

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

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Ky Keel
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.

SELECT BOARD MEMBER

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

- MORGAN CARTER**
- KENNETH GRANT**
- TRACY HARDEKOPF**
- MICHAEL D. HOUST**
- ROBERT W. RUSSELL**
- JAMES SACCOCCIA**
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

- RICHARD "RICK" WALKER**
- (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

- SUSAN YOUNG GAUDIELLO**
- RANDAL HELLER**
- FRANK NATALE**
- KAROLINA BODNER**
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

FOR THREE YEARS VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

- PATRICIA GINGRICH**
- (Write-in)

2023 WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 2: Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map by changing Tax Map 251, Lots 64 & 65 from General Residential (GR) to Regional Commercial (RC)?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

YES
NO

Article 3: Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #2 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Section 7.3 regarding home occupations to clarify that home occupations must be conducted entirely within the structure of the single-family dwelling, to limit the 30% square footage maximum to 500 square feet, and to limit the number of non-resident employees to one?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

YES
NO

Article 4: Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #3 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Section 7.4(7) regarding home businesses to clarify that the entire home business, including storage, is limited to an accessory or primary dwelling structure or an outside area which is adequately screened, and to reduce the amount of area the home business may occupy from 4,500 square feet to 2,000 square feet or 10% of the lot, whichever is less?

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

YES
NO

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2023 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5: Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #4 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Map by changing Tax Map 234, Lots 57, 57.1, 57.2, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 77, and 79 from the Town Center (TC) to Village (V)?

YES

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

NO

Article 6: Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #5 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Article 18 Definitions for Attached Building: A building having any portion ~~of one (1) or more walls in common with adjoining buildings.~~ **connected by a common roof?**

YES

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 7-0.

NO

Article 7: Zoning

Are you in favor of Amendment #6 to the Barrington Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Section 20.8.4 regarding temporary signs to increase the allowance for additional temporary signs from 30 to 60 days prior to an election in all zoning districts, provided they comply with the requirements of the ordinance?

YES

This amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning Board 6-1.

NO

Article 8: Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to 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 \$8,279,529? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,005,978, 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 one 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]. This article is projected to add 24 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$78 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

NO

Article 9: Town Center Tax Increment Financing District

To see if the Town will vote to:

a. Establish the Town Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in accordance with RSA 162-K (adopted by Barrington Town Meeting in 1988). The proposed district includes 205 properties along Routes 125 and 9 in the greater Town Center and Village zoning districts as represented in the map found in Section 5 of the Development Program and Financing Plan adopted by the Select Board on December 12, 2022.

b. Adopt the provisions of the Town Center TIF District Development Program and Financing Plan adopted by the Select Board on December 12, 2022 in accordance with RSA 162-K:6 and RSA 162-K:9. Copies of the Town Center TIF District Map, Development Program, and Financing Plan are available at the Town Hall and online at www.barrington.nh.gov/tif.

c. Authorize the Select Board to appoint the District Administrator in accordance with RSA 162-K:13 and to create a five-member Advisory Board in accordance with RSA 162-K:14, with the Advisory Board membership to be determined by the Select Board.

YES

[Majority Vote Required].

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

NO

Article 10: Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 21 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$68 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

NO

Article 11: Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 14 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$45 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

NO

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Article 12: Fire Truck Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$23 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 13: Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$2 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 14: Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the Dam Repair/Engineering/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 10 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$34 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 15: Police Equipment Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.8 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$2 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 16: Paving and Related Road Work Non-Lapsing Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for road paving and reconstruction. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, V and will not lapse until December 31, 2024. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$23 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 17: Emergency Communications Upgrades Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Communications Upgrades for Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 3 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$11 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

Article 18: Transfer Station and Recycling Center Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 1.8 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$6 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

**This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.**

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2023 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 19: Library and Community Center Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library and Community Center Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 1.8 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$6 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

This article is not recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-2.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 3-2.

Article 20: Energy Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Energy Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding renewable energy projects and outreach initiatives related to increasing energy efficiency and/or reducing energy costs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.7 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$2 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

This article is not recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 21: Library Technology Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Library Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 0.2 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$1 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

This article is not recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 22: Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Select Board and the Barrington Police Union NEPBA Local #240 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2023	\$69,542
2024	\$48,462
2025	\$31,906

YES
NO

and further to raise and appropriate \$69,542 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. [Majority Vote Required]. Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 8, the operating budget article. This article is projected to add 5 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$16 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 23: Collective Bargaining Agreement Renegotiation and Vote

To see if the Town will authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 22, Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items only, if Warrant Article 22 for Collective Bargaining Agreement cost items is defeated. [Majority Vote Required].

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 24: Service-Connected Total Disability Credit

To see if the Town will vote to increase the optional tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property from \$3,550 to \$4,000 pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:35. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is projected to add 1.4 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$5 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0.
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 25: All Veterans' Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to readopt and increase the Optional and All Veterans' Tax Credit from \$650 to \$750 pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:28 and RSA 72:28-b. [Majority Vote Required]. This article is projected to add 3 cents/1,000 to the 2023 tax rate or \$11 to the tax bill on a \$325,000 property.

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0 (one abstention).
This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 26: Fiber to the Home Non-Binding Agreement

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter a non-binding agreement with Consolidated Communications dba (doing business as) Fidium Fiber to explore funding opportunities to bring fiber to the home for residents of Barrington. Consolidated Communications was competitively recommended by the Barrington Technology Committee through the advertisement of a request for proposals in 2022. [Majority Vote Required].

YES
NO

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 5-0.

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Article 27: Noise Ordinance

To see if the Town will repeal the existing noise ordinance and adopt in its place a new noise ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39, which prohibits certain loud noises likely to endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM. Several types of noises, including but not limited to, fireworks from July 1 through July 6 each year and lawfully discharging firearms (per RSA 159:26), are exempted from the ordinance, and the Police Chief shall have the authority to issue a temporary special permit for other types of noises. Violations of the ordinance will result in penalties ranging from \$50 to \$250, depending on the number of convictions in any six-month period. [Majority Vote Required].

This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 4-0.

YES

NO

Article 28: By Petition: Code of Ethics

To see if the Town will vote to encourage the Select Board to evaluate the need for a code of ethics in addition to the mandatory oath of office, for all Town officers who are not subject to the Town personnel policy.

**This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 3-1.
(BY PETITION, AS AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

YES

NO

Article 29: By Petition: Duty to Inform

To see if the Town will vote to encourage the employees and officers who, while acting in their official capacity, receive first-hand actionable information about possible gun violence against children to report to law enforcement on such information.

**This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 3-1.
(BY PETITION, AS AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

YES

NO

Article 30: By Petition: Court Proceedings Webpage

To see if the Town will vote to encourage the Select Board to make court proceedings (excluding personnel issues) involving the Town available to residents on the Town's website.

**This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 3-1.
(BY PETITION, AS AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

YES

NO

Article 31: By Petition: Temporary Signs

To see if the Town will vote to recommend that the Planning Board review the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding temporary signs and to propose any recommended changes at the 2024 Town Meeting.

**This article is recommended for approval by the Select Board 3-1.
(BY PETITION, AS AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT