

Checklist 2636

709 Voters

28%



BALLOT 1 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2008

Betty H. Ramsdott
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.

FOR MODERATOR

(Two-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
HARRY GALE 567 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR SELECTMAN

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
STEPHEN WHITE 484 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR TOWN TREASURER

(One-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
ALAN W. DOHERTY 591 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR FIRE ENGINEER

(One-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
MARK B. SCOTT 611 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR FIRE ENGINEER

(Four-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
DANIEL RUGGLES 632 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSION

(Two-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
NORMAN THOMAS DALTON 583 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR CEMETERY COMMISSION

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
ROBERT M. HASELTON 582 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(One-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
DIANE CARON LEGENDRE 260 ☐
STEVE R. FAIR 266 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(Two-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
LOIS A. GALLUP 572 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than Two)
BARBARA B. CHALMERS 482 ☐
XAN GALLUP 448 ☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

(Six-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
FAITH WEBB RENEY 610 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
RICHARD S. QUINLAN 570 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR PLANNING BOARD

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than Two)
PETER WHITE 498 ☐
PEGGY CHALMERS 491 ☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(One-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
HARRY GAZELLE 553 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
ALEXANDER S. KISH 509 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR WATER/SEWER COMMISSION

(One-Year Term) (Vote for not more than One)
TRACY NANGERONI 553 ☐
(Write-in) ☐

FOR WATER/SEWER COMMISSION

(Three-Year Term) (Vote for not more than Two)
KURT MARKARIAN 529 ☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES

<p>Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article II, Section 2.30 - District Purpose and Description - by adding full written descriptions for each zoning district which are based on the official zoning map adopted in March 2000 and amended in March 2006?</p>	<p>YES <i>521</i> NO <i>137</i></p>
<p>Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, Section 3.50(c) - Special Exceptions - by deleting this exception which allowed the ZBA to grant 50% reductions in side and rear setbacks on non-conforming lots, and Article III, Section 3.10 - Table of Dimensional Controls - by adding a new table of setbacks that are not subject to ZBA review?</p>	<p>YES <i>342</i> NO <i>302</i></p>
<p>Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, Section 3.50(b) - Special Exceptions - by deleting the current wording and replacing it with wording that will clarify the type and location of neighboring structures which must be used for comparison purposes when applications for a reduction in the front setback are made through the ZBA?</p>	<p>YES <i>465</i> NO <i>178</i></p>
<p>Article 5: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, Section 3.50 - Special Exceptions - by adding a new section 3.55 that will add the requirement that the ZBA must find that the special exception is necessary to fairly utilize the lot, and that granting the special exception is consistent with the intent of the zoning ordinance and Master Plan?</p>	<p>YES <i>474</i> NO <i>168</i></p>
<p>Article 7: 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 \$5,368,116? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,343,936 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.</p>	<p>YES <i>487</i> NO <i>192</i></p>
<p>Article 8: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$612,000 for the replacement of the Treatment Road Bridge and all expenses related to such, authorizing the use of up to \$469,600 from the State Bridge Aid Fund, and authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$142,400 from the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 25 of the 2001 Town Meeting. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen</p>	<p>YES <i>648</i> NO <i>136</i></p>
<p>Article 9: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$87,000 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</p>	<p>YES <i>466</i> NO <i>223</i></p>
<p>Article 10: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$137,300 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen</p>	<p>YES <i>438</i> NO <i>243</i></p>
<p>Article 11: 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</p>	<p>YES <i>510</i> NO <i>161</i></p>
<p>Article 12: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$6,000 to be used for designing the Harbor Loop Plan as defined in rough draft in the Charrette of the Old Town Hall plan?</p>	<p>YES <i>366</i> NO <i>305</i></p>
<p>Article 13: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 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</p>	<p>YES <i>422</i> NO <i>260</i></p>
<p>Article 14: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$160,000 to purchase and equip a new loader for the Highway Department, authorizing the sale or trade-in of the loader (H7), authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$160,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting, and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund?</p>	<p>YES <i>427</i> NO <i>256</i></p>
<p>Article 15: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 23 of the 1997 Town Meeting, for the purpose of purchasing used highway equipment?</p>	<p>YES <i>458</i> NO <i>222</i></p>
<p>Article 16: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 11 of the 1999 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen</p>	<p>YES <i>450</i> NO <i>235</i></p>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 17a: Are you in favor of enabling the Town of Sunapee to purchase the lot next to the French Livery (Old Town Hall), identified as a portion of Tax Map 133, Lot 87, on Main St, containing 0.7 acres, currently owned by Sunapee Harbor Riverway Corporation?

YES 353
NO 338

Article 17b: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating an amount not to exceed \$4,640,000 for a new public library? Details as follows:

• Authorizing the use of the following:

- A) \$400,000 from private donations, to be solicited in a capital campaign by the Abbott Library Trustees, to enable the Town of Sunapee to purchase the lot described in article 17a contingent on 17a passing.
- B) For up to \$4,240,000 to be spent by the Abbott Library Trustees for the design, construction, furnishing, and miscellaneous costs to build the library which shall come from the following sources:
 - a) \$3,885,000 from private donations to be solicited by the Abbott Library Trustees in a capital campaign, for design, construction, furnishing and miscellaneous costs to build the library.
 - b) \$71,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1999 for this purpose and miscellaneous capital campaign sources.
 - c) \$284,000 from capital campaign funds previously donated for the building of a new library, currently held by the Abbott Library Trustees.

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, 2013, whichever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES 387
NO 312

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund for the provision of public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction and other projects in accordance with RSA 31:95-h. This will allow deposits into the fund in the amount of revenues received from fees, charges or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund, as well as any other revenues approved for the fund. Such funds may be expended for the payment of expenses and activities and services supported for the purposes for which the fund was created. Revolving money may accumulate from year to year and is not considered part of the Town's general surplus. All moneys in these revolving funds must be in the custody of the Town Treasurer, who shall pay out from the fund only upon orders of the governing body. No further approval of the legislative body is required for the use of the funds.

YES 429
NO 256

Article 19: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$17,000 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

YES 403
NO 275

Article 20: Are you in favor of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to restore and renovate the building at 58 Main Street known as the "livery", to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,534 from the December 31, 2007 General Fund Balance to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Town Manager, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, as agent to expend. Note: The amount designated represents the remaining balance of funds raised on the 2007 warrant to finance the charrette. The funds were not expended because the Old Town Hall Committee won a grant to pay for the charrette.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES 427
NO 265

Article 21: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Sunapee, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000); for a person 80 years of age or older, Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000)? 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 Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) or, if married, a combined net income of less than Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000), and own net assets not in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), excluding the value of the person's residence." This article shall take effect for the 2008 property tax year.

YES 589
NO 99

Article 22: 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?

YES 453
NO 230

Article 23: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$55,000 to defray the cost of running the water line on Jobs Creek Road. These funds would be used to pay the Water Department.

YES 369
NO 317

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Article 24: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to purchase a new truck and related equipment for the Water & Sewer Department; authorizing the sale or trade in of the existing 1997 Ford Truck; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$25,000 from existing Water & Sewer Department fund balances and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said funds?

YES 461
NO 211

Article 25: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 for the upgrade of pump stations and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from Sewer Department fund balance? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2010, which ever occurs first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES 539
NO 138

Article 26: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 for a Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan, to prioritize potential necessary modifications and report a recommended schedule and cost for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements; and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from Sewer Department fund balance?

YES 495
NO 177

Article 27: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$4,050 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

YES 533
NO 140

Article 28: 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

YES 584
NO 97

Article 30: Are you in favor of clarifying the purpose of the amount of \$21,000 that was made by the adoption of Article 24 at the 2004 town meeting, as follows: if this article passes, the appropriation as now amended shall be for the purpose of determining feasibility, plans, and costs to develop recreational facilities at the Ski Tow Hill property on Route 103B, and at the Dewey Woods Lot on Seven Hearths Road; the only change now being made to the original appropriation is that the recreational facilities at Ski Tow Hill are no longer in conjunction with the Library.

YES 389
NO 279

Article 31: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$4,050 to be added to the Cemetery 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, 2007, General Fund balance?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES 515
NO 103

Article 32: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating \$300 from the December 31, 2007 general fund balance, to be added to the Sunapee Beautification Fund (an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a)? These funds were received from private beautification fund donations in 2007.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

YES 591
NO 88

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Sunapee, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. By Petition.

YES 463
NO 197

Article 34: Shall the Town of Sunapee place a tax cap on Town spending based upon the annual national consumer price index? This article shall be deemed to be advisory only and a sense of the meeting resolution because the article is unenforceable and non-binding under state law.

By petition.

YES 376
NO 279

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING