

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2020**

Erica L. Robinson
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 align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 3 years</p> <p>MICHAEL YERGEAU 1159 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">CHECKLIST SUPERVISOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 6 years</p> <p>ELIZABETH B. CONRAD 1059 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">ZONING BOARD OF ADJ.</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 3 years</p> <p>ROBERT H. BLANCHETTE 612 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHESTER CLARK 347 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 3 3 years</p> <p>MICHAEL CHARKOWSKI 954 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEVE OZOLS 883 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Marty Dyer 28 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 3 years</p> <p>ROBIN A. O'DAY 1074 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">TREASURER</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 3 years</p> <p>MICHAEL J. DALEY SR. 1043 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 2 years</p> <p>JOHN M. CODY 1046 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 2 years</p> <p>Elizabeth McCombs 107 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">TRUST FUND TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 3 years</p> <p>MICHAEL CHARKOWSKI 1030 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 1 year</p> <p>GREGORY TILLMAN 1040 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 2 years</p> <p>KATHERINE COOPER 1041 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">W&S COMMISSION</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 3 years</p> <p>TOM DWYER JR. 1090 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 2 3 years</p> <p>MARGIE DESJARDINS 936 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JERRY LANGDON 941 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than 1 3 years</p> <p>SUSAN V. McGEOUGH 1087 <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

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A true attested copy
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ARTICLES

Article 2: Multi-Family Number of Structures - Zoning Article 6 Section 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to adopt the provision to allow multi-family projects the ability to have more than one structure on a lot? The majority of multi-family project in Town are comprised of multiple structures. In the past those projects have received relief from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Planning Board believes this is an unnecessary step since the variances for multiple structures has been historically granted.

[Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 806
NO 460

Article 3: Driveway Process for Multi-Family Projects – Zoning Article 6 Section 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to change the driveway permit requirements for a multi-family project to reflect the current permit process? This will keep the process for all driveway permits consistent.

[Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 1028
NO 237

Article 4: Greenspace – Zoning Article 2 Sections 1-7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to add the greenspace requirements from the Site Plan Regulations to the Zoning Ordinance? It will require 30% green space in all zones. The Central Business District will therefor change from 75% lot coverage to 70% lot coverage, Article 2 Sections 1-7.

[Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 971
NO 284

ARTICLE 5: NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND MTBE WATER MAIN EXTENSION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000.00 (gross budget) for the purpose of design and construction of a new water treatment plant at the Epping Crossing site, and a water main extension to provide municipal water to homes with private wells contaminated with MtBE, that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) in the amount up to \$3,500,000.00; and further to authorize the Selectmen and the Epping Water and Sewer Commissioners as applicable, to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, and to determine the interest rate thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Selectmen and the Epping Water and Sewer Commissioners as applicable, to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, grants or other funds, if any which may be available for said project that may reduce the amount to be financed with bonds and notes, and to participate in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen and the Epping Water and Sewer Commissioners as applicable, to expend such monies as become available; and to authorize the Selectmen and the Epping Water and Sewer Commissioners as applicable, to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. \$5,000,000.00 to come from Federal and State grant funding. It is anticipated that the Town will receive up to \$350,000.00 in principal forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund loan program. It is the intention of the Town that the bond or note repayment shall be paid for by general taxation.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

3/5 Ballot Vote Required

YES 1088
NO 242

ARTICLE 6: 2020 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 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 Nine Million, Two Hundred Thirty Three Thousand, Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$9,233,314.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Eight Million, Nine Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$8,968,589.00), 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.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-1]

Majority Vote Required

YES 841
NO 434

ARTICLE 7: ACCRUED BENEFITS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 965
NO 301

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 8: TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 968
NO 321

ARTICLE 9: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 861
NO 410

ARTICLE 10: WATSON ACADEMY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Watson Academy Repairs Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 926
NO 366

ARTICLE 11: RECREATION FACILITIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Recreation Facilities Expendable Trust Fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 1025
NO 274

ARTICLE 12: LANDFILL CLOSURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the previously established Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 845
NO 427

ARTICLE 13: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to establish a Government Buildings Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining Government Buildings of the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to put in the fund. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. And further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 903
NO 377

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 14: VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT

Shall the Town of Epping modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from \$500.00 per year to \$750.00.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 1098
NO 154

ARTICLE 15: SERVICE-CONNECTED VETERAN'S DISABILITY TAX CREDIT

Shall the Town of Epping modify the Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:35 from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 1070
NO 166

ARTICLE 16: COMBAT SERVICE CREDIT

Shall the Town of Epping adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-c, which would allow an optional Tax Credit for Combat Service of \$500.00. If adopted the credit for combat service will be available to any resident engaged at any point during the taxable period in combat service as a member of the New Hampshire National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, called to active duty as defined in RSA 72:28-c.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 1080
NO 158

