

# SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 2



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
NEW IPSWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024**

*Lisa M. Carbone*  
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.

<p><b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b> (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>JASON SOMERO 987 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WRITE INS 40 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b> (Vote for not more than two) For Three Years</p> <p>JANE ELWELL 341 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RAY HOLMES 227 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSHUA MUHONEN 737 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BRUCE RUOTSALA 662 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WRITE INS 9 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b> (Vote for not more than one) For Six Years</p> <p>BRENDA PELLERITO 916 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WRITE INS 23 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b> (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>83 WRITE INS. <input type="radio"/> 2 tied with 10 (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b> (Vote for not more than one) For Two Years</p> <p>ROBERT FOURNIER 346 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GRAHAM HEAGY 645 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WRITE INS 6 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b> (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>BENTTI HOISKA 900 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WRITE INS 18 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b> (Vote for not more than two) For Three Years</p> <p>BRIAN SOMERO 9 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JANE ELWELL 9 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b> (Vote for not more than one) For One Year</p> <p>KATHLEEN SHELDON 275 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NICHOLE TALBOT 701 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WRITE INS 14 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	
<p><b>MODERATOR</b> (Vote for not more than one) For Two Years</p> <p>BOB ROMERIL 1037 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 6 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>		

**ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 2- Zoning-Accessory Dwelling Units**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Article XIII Section N Accessory Dwelling Units in order to provide expanded housing by allowing a second Accessory Dwelling Unit by special exception on lots of two (2) or more acres as long as one of the units is an Attached Accessory Dwelling Unit, and to also clarify owner residence requirements, and to remove language that is inconsistent with NH RSA 674:72?  
(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0)

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YES   
NO   
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**ARTICLE 03- Zoning Update to New Ipswich Flood Plain Regulations**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the Floodplain Development Ordinance as necessary in order to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program by modifying, deleting and adding definitions, as well as updating various dates and references?  
(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0)

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YES   
NO   
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**ARTICLE 04- Zoning Expiration of Pre 2013 Unexercised Special Exceptions and Variances**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Article XIV, by adding a new Section F. Termination of Unexercised Special Exceptions and Variances which provides for the expiration of unexercised special exceptions and variances dated prior to August 19, 2013, as authorized by RSA 674:33, IV(c), which would go into effect one (1) year after posted notice by the Planning Board?  
(Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0)

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YES   
NO   
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**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 05 - Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount 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 Three Million Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$3,355,219)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$3,330,606)? 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.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

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YES   
NO   
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### ARTICLE 06 - Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to maintain, reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of five years, terminating on December 31, 2029, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI. Majority vote required.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

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YES   
NO

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### ARTICLE 07 - Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to maintain, reconstruct and pave New Ipswich roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of five years, terminating on December 31, 2029, or when the project is completed, whichever comes sooner, in accordance with RSA 32:7, VI. Majority vote required.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

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YES   
NO

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### ARTICLE 08 - Fund Capital Reserves and Expendable Trusts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$366,000) to be contributed to the previously established capital reserve and expendable trust funds as follows: Majority vote required.

Highway Department Expendable Capital Reserve Fund	\$95,000	
Building Maintenance Expendable Trust	\$50,000	
Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	\$95,000	
Fire Protection Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000	
Fire Department Communications Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000	
Pool Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 6,000	
Parks & Recreation Capital Reserve Fund	\$15,000	
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	\$65,000	
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000	

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YES   
NO   
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### ARTICLE 9 - Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to support the New Ipswich Library. Majority vote required.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

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NO

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### ARTICLE 10 - Ambulance Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$121,200) for the contracted licensed ambulance service, emergency services and support. Majority vote required.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

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YES   
NO   
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### ARTICLE 11 - Household Hazardous Waste

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to participate in the City of Keene's Household Hazardous Waste Program? Majority vote required.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 1-2

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YES   
NO   
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**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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**ARTICLE 12 - Closure of Green Center Revolving Account**

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To see if the Town will vote to close the existing Green Center Revolving account under RSA 31:95-h. If Article 13 does not pass, this article will be null and void. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

YES   
NO

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**ARTICLE 13 - Creation of Expendable Trust for Green Center Recycling**

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To see if the town will vote to establish a Green Center Recycling Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of receiving donations to the Green Center and to raise and appropriate \$5,077 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the closed Revolving fund previously written in Article 12; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. If Article 12 does not pass, this article will be null and void. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

YES   
NO

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**ARTICLE 14: Creation of 275th Anniversary Celebration Expendable Trust Fund**

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To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust fund, hereinafter referred to as the "275th Anniversary Celebration Expendable Trust Fund," for the purpose of planning, organizing, and conducting events and activities in commemoration of the Town's 275th anniversary in 2025. This fund will come from donations and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

YES   
NO

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**ARTICLE 15: Refurbish Donated Fire Truck**

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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the sum of up to Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$227,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund to refurbish the donated 2007 Spartan Fire Engine. No funds will come from taxation if this passes. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

YES   
NO

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**ARTICLE 16: Establish Full-Time Fire Chief/Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Position**

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 for the purpose of creating a full-time Fire Chief/Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer position. The appropriation will be for salary and benefits for the period of July through December 2024. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

YES   
NO

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**ARTICLE 17: Authorize Agents to Expend**

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To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend for the Fire Department Capital Reserve fund established by warrant article in 1966 (WA#14) and the Firefighter Protective Equipment Capital Reserve established in 1999 (WA#20).

YES   
NO

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**ARTICLE 18: Amend purpose of Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund**

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To amend the purpose of the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 1966 in accordance with RSA 35:16. To see if the Town will approve the clarification to include the purchase of new, used or donated fire apparatus or to refurbish the same. 2/3 vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

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NO

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**ARTICLE 19: Modify Elderly Exemption**

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Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for the Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town, based on assessed value for qualified tax payers to be as follows: 65-74 years of age to be \$75,000, 75-79 years of age to be \$112,500 and 80+ to be \$150,000. In addition, increase the net income as follows: \$31,000 for a single person, \$45,000 for married (combined income) and own net assets not in excess of \$85,000, excluding the value of a person's residence. Majority vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

YES   
NO

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 20: Modify Disabled Exemption

Shall the town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:37-b for the Disability Exemption from property tax in the Town based on assessed value for qualified tax payers to increase the exemption to \$75,000? To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 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 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than: \$31,000 for a single person, \$45,000 for married (combined income) and own net assets not in excess of \$85,000, excluding the value of a person's residence. Majority vote required.  
Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

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YES

NO

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### ARTICLE 21: Petition Warrant Article-Employee contribution for insurance

Petition Warrant Article-Are you in favor of requiring all Town employees to contribute no less than 15% of the cost of Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance and Life Insurance premiums that they are eligible and elect to receive and to direct the Selectmen to authorize contributions of 15% beginning July 1, 2024?

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YES

NO

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT