



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEW IPSWICH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2026**

Lisa M. Carbone
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- 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 stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this: .

FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN For Three Years Vote for not more than 1	FOR PLANNING BOARD For Three Years Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected	FOR TREASURER For Three Years Vote for not more than 1
VENANZIO CARBONE 153 <input type="radio"/>	LYLA BUXTON 402 <input type="radio"/>	CARLENE WARDWELL 1129 <input type="radio"/>
ALAN DOYLE 231 <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT FOURNIER 273 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) 9 <input type="radio"/>
MATTHEW LACOE 194 <input type="radio"/>	DIANE KNISLEY 776 <input type="radio"/>	FOR TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS For Three Years Vote for not more than 1
JOE SOMERO 682 <input type="radio"/>	CAMMIE SOMERO 677 <input type="radio"/>	
(Write-in) 13 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) 14 <input type="radio"/>	JEFFREY CARTER 1020 <input type="radio"/>
FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS For Three Years Vote for not more than 1	FOR SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST For Two Years Vote for not more than 1	(Write-in) 24 <input type="radio"/>
JEANNE CUNNINGHAM 1078 <input type="radio"/>		FOR TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS For Two Years Vote for not more than 1
(Write-in) 12 <input type="radio"/>	SUSAN WHITE 1135 <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT ZINSMEISTER 1012 <input type="radio"/>
FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEES For Three Years Vote for not more than 1	(Write-in) 10 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) 16 <input type="radio"/>
GREGORY BRUNO 410 <input type="radio"/>	FOR SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST For Four Years Vote for not more than 1	FOR TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS For One Year Vote for not more than 1
WILLIAM SEPPALA 813 <input type="radio"/>		(Write-in) 8 <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) 8 <input type="radio"/>	DEBORAH DESANTIS 1075 <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) 210 <input type="radio"/>
FOR MODERATOR For Two Years Vote for not more than 1	(Write-in) 8 <input type="radio"/>	
ROBERT ROMERIL 1196 <input type="radio"/>	FOR SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST For Six Years Vote for not more than 1	
(Write-in) 15 <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT TURNER 1064 <input type="radio"/>	
	(Write-in) 9 <input type="radio"/>	



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ARTICLES

ARTICLE 02- Zoning Ordinance, ADU	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Zoning Regulations Article XIII Section N of New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to align with 2025 legislative updates to RSA 674:71-73 including updated definitions for attached and detached ADUs, updated parking provisions, distinguishing ADUs that may be developed "by right" and those requiring a special exception from the ZBA, and owner occupancy requirements? (Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)	
952	YES <input type="radio"/>
384	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 03- Zoning Ordinance- Cluster Subdivision	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Regulations Article XIII General Provisions, Section E Cluster Development to allow the Planning Board to permit more flexibility for the types of land in the conserved open space, allowing for agricultural cluster subdivisions, changing the methods for determining the number of buildable lots (simpler equation method), providing for a mix of different home types, clarifying the deeding of the conserved open space, and amending Article XVIII with updated definitions? (Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-1)	
742	YES <input type="radio"/>
614	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 04- Zoning Ordinance- Cluster Subdivision	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Regulations Article XIII General Provisions, Section E Cluster Development to add a new section allowing for workforce/affordable housing density bonuses if the Cluster Development plan/design includes community desirable elements (promoting things such as agriculture use, senior/affordable/handicap accessible housing, walkable spaces, recreation spaces that may include public access, etc.)? (Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-1)	
773	YES <input type="radio"/>
579	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 05- Zoning Ordinance- Mobile Food Vending	
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Regulations, by adding land use language for Mobile Food Vendors to Article V Section C, by adding Mobile Food Vendor Court language to Article VI Section C, adding Mobile Vendor language to Article XIII Section G. Parking, and adding related definitions to Article XVIII Definitions? (Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0)	
1007	YES <input type="radio"/>
342	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 06 – 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 Four Million Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$4,026,145)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$3,864,498). 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	
458	YES <input type="radio"/>
904	NO <input type="radio"/>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 07- 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 special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed on or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)
 Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

876 YES
 419 NO

ARTICLE 08- 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 special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed on or by December 31, 2031, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.)
 Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

736 YES
 107 NO

ARTICLE 09- Fund Capital Reserves and Expendable Trusts
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$391,000) to be contributed to the capital reserve and expendable trust funds previously established as follows: (Majority vote required).

Highway Department Expendable Trust 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 Department Capital Reserve Fund	\$65,000
Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$30,000

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

573 YES
 759 NO

ARTICLE 10 - Ambulance Service
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$165,288) for the purpose of contracted licensed ambulance service, emergency services and support. (Majority vote required.)
 Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

868 YES
 476 NO

ARTICLE 11- Library
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purpose of supporting the New Ipswich Library. (Majority vote required.)
 Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

656 YES
 689 NO

ARTICLE 12- Veteran's Tax Exemption
 Shall the Town modify the existing provisions of RSA 72:35, Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability, to increase the credit amount from the current amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) on residential property, in order to offset the legislative change enacted by House Bill 99 (HB 99), which now prohibits combining veteran tax credits.

This modification will allow qualifying veterans with service-connected total and permanent disability to receive a \$250 increase in the total tax credit amount than they previously received prior to this legislative change.
 (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

969 YES
 370 NO

ARTICLE 13- Heritage Commission
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) towards performing a Historic Building Assessment of the New Ipswich Town Hall with a preservation contractor. The remainder of the cost will be obtained through a matching grant. This assessment will document the preservation and restoration recommendations, allowing the Town to move forward in obtaining grants for the work to be done. If approved, funds will be contributed to Heritage Commission Fund. (Majority vote required.)
 Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0

771 YES
 567 NO

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ARTICLE 14- Communication for all Emergency Services	
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Six Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$180,006.45) to authorize the upgrade and relocation of the Town's Emergency Services communication systems that support all services, to the cell tower located on Old Rindge Road, or to take any action relative thereto. Said funds to be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0	
641	YES <input type="radio"/>
723	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 15- Sale of Town Owned Vehicle	
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to add Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) received from the sale of the Town-owned 2001 International fire vehicle, into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of replacing Fire Department vehicles. This sum is to come from offsetting revenue to the Town's fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0	
1199	YES <input type="radio"/>
169	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 16 - Addition of a 7th Full-Time Police Officer	
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$74,814.47) for the purpose of creating a seventh full-time Police Officer position no sooner than July 1, 2026. This amount includes the costs of all salary and benefits for 6 months in 2026. If approved, the appropriation for this new position shall become part of the Town's annual operating budget in subsequent years (approx. \$149,628.94 annually based on current benefits and pay structure). (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen 0-3	
303	YES <input type="radio"/>
1065	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 17 - PETITION: Felony Plea or Conviction	
To see if the Town will vote to make it unlawful for any person with a felony plea or conviction to serve in the following positions for the Town of New Ipswich: 1) as a member of the Board of Selectmen; 2) as a Town Administrator; 3) as Town Clerk; or 4) other Town of New Ipswich positions with accounting responsibilities. Any person with a felony plea or conviction currently serving in one of these roles must immediately resign or refuse an election or appointment into one of these positions, as applicable.	
864	YES <input type="radio"/>
490	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 18 - PETITION: Zoning Board Appointment	
To see if the Town will vote to require the New Ipswich Board of Selectmen to comply with NH RSA 873:5 which requires that the Board of Selectmen appoint individuals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a term not to exceed three (3) years. The Board of Selectmen may reappoint a member of the ZBA to a second term but must do so prior to the expiration of the first term. If any member of the ZBA is not reappointed prior to the expiration of the term and that individual participates in a ZBA meeting and vote, that vote shall be deemed null and void as to the entirety of the ZBA board vote.	
772	YES <input type="radio"/>
555	NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 19 - PETITION: Zoning Board Member Term Renewals	
To see if the Town will vote to require that any duly appointed member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is limited to terms as deemed appropriate by the Selectmen.	
757	YES <input type="radio"/>
571	NO <input type="radio"/>

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 20 – PETITION: Increase Selectboard to 5 members

Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen to 5 members?

613 YES
702 NO

ARTICLE 21 – PETITION: Strict Operating Budget Increase Limitation Policy

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following policy: The annual increase in the town's operating budget shall be limited to no more than the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, for the calendar year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the budget is proposed, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. This limitation applies solely to capping increases over the prior year's adopted operating budget and shall not permit any additional percentage, population/enrollment adjustment, different inflation index, override provision, exclusion of categories (such as capital, debt, or emergencies), or other modification that would allow increases exceeding the specified CPI-U percentage change. This policy shall remain in effect for all future budgets unless fully rescinded by a subsequent warrant article approved by the voters.

774 YES
521 NO

ARTICLE 22 – PETITION: Donations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$9,970) for the purpose of funding the following regional health services that assist New Ipswich residents:

Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention	\$ 120
Meals on Wheels	\$1,300
Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)	\$ 500
Hundred Nights Shelter	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,000
The River Center	\$ 500
Granite State Children's Alliance	\$ 300
Community Volunteer Transportation Company	\$ 250
Monadnock Family Services	\$ 500
Home Health Care Hospice and Community Services	\$1,500
Shelter from the Storm	\$1,000
Harbor Care	\$ 500

Recommended by the Selectmen 0-3

762 YES
574 NO

SAMPLE

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT