

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
APRIL 8, 2025

Brenda S. DeLong  
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To Vote: Completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice like this: ☒ . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences. "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" X will be elected." If you vote for more than the state number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
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<b>TOWN COUNCILOR</b> Vote for up to 2; 3 years Two will be elected	<b>ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBER</b> Vote for not more than 2 3 years	<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b> Vote for not more than 1 3 years
PETER ALBERT <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT REISMAN <input type="radio"/>	DONNA LARUE <input type="radio"/>
JENNIFER JOBIN <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		Vote for not more than 1 3 years
<b>TOWN COUNCILOR</b> Vote for not more than 1 2 years		CHRIS CHRISTENSEN <input type="radio"/>
TOM THORNTON <input type="radio"/>		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		

ARTICLES

Article 2

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) (gross budget) for the purpose of conducting an engineering study, including the development of conceptual design plans and cost estimates to update the aging infrastructure for the Pennichuck Square Pump Station; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$100,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33, as amended), and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest and other terms thereof; and further authorize the Town Council to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state, or private funds that may become available to be applied to the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or borrowed or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes; and further to authorize the Town Council to apply for, accept, and expend any funds or loan forgiveness through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). This Article is contingent upon approval of the loan application and the CWSRF program being able to provide 100% of the funding for the Project. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$55,000 in loan forgiveness from the CWSRF program.

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (3/5 ballot vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 3

Shall the Town 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 \$42,863,616? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$40,808,242, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Town Council may hold one (1) 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 Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,410,000 to be added to the following Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes for which they were created and to apportion the sum among the several funds as listed below:

Liability Trust Fund	\$	10,000
Ambulance	\$	250,000
Athletic Fields	\$	5,000
Communications Equipment	\$	55,000
Computer Equipment	\$	95,000
Daniel Webster Highway	\$	75,000
Fire Equipment	\$	400,000
Highway Equipment	\$	400,000
Library Building Maintenance Fund	\$	50,000
Playground Equipment	\$	5,000
Property Revaluation	\$	30,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$	185,000
Traffic Signal Pre-emption	\$	5,000
GIS	\$	15,000
Road Infrastructure CRF	\$	820,000
Total CRF	\$	2,400,000
Milfoil	\$	10,000
Total GENERAL FUND	\$	2,410,000

These appropriations are **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article 3.  
(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

Article 5

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000 to be added to the Sewer Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said amount to come from sewer fees and no amount to come from taxation.  
(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to authorize the cutting and selling of trees from the Town-owned Watkins Forest, so-called and located in Merrimack, NH; the adding of the net proceeds from said sale to the principal of the Watkins Forest Income Account that is held by the Trustees of Trust Funds; and the appointment of a committee to have full charge of said cutting and selling, said committee to consist of one member of the School Board, one Town Council member and one Trustee of Trust Funds to be determined respectively by the vote of each of the named bodies?  
(Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

Article 7

Shall the Town establish a redistricting commission to divide the Town into 2 or more districts for the purpose of electing representatives to the general court?  
(Petition Article) (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO





ABSENTEE  
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ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION  
MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
APRIL 8, 2025

*Patsy Heil*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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SCHOOL BOARD Vote for up to 2; Three Year Term Two will be elected	BUDGET COMMITTEE Vote for up to 4; Three Year Term Four will be elected	SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR Vote for not more than 1
NAOMI HALTER <input type="radio"/>	ASHLEY DEPREAUX <input type="radio"/>	Three Year Term <input type="radio"/>
BARRY "BK" KENDALL <input type="radio"/>	JOANNE GROBECKER <input type="radio"/>	BRIAN J. MCCARTHY <input type="radio"/>
RACHEL PAEPKE <input type="radio"/>	BARRY "BK" KENDALL <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	JENNIFER MCCORMACK <input type="radio"/>	SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	HEATHER ROBITAILLE <input type="radio"/>	Three Year Term <input type="radio"/>
PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE Vote for up to 2; Three Year Term Two will be elected	SHAYNE ALBUQUERQUE <input type="radio"/>	PATRICIA HEINRICH <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
GINA GROFF <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
DONNA LARUE <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	Three Year Term <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		JENNIFER HEINRICH <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>		(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
QUESTIONS		
<b>Article 2</b> Shall the Merrimack School Board be authorized to accept on behalf of the District, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of personal or real property which may become available to the District during the fiscal year? (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board: Vote 5-0-0)		
YES <input type="radio"/>		
NO <input type="radio"/>		
<b>Article 3</b> (Special Warrant Article) Shall the District establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the Administrative Office Development Fund for the purpose of designing, constructing, equipping, furnishing, and/or renovating office space located in the district to include but not be limited to the offices for Superintendent Services, Student Services, Student Wellness, Technology, Business Operations, and Human Resources, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$500,000; this sum to come from the June 30, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025, and further, to name the school board as agents to expend from this fund? No amount to be raised from new taxation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 13-0-0)		
YES <input type="radio"/>		
NO <input type="radio"/>		

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**QUESTIONS CONTINUED**

**Article 4**

(Special Warrant Article) Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$823,230 for the purpose of roof replacement at James Masticola Elementary School and James Masticola Upper Elementary School?

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 13-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 5**

(By Petition) Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?

(Three-fifths majority vote required)

(Not Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0)

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 6**

(By Petition) Shall the District, pursuant to RSA 32:14, V, rescind the adoption of Article 7 of the 2006 School District Warrant that established a school district budget committee?

(Majority vote required).

YES ☐

NO ☐

**Article 7**

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 \$96,823,198? (Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$95,808,066 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)?

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the School Board Vote: 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee Vote: 8-4-1)

YES ☐

NO ☐

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

