



## **TOWN of NEW DURHAM**

### **2017 TOWN WARRANT**

The New Durham Town Election was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 in the New Durham Fire Dept. Community Room located at 6 Main Street, New Durham, NH. This election was postponed from Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the original scheduled election date due to a blizzard weather event. A meeting was convened on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in order to decide what would be the town's decision. To consider safety of voting citizens and polling place staff, it was decided by Pro Tem Town Moderator, Richard Leonard to postpone the election.

Due to the blizzard, Metrocast internet was unavailable town wide. The town clerk's office had no way to update or enter any absentee ballots or amend anything into HAVA/Electionet. For this reason, our input shows the election date of Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the election system online, even though voting took place on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Pro Tem Moderator Richard Leonard called the Town Election to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 and declared that the polls would remain open until 7:00 p.m. Moderator Leonard publicly inspected the town and school district's ballot boxes and then locked the two boxes for voting. The Moderator certified that the electronic counting device and memory cards had passed the testing requirements, verified that all seals were intact, and that all access logs were signed. The Moderator displayed the zero tape and turned on the counting device. The tape showed that the starting count for each candidate question was zero. The voting by official ballot included all warrant articles.

As per RSA 659:49, absentee ballots were processed after 10:00 a.m. The Supervisor of the Checklist certified that there were 2092 voters on the checklist when the polls opened. Three (3) new voters registered at the polls with the Supervisors of the Checklist. At 7:06 p.m. Moderator Leonard reported the preliminary results from the counting device tape. All Ballots were reviewed and the write-in votes were added to the totals. A total of 562 (five hundred sixty two) ballots were cast, of which 68 were absentee ballots.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term of</u>	
For Selectman	3 Years	Vote for not more than one:
Cecile Chase		414
David Bickford		142
Write In		1
Blanks		5
For Budget Committee	3 Years	Vote for not more than two:
Catherine Orlowicz		419
Theresa Jarvis		338
Write In		11
Blanks		356

For Budget Committee	2 Years	Vote for not more than two:
Mark J. Sullivan		390
Anthony Bonanno		221
Janis Anthes		150
Write In		7
Blanks		356
For Budget Committee	1 Year	Vote for not more than two:
Ellen Phillips		386
Joan Swenson		344
Aaron Bickford		107
Write In		4
Blanks		283
For Cemetery Trustee	3 Years	Vote for not more than one:
Denis Martin		457
Write In		3
Blanks		102
For Library Trustee	3 Years	Vote for not more than one:
Laura McCarthy		289
William Meyer		182
Write In		0
Blanks		91
For Library Trustee	1 Year	Vote for not more than one:
Lee Newman		459
Write In		2
Blanks		101
For Planning Board	3 Years	Vote for not more than one:
Robert Craycraft		455
Write In		4
Blanks		103
For Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Years	Vote for not more than one:
Write In Angela Pruitt		10
Blanks		516
Write In Total		46
For Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 Years	Vote for not more than two:
Stephanie Richard		457
Write In Theresa Jarvis		3
Blanks		657
Total Write In		10
For Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 Years	Vote for not more than one:
Joan Martin		422
Write In		6

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? The proposed amendment establishes a new “Merrymeeting Watershed Overlay District.”

(Majority Vote Required)	<b>YES</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
	<b>NO</b>	<b>103</b>	
The Planning Board recommends this article by a 4 to 0 vote.	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>46</b>	

**Article 3:** 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,751,234. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,793,117, 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 a 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)

(Note: Operating Budget & Default Budget includes the Library Budget.)

Estimated Tax Rate Impact- 2017 Proposed Budget: \$ 4.59 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact- 2017 Default Budget: \$ 4.69 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 7 to 0 vote.

<b>YES:</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>NO:</b>	<b>96</b>	
<b>BLANKS:</b>	<b>50</b>	

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000) for the purposes of a **Road Program** with One Hundred Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$111,000) to come from Highway Block Grant Aid, One Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Dollars (\$162,000) to come from the Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund, and the remainder of Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000) to come from taxation.”

(Majority Vote Required)

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.14 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 2 to 1 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 7 to 0 vote.

<b>YES</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>NO:</b>	<b>89</b>	

**BLANKS: 45**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand, dollars (\$ 170,000 ) to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows, with said funds to come from taxation.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Established</b>	<b>2017</b>
Police Cruiser	March 15, 2000, Article #7	\$12,500
1772 Meeting House Restoration	March 15, 2000, Article #14	\$10,000
Fire Truck	March 12, 2003, Article #11	\$50,000
Highway Equipment	March 15, 2006, Article #12	\$7,000
Purchase of Solid Waste Facilities Equipment	March 10, 2010, Article #14	\$5,000
Public Safety Facilities Improvements	March 10, 2010, Article #17	\$5,000
Municipal Facility Land Acquisition	March 13, 2007, Article #8	\$5,000
Fire Department Ancillary Equipment	March 10, 2015, Article #5	\$5,000
Library Facilities	March 13, 2007, Article #7	\$13,000
Smith Ballfield & Equipment	March 13, 2007, Article #9	\$7,500
Road Reconstruction	March 10, 2010, Article #5	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$170,000</b>

(Majority Vote Required)

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.42 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 7 to 0 vote.

**YES 439 PASSED**  
**NO: 93**  
**BLANKS: 30**

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to be placed in previously established **Expendable Trust Funds** as follows, with said funds to come from taxation.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Established</b>	<b>2017</b>
Computer & Office Maintenance	March 13, 1996, Article #11, Revised March 9, 2011, Article #26	\$10,000
Accrued Benefits Liability	March 13, 1996, Article #16	\$25,000
Town Buildings & Improvements	March 15, 2000, Article #15	\$30,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$65,000</b>

(Majority Vote Required)

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: \$ 0.16 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Budget Committee recommends this article by a 7 to 0 vote.

**YES**            **401**    **PASSED**  
**NO:**            **126**  
**BLANKS:**      **35**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing "Fire Trucks" Capital Reserve Fund (CRF), to the "Fire Vehicles" Capital Reserve Fund, and designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

(Two-Thirds Vote Required)

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.

**YES**            **346**    **PASSED**  
**NO:**            **172**  
**BLANKS:**      **44**

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account (CRF) that was created by Article 12, at the March 15, 2000 Town Meeting. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund.

Majority Vote Required

The Board of Selectman recommends this article by a 2 to 1 vote.

**YES:**            **259**  
**NO:**            **257**  
**BLANKS:**      **46**

Stephanie Lisle MacKenzie

A True Copy Attest:

Stephanie Lisle MacKenzie, NHCTC Certified Town Clerk  
March 22, 2017



On the 22 Day of March, 2017, Stephanie Lisle MacKenzie appeared before me, Donna Young, Notary Public for the County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire.

Donna Young

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Notary Public

