

837 Votes Cast 34%

Reg. Votes 2441



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 9, 2004

Part 1

Betty H. Romapott  
TOWN CLERK

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FOR MODERATOR

(Two-Year Term) (Vote for not more than ONE)  
HARRY GALE 704 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than THREE)  
BRUCE BURDETT 606 ☐  
BARBARA F. HOLLANDER 609 ☐  
PAUL M. PRATT 587 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐  
(Write-In) ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR PLANNING BOARD

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than TWO)  
BRUCE JENNINGS 646 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR SELECTMAN

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than TWO)  
FREDERICK C. GALLUP 630 ☐  
EMMA M. SMITH 607 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR ZONING BOARD ADJUSTMENT

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than TWO)  
JAMES P. LYONS 603 ☐  
PETER URBACH 562 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR TOWN TREASURER

(One-Year Term) (Vote for not more than ONE)  
FRANCIS C. GALLUP 700 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

(Six-Year Term) (Vote for not more than ONE)  
REBECCA A. MAGOON 60 ☐  
ELIZABETH H. SHELBY 77 ☐  
DEVON D. SMITH 183 ☐  
KATHY WEINSTEIN 368 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR WATER/SEWER COMMISSION

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than THREE)  
ROBERT (BOB) HENRY 602 ☐  
CHARLES SMITH 587 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐  
(Write-In) ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR FIRE ENGINEER

(Four-Year Term) (Vote for not more than ONE)  
DANIEL RUGGLES 733 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than ONE)  
JAMES A. SOUTHARD 639 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR WATER/SEWER COMMISSION

(Two-Year Term) (Vote for not more than ONE)  
M. DOUGLAS MASON 622 ☐  
(Write-In) ☐

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSION

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than ONE)  
(Write-In) ☐

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 3.40 (g) – Additional Requirements – by changing the wording of subsection #1 to clearly limit to 150 square feet the amount of decking allowed within 50' of a water body without a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment?

Passed 490 YES ☐  
295 NO ☐

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 3.40 – Additional Requirements – by adding a Steep Slope Provision to the ordinance which would prohibit construction (excluding driveways, utilities, and stairways) on steep slopes which exceed 25%, and have an elevation change of more than 20'?

Passed 468 YES ☐  
310 NO ☐

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**Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 3.40 – Additional Requirements & Article XI –Definitions – by adding requirements and definitions for Travel Trailers which are used for temporary housing?

Passed 528 YES ☐  
245 NO ☐

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 – Use Regulations & Article XI – Definitions – by adding *Contractor's Yards* as a use permitted by Special Exception in the Mixed Use District?

Passed 440 YES ☐  
300 NO ☐

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 5, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article VIII, Section 8.13 – Penalties – by changing the fine structure for Zoning violations to match the amount allowed by current State Statutes (RSA's)?

Passed 532 YES ☐  
235 NO ☐

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 6, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article VIII, Section 8.24 (b) – Certificate Fees – by changing the After-the-Fact penalty for Zoning permits from \$50.00 to an amount determined by the Board of Selectmen?

Passed 401 YES ☐  
362 NO ☐

**Article 8:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 7, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article X, Section 10.60 – Rehearings – by changing the number of days to apply for a rehearing to the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 20 to 30 days to reflect current RSA's?

Passed 603 YES ☐  
163 NO ☐

**Article 9:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 8, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article XI – Definitions - by changing the definition of *Setback* to make it clear that up to an 18" roof projection will be allowed within the prescribed zoning setback?

Passed 556 YES ☐  
200 NO ☐

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of the adoption of AMENDMENT NO. 9, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Amend Article XI – Definitions – by changing the definition of *Structure* to include a 32 square foot open platform and associated stairs as a minor structure, provided the decking is no more than 4' off the ground?

Passed 479 YES ☐  
273 NO ☐

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**Article 11:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$3,600,000 for the design, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a Public Safety building, to be erected on the site formerly occupied by the Highway Garage and Fire Station, (Sargent Road and Rt. 11, Map 25, Lots 6 & 6A), from the following sources: \$495,846 from general taxation; and up to \$3,104,154 from issuance and sale of bonds for such purposes, provided:

(1) The Board of Selectmen is authorized, in its discretion, to obtain loans in support of the project through the State of New Hampshire and from the United States Government; and

(2) The Board of Selectmen is authorized to defray a portion of the costs of the project and thereby reduce the amount to be raised from taxation and/or issuance and sale of bonds, from any and all grants-in-aid available from the United States of America or the State of New Hampshire for said purpose, acceptance of which is hereby authorized; together with authorization to incur indebtedness in anticipation of receipt of such grants-in-aid, pursuant to RSA 33:7-b. The Board of Selectmen shall determine whether the amount to be raised from taxation and/or issuance and sale of bonds may be reduced after determining the amounts available from the alternate sources specified in this and the immediately preceding paragraph.

Sixty percent vote required for bonding.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Failed*

☒ 419 YES ☐ 341 NO

**Article 13:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating 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 \$4,268,784? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,105,106, 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed*

☐ 515 YES ☒ 285 NO

**Article 14:** Are you in favor of changing the purpose of the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund formed by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting, to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, to conform to past practice?

Two-thirds vote required to change the purpose of a Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Passed*

☐ 575 YES ☒ 221 NO

**Article 15:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed*

☐ 586 YES ☒ 227 NO

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**Article 16:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$90,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as may be amended by Article 14 above?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 447 YES ☐  
347 NO ☐

**Article 17:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 11 of the 1999 Town Meeting, and establishing the Library Trustees as agents to expend?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 538 YES ☐  
264 NO ☐

**Article 18:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 25 of the 2001 Town Meeting?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 546 YES ☐  
244 NO ☐

**Article 19:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Patrol Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 493 YES ☐  
305 NO ☐

**Article 20:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$121,000 to be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as formed by Article 48 of the 1996 Town Meeting and amended by Article 23 of the 2002 Town Meeting?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Failed* 385 YES ☐  
406 NO ☐

**Article 21:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 16 of the 2002 Town Meeting?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 616 YES ☐  
178 NO ☐

**Article 22:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$45,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 19 of the 2003 Town Meeting for the purpose of paving dirt roads throughout the Town?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 459 YES ☐  
343 NO ☐

**Article 23:** Are you in favor of the Town establishing a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of reconstructing Beech Street, and related infrastructure, from approximately Maple Street to Burkehaven Hill Road; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend? The reconstruction of the road will provide for an alternate access route to the Lake Avenue-Burkehaven Hill Road loop.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 427 YES ☐  
365 NO ☐

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**Article 24:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$21,000 for the purpose of determining feasibility, plans and costs to develop recreation facilities at the Ski Tow Hill property on Rt. 103B (map 6, lot 1 and map 4, lot 21E) in conjunction with the Library, and at the Dewey Woods lot on Seven Hearths Road (map 6, lot 7)? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the associated work is completed or December 31, 2009, whichever occurs first.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed*

419 YES ☐  
394 NO ☐

**Article 25:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$1050.00 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund, as established by Article 43 of the 1989 Town Meeting, and as amended by Article 33 of the 1991 Town Meeting, under the provisions of RSA 31:19(a) for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2003, General Fund balance?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed*

673 YES ☐  
140 NO ☐

**Article 26:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$7,500 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for the acquisition and improvement of property, easements, and other interests in land within the Town, for the benefit of present and future generations, all in accordance with RSA 36-A?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Advisory Committee, and the Conservation Commission.

*Passed*

610 YES ☐  
199 NO ☐

**Article 27:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$45,000 to purchase a 4WD truck with dump body, plow and related equipment for the Water & Sewer Department, authorizing the sale or trade in of the existing 1998 Ford F250 truck; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$45,000 from existing Water & Sewer Department funds; and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the equipment is purchased or December 31, 2005, whichever occurs first.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed*

479 YES ☐  
336 NO ☐

**Article 28:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$26,000 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser and authorizing the withdrawal, for that purpose, of up to \$26,000 from Police Patrol Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the cruiser is purchased or December 31, 2005, whichever occurs first.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed*

470 YES ☐  
341 NO ☐

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**Article 29:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$14,000 for the purchase of a new radio console for the Police Department?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 491 YES ☐  
305 NO ☐

**Article 30:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$32,000 for the purchase of replacement tanks for the SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) and related equipment, for the Fire Department?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 630 YES ☐  
167 NO ☐

**Article 31:** Are you in favor of the Town authorizing the Sunapee Fire Department to go to the aid of another city, town, village, or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail as requested, in accordance with RSA: 154:24?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Passed* 728 YES ☐  
75 NO ☐

**Article 32:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$26,800 to purchase and equip a new 4WD pickup truck for the Highway Department, authorizing the sale or trade in of the existing 1997 pick-up; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$26,800 from the previously authorized Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund (or the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund if so amended by Article 14 above) and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? (It is expected that the Town will receive \$2,500 for the trade-in.)  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 409 YES ☐  
325 NO ☐

**Article 33:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$32,000 to purchase and equip a new tractor and equipment, including for, but not limited to, mowing and clearing of snow, for the Highway Department, and authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$32,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Reserve Fund (or the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund if so amended by Article 14 above)?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 485 YES ☐  
306 NO ☐

**Article 34:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$390,000 for the replacement of the High Street Bridge and all expenses related to such, authorizing the use of \$312,000 from the State Bridge Aid Fund, authorizing the short term borrowing of the State's portion once State Approval is received, and authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$78,000 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 25 of the 2001 Town Meeting?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 538 YES ☐  
245 NO ☐

**Article 35:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$23,000 for the relocation and reconstruction of the sharp corner on Sargent Road east of its intersection with Avery Road?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 473 YES ☐  
315 NO ☐

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**Article 36:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$30,000 for the paving of the gravel section of Prospect Hill Road; and authorizing the withdrawal, for that purpose, of up to \$30,000 from the Paving of Dirt Roads Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 19 of the 2003 Town Meeting? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the road is paved, or December 31, 2009, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 384 YES ☐  
424 NO ☐

**Article 37:** Are you in favor of creating an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Sunapee Beautification Fund, appropriating \$7,943 from the December 31, 2003, general fund balance, which sum was received from the Sunapee Gardeners, and appointing the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend after receiving advice from an oversight committee? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 580 YES ☐  
230 NO ☐

**Article 38:** Are you in favor of authorizing the Selectmen to dispose of municipal assets (e.g.; old vehicles or equipment) as deemed necessary? This authorization will remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Passed* 694 YES ☐  
115 NO ☐

**Article 39:** Are you in favor of permitting the public library to retain money it receives from its income-generating equipment, to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies, and income-generating equipment?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Passed* 732 YES ☐  
76 NO ☐

**Article 40:** Are you in favor of adopting RSA 41:14-a which allows the Selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, provided, however, that they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation by those bodies, and that they shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed acquisition or sale?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Passed* 533 YES ☐  
266 NO ☐

**Article 41:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$1,000 for the Community Alliance of Human Services for the purpose of serving families who are residents of the Town of Sunapee? By petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.

*Passed* 439 YES ☐  
358 NO ☐

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**