

**ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EPPING, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2021**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Erica R. 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.

SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE	PLANNING BOARD
3 years Vote for not more than 2	3 years Vote for not more than 3	3 years Vote for not more than 2
JOHN CODY <u>368</u> ○	CODY M. BELANGER <u>425</u> ○	HEATHER CLARK <u>648</u> ○
TOM GAUTHIER <u>527</u> ○	JEN CHAPMAN <u>466</u> ○	MICHAEL VOSE <u>646</u> ○
ADAM MUNGUA <u>341</u> ○	PAT HOWE <u>243</u> ○	○ ○
BRIAN G. REED <u>203</u> ○	RYAN J. PETERSON <u>327</u> ○	(Write-in) ○
STEVE THOMAS <u>275</u> ○	MARK VALLONE <u>630</u> ○	(Write-in) ○
○ ○	○ ○	TRUST FUND TRUSTEE
(Write-in) ○	(Write-in) ○	3 years Vote for not more than 1
(Write-in) ○	(Write-in) ○	ROBIN BRISCOE <u>705</u> ○
BOARD OF ADJ.	CEMETERY TRUSTEE	(Write-in) ○
3 years Vote for not more than 2	3 years Vote for not more than 1	WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
KEVIN MARTIN <u>522</u> ○	TERESA KUCERA <u>770</u> ○	3 years Vote for not more than 1
KIM A. SULLIVAN <u>457</u> ○	○ ○	○ ○
DONALD MacLAREN <u>376</u> ○	(Write-in) ○	(Write-in) ○
○ ○	LIBRARY COMMITTEE	○ ○
(Write-in) ○	3 years Vote for not more than 2	Marc Nickerson - <u>25</u>
(Write-in) ○	JOHN T. CLARK <u>637</u> ○	Dave Reinhold - <u>4</u>
○ ○	MICHELLE WHEELER <u>689</u> ○	Chet Clark - <u>3</u>
○ ○	○ ○	○ ○
○ ○	(Write-in) ○	○ ○
○ ○	(Write-in) ○	○ ○

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: ALLOWING DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS – ZONING ARTICLE 6.13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in detached structures? All other requirements allowing accessory dwelling units shall the same.

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

YES 644
NO 297

ARTICLE 3: ADDING NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR EARTH EXCAVATION USES ARE PERMITTED OR REQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE PLANNING BOARD – ZONING ARTICLE 6.18

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance to have new requirements for commercial earth excavation, the processing and screening of excavated materials, and when excavations, and the processing and screening of excavated materials require a special permit to occur within a Residential Zone?

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

YES 468
NO 477

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 4: 2021 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 Ten Million, Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$10,261,985.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Ten Million, One Hundred Six Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$10,106,689.00), 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.

YES 485
NO 442

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-3]
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 5: POLICE UNION CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Epping and the New England Police Benevolent Association – Local #28, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Estimated Increases
2021	\$31,260.00
2022	\$58,370.00
2023	\$23,190.00

YES 622
NO 339

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$31,260.00) for the current budget year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels under the prior agreement. The total estimated aggregate cost for the three (3) years is Two Hundred Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$240,855.00). Note: This agreement has an automatic renewal or "ever-green" clause. If approved, the terms of this agreement shall continue from year to year.

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

ARTICLE 6: ACCRUED BENEFITS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Accrued Benefits Expendable Trust Fund.

YES 442
NO 490

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 7-2]
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 7: TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT 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 Town Hall Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

YES 496
NO 444

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2]
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 8: HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

YES 454
NO 483

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-4]
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 9: WATSON ACADEMY REPAIRS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Watson Academy Repairs Expendable Trust Fund.

YES 505
NO 447

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 8-3]
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 10: RECREATION FACILITIES EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Recreation Facilities Expendable Trust Fund.

YES 507
NO 445

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-5]
Majority Vote Required

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TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 11: LANDFILL CLOSURE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town of Epping will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund.
[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1]
[Recommended Municipal Budget Committee 11-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 497
NO 443

ARTICLE 12: GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS 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 Government Buildings Expendable Trust Fund.
[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-4]
Majority Vote Required

YES 331
NO 601

ARTICLE 13: EPPING YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association.
[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-0]
Majority Vote Required

YES 704
NO 266

ARTICLE 14: HIGHWAY GARAGE ADDITION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) 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 5-0]
[NOT Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 6-5]
Majority Vote Required

YES 276
NO 665

ARTICLE 15: BY PETITION: NEW OVERHEAD DOORS FOR THE EPPING FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BRICKYARD MUSEUM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to replace the overhead doors on the 1935 Fire Station, now being converted to the Epping Fire Department and Brickyard Museum. The doors will have windows as they were when this building was an active fire station.
[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 549
NO 415

ARTICLE 16: 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 older homebound and disabled Epping residents.
[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 10-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 846
NO 127

ARTICLE 17: CHANGE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR ASSISTANT POSITION TO FULL TIME

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$40,100.00) to change the current Part Time Town Clerk/Tax Collector Assistant position to Full Time with benefits.
[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[NOT Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 7-2-1]
Majority Vote Required

YES 501
NO 456

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 18: MOTOR VEHICLE RACE TRACKS BYLAW CHANGE

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the "By-Laws to the Regulation and Licensing of Motor Vehicle Race Tracks" as adopted by Article 20 of the March 1971 Town Meeting and amended by Article 36 of the March 1976 Town Meeting as amended by Article 14 of the March 1977 Town Meeting as amended by Article 15 of the March 1986 Town Meeting as amended by Article 18 of the March 1990 Town Meeting as amended by Article 32 of the March 1994 Town Meeting as amended by Article 26 of the March 2018 Town Meeting as follows:

Amend Article IV of the By-Laws which reads, "Sufficient fire protection equipment and facilities as may be required by the Fire Chief shall be provided on the race track premises at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator."

To read as follows:

New Language - "Article IV: Sufficient fire protection equipment, personnel, planning and facilities as may be required by the Fire Chief shall be provided on the race track premises whenever the facility is open to the public and includes scheduled and nonscheduled events, track rentals, practice sessions and private sessions at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator. Protection, equipment, personnel, planning and facilities shall adhere to all provisions of National Fire Protection Association 610 (NFPA 610) Guide for Emergency and Safety Operations at Motorsports Venues."

2. Amend Article VI of the By-Laws which reads, "Adequate ambulance service shall be provided on the race track premises at all time during which the race track is open to the general public and/or operating, at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator. In determining what is adequate, consideration shall be given to the nature of the activities being conducted, the number of persons present on the race track premises, and the requirements of the Fire Chief."

To read as follows:

New Language - "Adequate ambulance service shall be provided on the race track premises at all times during which the race track is open to the public and includes scheduled and nonscheduled events, track rentals, practice sessions and private sessions at the expense of the race track owner and/or operator. In determining what is adequate, consideration shall be given to the nature of the activities being conducted, the number of persons present on the race track premises, and the requirements of the Fire Chief. A Memorandum of Understanding shall be executed annually by the Fire Chief and the race track owner and/or operator detailing requirements for emergency medical services to include transport and standby responsibilities for the ensuing year prior to Fire Chief approval."

[Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0]
Majority vote required

YES 20
NO 193

ARTICLE 19: 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 4-0-1]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2]
Majority Vote Required

YES 666
NO 264

ARTICLE 20: 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). CCF raises funds that are distributed to families in need in the form of vouchers that can be redeemed at local stores to purchase warm clothing and bedding. The organization also provides direct financial assistance to the schools to help cover student unmet needs.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2]
Majority Vote Required

YES 711
NO 222

ARTICLE 21: BY PETITION: RICHIE MCFARLAND CHILDREN'S CENTER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,200.00) 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 thirty-four (34) children and their families, and this request helps support the annual cost for weekly home-based therapies. Although the number of children and families served last year is a 40% increase from the prior year, our request is based on the average number of children served over the past 8 years.

[Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0]
[Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee 9-2]
Majority Vote Required

YES 680
NO 255

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Erica L. Robinson
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 22: BY PETITION: TRANSPARENCY INTO THE TOWN OF EPPING BIDDING

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Town of Epping Selectmen to require that all Town of Epping requests for Bids for goods and services be posted on the Town of Epping Web Site at the initiation of any bidding process. This article is to ensure greater transparency into the Town of Epping's bidding processes and allow bidders greater access to consider entertaining bids for the Town of Epping requests for goods or services.

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

YES 89
NO 112

ARTICLE 23: BY PETITION: GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO EPPING BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICES

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Town of Epping Selectmen to require that notice of all meetings of the Town of Epping governmental Boards and Committees be posted on the Town of Epping Web Site, including internet access information if applicable, upon scheduling such meeting or within 24 hours. This article is to ensure greater transparency and access for Epping Residents to scheduled meetings of Boards and Committees, should they desire access.

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

YES 85
NO 91

ARTICLE 24: BY PETITION: GREATER TRANSPARENCY INTO THE TOWN OF EPPING COMMUNICATION

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Town of Epping Selectmen to require that all written or electronic communication received by the Town of Epping Selectmen or the Town of Epping Administrator, from a resident of the Town of Epping, which in any way could be construed as a complaint, advisement or concern, be read into the minutes of the next scheduled Selectman's meeting in synopsis form. Such communication shall only be made if permission to share the communication is given by the author. Should it be that the resident has made such written request to share their communication, the minutes shall reflect the receipt of the communication noting the date and time it was received. This article shall be subject to any local or federal laws specifically prohibiting release of any part of said communication. This article is to ensure greater transparency into communications received by the Town of Epping Selectmen and Town Administrator.

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

YES 82
NO 132

ARTICLE 25: BY PETITION: CHANGE VOTING HOURS

To see if the Town is in favor of changing its voting hours from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for all Local, State, and Federal elections. This would take effect upon passage for all subsequent elections going forward.

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

YES 79
NO 160

YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

**ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
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MARCH 9, 2021**

Joyce A. Blanchard
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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 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.

SCHOOL BOARD		SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
3 years Vote for not more than 1		3 years Vote for not more than 1
ROBERT HODGMAN 371		MELINDA STANLEY 685
BEN LEAVITT 435		
○		○
(Write-in)		(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 01: Bond for Boiler and Ventilation Renovations to the Epping Middle/High
 Shall the Epping School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$998,800 for the construction and renovation of the boiler and ventilation system at the middle/high school and authorize the School Board to issue not more than \$998,800 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereof; and, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the first year's bond payment and authorize the School Board to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote? (3/5 ballot vote required). The School Board (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (10-0-0) recommend this appropriation.

YES 602
NO 343

Article 02: 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 \$21,212,650? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$21,218,052, 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 (9-2-0) recommend this appropriation.

YES 693
NO 249

Article 03: Paraprofessional Association Collective Bargaining
 Shall the Epping School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epping School Board and the Epping Paraprofessional Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over those paid in the prior fiscal year and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,678 for the upcoming fiscal year for the 2021-2022 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?

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase	
2021-2022	\$28,678	
2022-2023	\$21,464	
2023-2024	\$21,975	

The School Board voted (5-0-0) and the Budget Committee (11-0-0) recommend this appropriation.

YES 593
NO 353

Article 04: 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 (11-0-0) recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 530
NO 403

Article 05: 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 (11-0-0) recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 613
NO 326

Article 06: Citizens Petition per J. Cody, et al.
 To see if the Town of Epping will vote to direct the Town of Epping School Board to require that any and all bid packages or request for proposals for any Town of Epping school or school district goods or services be posted on the Town of Epping School District Web Site at the initiation of any bidding process. This article is to ensure greater transparency into the Town of Epping School District's bidding processes and to allow bidders greater access to consider entertaining bids for the Town of Epping School District requests for goods and services.

YES 773
NO 158