ARTICLE 17: BLIND EXEMPTION

Shall the Town of Epping modify the provisions of RSA 72:37, Exemption for the Blind, to allow an inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the blind services program, to be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 937
NO 297

ARTICLE 18: EPPING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 989
NO 258

ARTICLE 19: APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN TREASURER

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint a town treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a treasurer. This shall take effect on the date of the March 2021 Town Meeting.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 779
NO 430

ARTICLE 20: SOLAR LEASE/KEEFE SUPERFUND PROPERTY, EXETER ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement whereby the Town will lease land owned by the Town at the Keefe Superfund property on Exeter Road in Epping for a lease period not to exceed 45 years, on such terms as the Selectmen believe are in the best interest of the Town. The lease shall include the granting of such easements as may be necessary to operate the solar farm. The purpose of the lease is to allow New England Solar Garden Corp. (or such other company as the Selectmen may choose) to construct and operate a solar electric generating facility on the land, which will enable the Town to receive revenues from the tenant who will be using the property for the solar farm use.

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 939
NO 286

ARTICLE 21: HIGHWAY GARAGE ADDITION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) for the purpose of constructing a 50' x 75' addition to the existing Highway Garage. The Highway Garage is located at 129 Coffin Rd., Map 24, Lot 96.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 574
NO 645

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 22: BY PETITION: HIGHWAY WHEELED EXCAVATOR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$206,900.00) to purchase a Wheeled Excavator with Ditching Bucket and Thumb. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to come from the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund and the remaining One Hundred Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$106,900.00) to come from taxation.

[NOT Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0]

[NOT Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 342
NO 893

ARTICLE 23: BY PETITION: RESTORATION OF ANTIQUE LIGHTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to replace four (4) antique lights, one on Main Street at the corner of Water Street, two (2) on Main Street at the base of the hill of the Community Church and one at the intersection of Main Street and St. Laurent Street and to restore power to said lights so that they are in good working order.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-0]

Majority Vote Required

YES 724
NO 533

ARTICLE 24: BY PETITION: ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY ACTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$11,300.00) for the purpose of funding Rockingham Community Action for its work in providing fuel, utility, food, homeless and housing assistance, budgeting education and support to Epping residents in crisis to move them toward self-sufficiency.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0-1]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2]

Majority Vote Required

YES 921
NO 333

ARTICLE 25: BY PETITION: LAMPREY HEALTH CARE SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,390.00) for the Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0-1]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2]

Majority Vote Required

YES 1004
NO 255

ARTICLE 26: BY PETITION: ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION & MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Two Dollars (\$5,152.00) to enable Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program to continue to provide the meal service to elder, homebound and disabled Epping residents.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0-1]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2]

Majority Vote Required

YES 1093
NO 175

ARTICLE 27: BY PETITION: RICHIE MCFARLAND CHILDREN'S CENTER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$6,600.00) for the Richie McFarland Children's Center's early intervention program that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families. This investment will support the cost of providing early childhood special education, pediatric therapies and family support services to Epping residents. This past year RMCC served twenty-four (24) children and their families, and this request is for level funding which helps support 5% of the annual cost for weekly home-based therapies.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0-1]

[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2]

Majority Vote Required

YES 949
NO 310

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 28: BY PETITION: COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of supporting services provided to residents by the Community Children's Fund (CCF). The CCF raises funds to provide warm clothing and bedding to needy children in the 11 communities served by the Community Children's Fund. Since 1989 the CCF has helped thousands of children through clothing vouchers and direct aid through the schools. Epping children have received over \$70,000 in aid since 2009.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-2]
Majority Vote Required

YES 978
NO 281

ARTICLE 29: BY PETITION: NH RESOLUTION FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING

To see if the Town will urge the NH General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the 2020 census, will do so in a manner that ensures fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters. That in order to fulfill this obligation the NH General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission that draws the new district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data such as election results or party registration or favor particular parties or candidates. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the town of Epping's state legislators and to the Governor of NH informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Majority Vote Required

YES 900
NO 339

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
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Joyce A Blanchard
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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- 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.

SCHOOL BOARD	SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK	MODERATOR
3 years Vote for not more than 2	3 years Vote for not more than 1	3 years Vote for not more than 1
DAVID MYLOTT 696	JOYCE A. BLANCHARD 1141	KATHERINE COOPER 1103
ROBIN O'DAY 748	_____ ○	_____ ○
JORDENNE SARGENT 670	_____ (Write-in)	_____ (Write-in)
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ARTICLES

Article 01: Operating Budget

Shall the Epping School 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 \$20,705,734? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$20,659,798, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Epping School 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. The School Board (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (10-0-0) recommend this appropriation.

YES 876
NO 414

Article 02: Add to Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve

Shall the Epping School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2013? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from additional taxation. The School Board voted (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (10-0-0) recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 870
NO 412

Article 03: Add to Special Education Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Epping School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2017? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from additional taxation. The School Board (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (10-0-0) recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 944
NO 346