust Fund. Current balance in the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Control ETF as of December 31, 2023: \$122.  
(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.01) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-1) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 35: Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention ETF

Shall the Town vote to expand the purpose of the existing Aquatic Invasive Prevention Species ETF, created 2017, to include the funding for prevention of bacterial contaminate and education as an effective prevention mechanism for these conditions, with the Selectboard named as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Selectboard)  
(2/3 vote required)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 36: Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment ETF

Shall the Town vote to expand the purpose of the existing Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment & Control ETF, created 2003 and amended 2015, to include the investigation and control of bacterial contaminate, and further to recognize education as an effective control mechanism for these conditions, with the Selectboard named as agents to expend.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (2/3 vote required)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 37: Conservation Easements

Shall the Town vote to authorize the conveyance of conservation easements to be held by Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, a recognized nonprofit land trust, for the following Town owned land for the purposes of conservation of wildlife habitat, forestry, and recreation, as recommended by the Conservation Commission. All costs associated with the conveyances shall be paid by the Conservation Commission.

Map 244, Lot 11 (32 Acres)

Map 244, Lot 42 School Lots (102 Acres)

Map 235, Lot 40 Giles Lot (29 Acres)

Map 236, Lot 9 Parsonage Lot (196 Acres)

Map 242, Lot 20 Deslaurier Lot (24 Acres)

Ownership and Management of the subject lots shall remain with the Town of Northwood.

(Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority vote required) (No Tax Effort)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 38: 250th Anniversary ETF

Shall the Town vote to change the name and purpose of the existing 250th Anniversary ETF, to the 275th Anniversary ETF, to support efforts to recognize the Town's 275th Anniversary in 2048, with the Selectboard named as agents to expend.  
(Recommended by the Selectboard) (2/3 vote required)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 39: By Petition - Lease of Church Facilities

By Petition - Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$39,500)** for a one-year, non-exclusive, lease of handicapped accessible meeting/hall space, fully equipped kitchen, and bathrooms (including utilities) for the purpose of a community center at Northwood Congregational Church, 881 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood (adjacent to Coe Brown Academy), with the Congregational Church retaining the right to restrict users, and Coe Brown Academy retaining control of access to West parking spaces.

(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.04)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 40: By Petition - Land Use Administrative Asst.

By Petition - To see if the Town will vote, in the event of the proposed 2024 town budget not passing, to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-four thousand one hundred thirty-two dollars (\$24,132)** to provide the additional wages not included in the default budget for a part-time 20 hours a week Land Use Administrative Assistant. Said amount to come from taxation.

Yes ☐

No ☐

If Article 8 (the Operating Budget) passes, this article shall be void.

(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.03) (Recommendation by the Budget Committee 13-1) (Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)

Article 41: By Petition - Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

By Petition - To see if the Town will vote, in the event of the proposed 2024 town budget not passing, to approve the extending the current part-time code enforcement and building inspector position to full-time and to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty-one thousand one hundred five dollars (\$61,105)** to pay the additional wages and benefits not included in the default budget. Said amount to come from taxation. This position is currently 25 hours per week.

Yes ☐

No ☐

If Article 8 (the Operating Budget) passes, this article shall be void

(Majority vote required) (Estimated Tax Effort \$0.06) (Recommendation by the Budget Committee 13-1) (Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen 4-0)



**Article 42: By Petition - Video Access to Public Meetings**

By Petition - Shall the town vote to request that the governing body create a policy that requires any Board or Commission with the ability to expend money raised through taxation or is charged with statutory oversight for voter registration and integrity of elections within the Town of Northwood record their public meetings and make them available on the Town website. This article is advisory  
(Majority vote required)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

**Article 43: By Petition - Vehicle Purchases**

By Petition - To see if the Town will vote to request the Board of Selectmen to fund all town vehicle purchases, including either purchase or lease in a manner consistent with the Town's best interests both financially and operationally. This article is advisory  
(Majority vote required)

Yes ☐  
No ☐

