



**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 14, 2017**

*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 SELECTMEN**

Vote for not  
(Three Year Term) more than **ONE**

**SUE GOTTLING** 482 ☐

☐

(Write-in) ☐

**FOR TREASURER**

Vote for not  
(One Year Term) more than **ONE**

**ALAN DOHERTY** 534 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR FIRE ENGINEER**

Vote for not  
(Four Year Term) more than **ONE**

**MARK B. SCOTT** 518 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**

Vote for not  
(Two Year Term) more than **ONE**

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER**

Vote for not  
(Three Year Term) more than **ONE**

**LOIS A. GALLUP** 539 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Vote for not  
(Three Year Term) more than **TWO**

**HELENE S. (SUSI) CHURCHILL** 461 ☐

**JAMES P. CURRIER** 502 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND**

Vote for not  
(One Year Term) more than **ONE**

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND**

Vote for not  
(Three Year Term) more than **ONE**

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Vote for not  
(Three Year Term) more than **TWO**

**JOSEPH J. BUTLER** 437 ☐

**PETER WHITE** 423 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**FOR WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER**

Vote for not  
(One Year Term) more than **ONE**

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER**

Vote for not  
(Two Year Term) more than **ONE**

**RICHARD CURTIS** 475 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

**FOR WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER**

Vote for not  
(Three Year Term) more than **TWO**

**J. ANTHONY (TONY) BERGERON** 546 ☐

**JIMMY WILLIAMS** 416 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**FOR ZONING BOARD MEMBER**

Vote for not  
(Three Year Term) more than **ONE**

**GEORGE NEUWIRT** 413 ☐

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(Write-in) ☐

**ARTICLES**

**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 III, Section 3.10 – Dimensional Controls – by changing the requirement that road setback (excluding routes 11, 103, 103B) applies to all roads as defined in the definition of "Roads" found in Article XI?**

YES 343 ☐

NO 246 ☐

**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 (b) – Special Exceptions – by changing the requirement in subsection (2) that structures used for comparison purposes to reduce road front setback must exist on both sides of the subject property and not just one side?**

YES 296 ☐

NO 281 ☐

**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 IV, Section 4.33(B)(4) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions - by removing the requirement that shoreline alterations caused by beach and dock construction be reviewed by the Planning Board?**

YES 325 ☐

NO 273 ☐

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

ARTICLES CONTINUED

**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 IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(I)(1) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – by changing allowance for removing up to 5 trees in the natural woodland buffer from calendar year to any 12-month period?**

YES ☒ 344  
NO ☐ 242

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

**Amend Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(VII) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions - by reducing the exempted area that allows vegetative matter to be removed in the natural woodland buffer to 12' from the centerline of driveways and 10' from edge of parking areas and also limiting the exempted area to 25% of the existing basal area in the natural woodland buffer?**

YES ☒ 307  
NO ☐ 278

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

**Amend Article IV – Use Regulations - by adding Section 4.90 which will define an Accessory Dwelling Unit per state requirements and set dimensional controls, this amendment will also add this use to each zoning district?**

YES ☒ 331  
NO ☐ 231

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

**Amend Article VI, Section 6.12 – Restoration and Reconstruction – by adding alterations of a non-conforming structure as actions which require a special exception or variance?**

YES ☒ 320  
NO ☐ 240

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

**Amend Article VI, Section 6.40 – Non-Conforming Lots – by adding the term “legal” to nonconforming lots which would allow a non-conforming lot to remain such, even if there is a subsequent change in the configuration that is permitted by the Planning and/or Zoning Boards?**

YES ☒ 346  
NO ☐ 200

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

**Amend Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Structures, Minor - by adding play gym/swing sets and pergolas as structures not requiring a permit?**

YES ☒ 518  
NO ☐ 90

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 10, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Structures - by adding patios to the list of structures requiring a permit?**

YES ☒ 170  
NO ☐ 437

**Article 12:** Amend Article II, Section 2.30 District Purpose and Description; Mixed-Use I -to include a third area further described as:

**In Georges Mills, the Mixed-Use I District begins at the intersection of Jobs Creek Road and Route 11 and proceeds south east along Jobs Creek Rd. for 600 feet to a point where it turns south and runs parallel to Route 11 to a point on Browns Hill Road in Sunapee then south west along Browns Hill Road to the intersection of Browns Hill Road and Route 11 then North to the point of beginning.**

By petition

Not Recommended by the Planning Board

YES ☒ 234  
NO ☐ 394

**Article 14:** 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 \$7,102,640? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,041,709, 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.

YES ☒ 309  
NO ☐ 243

**Article 15:** Are you in favor of designating the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the 2016 established Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund?

YES ☒ 424  
NO ☐ 173

**Article 16:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$135,000 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES ☒ 389  
NO ☐ 240

**Article 17:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$175,500 to purchase and equip a new Highway Dump/Plow Truck for the Highway Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$159,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund and with the remaining \$16,500 to come from the trade-in or sale of the existing truck H3? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES ☒ 397  
NO ☐ 237

**Article 18:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$115,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES ☒ 379  
NO ☐ 248

**Article 19:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to purchase and equip a Forestry Truck for the Fire Department; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$150,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES ☒ 294  
NO ☐ 336

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



BALLOT 2 OF 2

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**Article 20:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 417  
NO 215

**Article 21:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 473  
NO 160

**Article 22:** Are you in favor of designating the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the 2001 Capital Reserve Fund titled Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 457  
NO 160

**Article 23:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 387  
NO 232

**Article 24:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing software, technology upgrades to include computer items, telecommunication items and similar products? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 467  
NO 168

**Article 25:** 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? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 523  
NO 112

**Article 26 :** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$55,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for conservation purposes accordance with RSA 36-A? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 423  
NO 211

**Article 27:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$45,000 to construct phase 1 of 3 of a cold storage building at the Highway Garage, by authorizing the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Hydroelectric Revenue Fund as established by Article 38 of the 1987 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 357  
NO 266

**Article 28:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$3,200 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2016, Unexpended Fund balance? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 537  
NO 97

**Article 29:** Shall the Town vote to designate as Town Forest the properties known as Wendell Marsh South, Town owned parcels; Parcel ID 0224-0014-0000 and 0225-0089-0000 (parcels containing 155 +/- acres); in accordance with RSA 31:110, to be managed by the Sunapee Conservation Commission?

YES 548  
NO 83

**Article 30:** 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 \$35,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 \$55,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$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 \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$34,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

YES 529  
NO 90

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sestercentennial Trust Fund to be used in the expenses in preparation for the celebration in 2018, to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the fund, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; furthermore, to designate the Board of Selectmen as Agent to expend? Recommended by the Board Selectmen

YES 419  
NO 201

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to disband the Sunapee Board of Fire Engineers and have the Sunapee Fire Department organized pursuant to RSA 154:1 "A fire chief appointed by the local governing body, or by the town or city manager, if any, with firefighters appointed by the fire chief;" By petition

YES 274  
NO 330

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to declare the positions of active member of the Sunapee Fire Department and Fire Engineer as incompatible under RSA 31:39-a, and that an active member of the Fire Department may not serve as a member of the Board of Fire Engineers. If the Article passes, the currently elected fire engineers who hold a position of Sunapee Fire Department Member or Board of Fire Engineer shall vacate one of the positions by March 12, 2018, a date less than 1 year away, any vacancy in the Board of Fire Engineer shall be filled in accordance with RSA 669:75 by the Selectmen. If the previous article receives a passing vote, this article shall automatically become null and void. By petition

YES 256  
NO 335

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**