

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023**

*Joshua Boone*  
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>SELECTMAN</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (Three Year Term)</p> <p>SUE GOTTLING <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b> Vote for not more than <b>TWO</b> (Three Year Term)</p> <p>JAMES A. MCGRAW <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SUSAN NEWMAN JOHANSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</b> Vote for not more than <b>TWO</b> (Three Year Term)</p> <p>PETER JOHN WHITE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSEPH J. BUTLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p><b>TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (One Year Term)</p> <p>JOSHUA P. BOONE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (Two Year Term)</p> <p>LYNN F. ARNOLD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>WATER &amp; SEWER COMMISSIONERS</b> Vote for not more than <b>TWO</b> (Three Year Term)</p> <p>JIMMY G. WILLIAMS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WAYNE M. STODDARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p><b>TREASURER</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (One Year Term)</p> <p>SUE FERNALD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL P. BARRETT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (Three Year Term)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>ZONING BOARD MEMBERS</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (Three Year Term)</p> <p>JEFF CLAUS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p><b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (Three Year Term)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</b> Vote for not more than <b>ONE</b> (Two Year Term)</p> <p>GREGORY D. SWICK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PIERRE LESSARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	

**ARTICLES**

- Article 2:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
 Amend Article II, Section 1.42 – Filing of Zoning Ordinance Amendments - to add language that allows Zoning Ordinance amendments to be placed on Town website per RSA 675:7. YES   
 NO
- Article 3:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
 Amend Article II, Section 2.41 – Location of District Boundaries - to clarify language that the discontinuance of a road does not alter a zoning district boundary. YES   
 NO
- Article 4:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
 Amend Article III, Section 3.40(m) -- Additional Requirements -- to better define 90-day use of a travel trailer and allowable extensions of time with issuance of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance, require that if a travel trailer is used for sleeping quarters it must be connected to septic system or municipal sewer or be self-contained, and not used as a rental, and require site plan review before three or more trailers can be placed on a lot and used for any purpose? YES   
 NO
- Article 5:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 4, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
 Amend Article III, Section 3.50(b) – Special Exceptions - to clarify that an average front setback may be applied when a comparison method is used per this special exception and update how the hierarchy of structures is determined. YES   
 NO

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 6:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 5, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article III – Special Exceptions – by adding Section 3.50(I) to allow more flexibility in shifting an existing non-conforming footprint into an area of a lot that is more conforming while maintaining certain minimums to protect water bodies and neighboring properties.

YES

NO

**Article 7:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 6, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(I) – Cutting and Removal of Natural Vegetation within the Natural Woodland Buffer - to create a cutting/clearing standard for landowners in the Shoreline Overlay District of 10 trees and/or 2000 square feet of vegetative removal in a 5-year period?

YES

NO

**Article 8:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 7, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article IV, Sections 4.10 – Permitted Uses and create Section 4.95 – Short Term Rentals, Article VIII, Section 8.21 – Certificate of Zoning Ordinance Compliance- Permit and Amend Article XI – Definitions to provide definition of short-term rentals, new definitions for Owner-in-residence, Bed & Breakfasts, Inns, and Hotel/Motels. Further provide standards that short-term rentals must follow and limit which districts certain types of short-term rentals will be allowed to operate.

YES

NO

**Article 9:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 8, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article IV, Section 4.90 A & B - to add language to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) section to reflect correct state statute reference along with updated reasons for allowing ADUs.

YES

NO

**Article 10:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 9, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article VI, Section 6.12 – Non-Conforming Structures – Reconstruction & Article XI – Definitions - to clarify that any reconstruction of a building envelope must be in the same horizontal footprint as the previous structure unless a variance or special exception is granted?

YES

NO

**Article 11:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 10, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article X, Section 10.50 – Decision - to update the rules for Zoning Board of Adjustment decisions including extending time for issuing decisions to 45 days and clarifying methods of noticing decisions?

YES

NO

**Article 12:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 11, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article XI - Definitions - Maximum Structure Height - to confirm that height is measured from the finished grade at a point 15' away from the structure to the highest level of the roof.

YES

NO

**Article 13:** Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 12, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Article XI -- Definitions -- to change the requirement that limits retail sales in a home business to items made on the premises or antiques by expanding the allowance to products that are associated with an approved business service?

YES

NO

**Article 14:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$2,148,000 for first phase of the engineering, design, construction and installation of new water mains at five Route 11 crossings and on Lower Main Street, High Street, Central Street and Route 103B, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,148,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with RSA 33, the Municipal Finance Act and authorizing the Sunapee Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and to fix the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate and other details of said bonds or notes: and to authorize the Sunapee Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any grant funds that are available for such purpose? (3/5 majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

YES

NO

**Article 16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, nor other appropriations voted separately, the amounts as 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 \$9,545,063.00? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,922,694.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee 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. The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES

NO

**Article 17:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,378.00 to change the part-time position of fire chief to full-time. This sum covers nine months of wages and benefits. If approved, it is intended that this position will remain as part of the operating and default budgets in the future. The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES

NO

**Article 18:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,594.00 to expand the per-diem staffing of the Fire Department from 8-hour weekday positions up to 24-hour, 7 day per week coverage. This sum covers nine months of wages, and these positions will continue to be part-time, non-benefitted. If approved, it is intended that these positions will remain as part of the operating and default budgets in the future. The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

YES

NO

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT



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*Joshua Bone*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 19:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$38,711.00 to make the current part-time Recreation Director a full-time fully benefited position? The current budgeted hours provide 30 hours a week. This will bring the position to 40 hours a week. This sum covers 9 months of wages and benefits. If approved, it is intended that this funding will remain as part of the operating and default budget for the future. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 20:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,000.00 to be added to the Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$699,721.59 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 21:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,000.00 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$121,162.26 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 22:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (There is currently \$66,415.26 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 23:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$106,890.02 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 24:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Highway Garage Infrastructure Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$98,427.56 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 25:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be added to the Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$77,122.57 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 26:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Dirt Roads Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$91,123.45 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 27:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,800.00 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2022, Unassigned Fund Balance? (There is currently \$69,239.83 in said trust fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 28:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established, to be used for conservation purposes in accordance with RSA 36-A? (There is currently \$130,806.00 in said fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 29:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$10,553.89 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

**Article 30:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000.00 to be placed in the Veteran's Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$18,174.23 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.* YES   
NO

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 31:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,000 to purchase and equip a new dump/plow truck for the Highway Department, authorize the withdrawal of up to \$220,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose, and authorize the sale or trade-in of the existing dump/plow truck (H6), with proceeds from the trade-in or sale to be used to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 32:** Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$70,000 to purchase and equip a new truck for the Water & Sewer Department, authorize the withdrawal of up to \$70,000 from the Water & Sewer Department Replacement Fund previously established for such purposes, and authorize the sale or trade-in of the existing 2005 Chevrolet Panel Truck (W3), with proceeds from the trade-in or sale to be used to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 33:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$45,000 to fund the replacement of the manhole at the Garnet Hill/Stone End Road Intersection, and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from the Collection System Replacement Fund previously established for such purposes? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 34:** Shall the Town vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Sunapee under RSA 72:39-a, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$50,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 \$70,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$90,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$34,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$41,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 35:** Shall the Town vote to modify the Blind Exemption amount, previously adopted in 1987 as per RSA 72:37 of the amount of \$15,000.00. It is proposed to increase this exemption amount to \$23,000.00. This exemption provides that every inhabitant who is legally blind shall be exempt each year from the property tax on a residence to the value of \$23,000.00. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 36:** Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted (2006), for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at \$500.00 per year. This readoption includes the expansion of the eligibility requirements of the Optional Veterans' Credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year.

YES   
NO

**Article 36a:** Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, for the All-Veterans' Tax Credit, at \$500.00 per year. This readoption includes the expansion of the eligibility requirements of the All-Veterans' tax credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax.

YES   
NO

**Article 37:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Trustees of Trust Funds Sugar River Account created in 2018; said funds with any accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund? 2022 Sugar River Account with \$33.00. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this decision.*

YES   
NO

**Article 38:** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the New Library Building Fund created in 2012; said funds with any accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund? 09/30/2022 TD Bank Account with \$0.08. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this decision.*

YES   
NO

**Article 39:** Shall the Town vote to start the process to select a municipal flag to be flown over public buildings and recreational areas in town, beginning with an open call for public submissions for said municipal flag, and then establishing a Town of Sunapee Flag Design Committee which would convene to select finalists to be voted upon by residents of the Town of Sunapee?

YES   
NO

**Article 40:** Shall the Town vote to convey the 2.5% fractional ownership interest in property on Oak Ridge Road – Parcel ID 0103-0024-000, bequeathed to the Town of Sunapee F.A.S.T. Squad by Donald R. Osgood, to Janet McAlister of Sunapee, New Hampshire on such terms and conditions as the selectmen may deem appropriate?

YES   
NO

**Article 41:** Shall the town remove land on which the Wastewater Treatment Plant is located, and land needed for possible expansion of the plant, from the town forest? The land to be removed is a portion of the parcel previously known as the Barrett Lot, Map 5, Lot 22. It is anticipated that approximately 29.5 acres of the 41-acre parcel would be removed. Removal is contingent on the town forest being surveyed and exact boundaries being agreed upon by the Conservation Commission and the Water and Sewer Commission.

YES   
NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL SUNAPEE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023**

*Jennifer R. Correa*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
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<p align="center"><b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b></p> <p align="center"><small>(Vote for not more than TWO)</small></p> <p>EDWARD ANDERSEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LAURA PIAZZA HERD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>AMANDA SPEARS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center"><small>(Write-in)</small></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center"><small>(Write-in)</small></p>		<p align="center"><b>FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="center"><small>(Vote for not more than ONE)</small></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center"><small>(Write-in)</small></p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER</b></p> <p align="center"><small>(Vote for not more than ONE)</small></p> <p>BRIAN GARLAND <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center"><small>(Write-in)</small></p>
<p align="center"><b>FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK</b></p> <p align="center"><small>(Vote for not more than ONE)</small></p> <p>JENNIFER CORREA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center"><small>(Write-in)</small></p>		

**WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Article 3: (as amended by the School Board and Deliberative Session 2/6/2023)**

Shall the 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, One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$14,146,920)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fourteen Million, Eighty Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$14,080,161), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the 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 School Board Recommends Approval)*

**Article 4:** Shall the District vote to establish a Sunapee Middle High School Heating Ventilation and Circulation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, upgrading and installing HVAC systems at the Sunapee Middle High School, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Sunapee School Board as agents to expend from said fund? YES   
NO

*(The School Board Recommends Approval)*

**Article 5:** Shall the District vote to establish a Sunapee Grounds Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, creating, and installing fields, playgrounds, parking and grounds improvements in and around the Sunapee School Facilities and authorize the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in this fund from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance? Further, to name the Sunapee School Board as agents to expend from said fund? YES   
NO

*(The School Board Recommends Approval)*

**Article 6:** Shall the District vote to establish a Sunapee Central Elementary School Educational Space Renovation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, upgrading and renovating educational spaces at the Sunapee Central Elementary School and authorize the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in this fund from the June 30, 2023 unreserved fund balance? Further, to name the Sunapee School Board as agents to expend from said fund? YES   
NO

*(The School Board Recommends Approval)*