



BALLOT 1 OF 3

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

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TOWN CLERK

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN		PLANNING BOARD		TRUSTEE OF THE CEMETERY	
For Three Years	Vote for not more than (TWO)	For Three Years	Vote for not more than (TWO)	For Three Years	Vote for not more than (ONE)
<b>ROGER HOHENBERGER</b>		<b>PAYAL BALLAYA</b>		<b>FRANK FARMER</b>	
<b>ROSS MCLEOD</b>		<b>JERRY RUFO</b>			
<b>GARY RODGERS</b>		<b>KATIE BABINE</b>			
<b>JACK GATTINELLA</b>		<b>MATTHEW ROUNDS</b>			
(Write-in)		(Write-in)			
(Write-in)		(Write-in)			
<b>MODERATOR</b>		<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>		<b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</b>	
For Two Years	Vote for not more than (ONE)	For Three Years	Vote for not more than (TWO)	For Three Years	Vote for not more than (ONE)
<b>GALEN STEARNS</b>		<b>ERIC W. CRAWFORD</b>			
<b>PAM MCCARTHY</b>		<b>MICHELLE STITH</b>			
		<b>PAMELA SKINNER</b>			
(Write-in)		(Write-in)			
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY</b>		<b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b>	
For Three Years	Vote for not more than (ONE)	For Three Years	Vote for not more than (TWO)	For Six Years	Vote for not more than (ONE)
<b>NICOLE MERRILL</b>		<b>BETH TALBOTT</b>		<b>EILEEN MASHIMO</b>	
<b>JENNEAN MASON</b>		<b>ROBIN BOSTIC</b>			
(Write-in)		(Write-in)			

## ARTICLES

## **ARTICLE 3: Lease Purchase Agreement for Transfer Station Loader.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 33:7-e to enter into a (5) five-year lease purchase agreement for the sum of \$155,000 for the purpose of leasing and purchasing a Loader for the Transfer Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease purchase agreement contains a non- appropriation (escape) clause. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement program. (Majority vote required)

**YES**   
**NO**

<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>FY27</u>	<u>FY28</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$155,000

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.01.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0***

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 4: Lease Purchase Agreement for a Transfer Station Trash Trailer.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 33:7-e to enter into a (5) five-year lease purchase agreement for the sum of \$135,000 for the purpose of leasing and purchasing a trash trailer for the Transfer Station, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation (escape) clause. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement program. (Majority vote required)

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	Total
\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$135,000

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.01.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 5: Lease Purchase Agreement for Police Department Radio System.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 33:7-e to enter into a (5) five-year lease purchase agreement for the sum of \$375,000 for the purpose of leasing and purchasing a Dispatch Console/ Central Electronics Radio System, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation (escape) clause. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement program. (Majority vote required)

FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	Total
\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$375,000

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.02.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 6: Sale of Town Owned Property.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town-owned property, consisting of a strip of land situated between the Town's right-of-way on Enterprise Drive and Tax Map 11C, Lot 425, said parcel having approximately 720 +/- feet of linear frontage along Enterprise Drive and being located approximately thirty feet from the centerline of Enterprise Drive, to Indian Rock Office Park, LLC, or their assigns, for the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) with the proceeds from the sale to be deposited into the General Fund. Said property will be sold by the Town with the conditions as the Board of Selectmen, in its discretion, deems prudent with the cost to survey the land and convey the land to be borne by the purchaser.

**No Tax Impact.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 7: The Discontinuance of the First Public Roadway (Old Governor Dinsmore Road).**

To see if the Town will vote to completely and absolutely discontinue the old Governor Dinsmore Road starting from the cul-de-sac at Tax Map 7-B, Lot 6 & Tax Map 13-C, Lot 17 and extending to the Windham Rail Trail (Tax Map 13-A, Lot 1500). Upon discontinuance, the land constituting the discontinued portion of Old Governor Dinsmore Road shall revert to the owners of the property adjacent to said Road. This discontinuance shall be contingent upon, and shall not take effect until, the owners of Tax Map 7-B, Lot 6 and Tax Map 13-C, Lot 17 provide the Town with an easement over the discontinued Old Governor Dinsmore Road between the existing two stone walls that line each side of said road to allow for non-motorized public access to and from the Windham Rail Trail (Tax Map 13-A, Lot 1500) and to allow for access for Town vehicles and equipment that may be needed to maintain the easement area over the Windham Rail Trail.

**No Tax Impact.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 8: The Discontinuance of the Second Public Roadway (Old Governor Dinsmore Road).**

To see if the Town will vote to completely and absolutely discontinue the portion of the old Governor Dinsmore Road commencing at the Northeast corner of Tax Map 13-C, Lot 450 to Roulston Road, whereupon, fee ownership of the discontinued section of Old Governor Dinsmore Road shall revert to the owner(s) of the adjacent parcels, including Tax Map 13-C, Lot 400 and Tax Map 8-C, Lot 101. This article leaves the portion of Old Governor Dinsmore Road intact from the Windham Rail Trail (Tax Map 3-A, Lot 1500) and running along Tax Map 13-C, Lot 450 to allow for continued access to the Stone Arch.

**No Tax Impact.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 9: Modify the Exemptions for Elderly Persons.**

Shall the town modify the amount of the exemption from the assessed value applicable for the elderly under the provisions of RSA 72:39-b as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$200,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$225,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, a full exemption. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years and 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 \$55,000, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$65,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000 excluding the value of the person's residence as described in RSA 72:39-a (I).

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.13.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**YES**   
**NO**

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 10: Modify the Exemption for Blind Persons.**

Shall the Town vote, to adopt the exemption from taxation set forth in RSA 72:37 - Exemption for the Blind – and provide every inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the Blind Services Program of the Department of Education's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation with a \$25,000 exemption each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate.

YES   
NO

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.001.**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 11: Modify the Exemption for Deaf or Severely Hearing-Impaired Persons.**

Shall the town modify the exemption for the deaf or severely hearing-impaired persons under the provisions of RSA 72:38-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$25,000. To qualify, the person must: meet the definition of a "deaf person or person with severe hearing impairment" under RSA 72:38-b(II); must be a resident of the State for at least five (5) years prior to April 1 in which the exemption is sought; must occupy the property as his/her principal place of abode; must own the property (as defined in RSA 72:27 (VI)) individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) consecutive years; had in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources, of not more than \$55,000 if single and \$65,000 if married; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000, excluding the value of the person's residence as described in RSA 72:38-b (III).

YES   
NO

**No Tax Impact.**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 12: Modify the Exemption for Disabled Persons.**

Shall the town modify an exemption for the disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$200,000. To qualify, the person: must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act, or otherwise as provided in RSA 72:37-b (1-b); must be a resident of the State for at least five (5) years; must occupy the property as his/her principal place of abode; must own the property (as defined in RSA 72:27 (VI)) individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) consecutive years; had in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources, of not more than \$55,000 if single and \$65,000 if married; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000, excluding the value of the person's residence as described in RSA 72:37-b (III) (b).

YES   
NO

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.01.**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 13: Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of maintaining all Town buildings, facilities, fields, and public grounds. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.03.**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1*

**ARTICLE 14: Searles Building.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$42,000, said amount to be withdrawn from the balance in the previously established Searles Revenue Fund for payment of both marketing and maintenance costs associated with the Searles Building with no money raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**No Tax Impact.**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

**ARTICLE 15: Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Earned Time Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of paying Town employees their accumulated earned time amounts at the time of their retirement or resignation from the employ of the Town of Windham. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.02**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1*

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 16: Town Hall Renovation Project.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of repairing and/or renovating the Town Hall, to include but not be limited to, siding repairs and or painting, structural improvements, drainage improvements, moisture control, insulation, window and energy-efficiency improvements, and other improvements deemed necessary by the Selectmen. These funds are to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with no money to be raised by additional taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or for a period of five (5) years, whichever occurs first. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Program. (Majority vote required)

**No Additional Tax Impact.****Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 17: Governor Dinsmore Bridge Decking Replacement Project.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of replacing the bridge decking on the Governor Dinsmore bike/pedestrian bridge on the Windham Rail Trail. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Program. (Majority vote required)

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.03.****Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 18: Windham Greenway Recreational Trail Capital Reserve Fund.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 to be placed into the Windham Greenway Recreational Trail Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2021. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Program. (Majority vote required)

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.07.****Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 19: Nesmith Library Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Capital Reserve.**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Nesmith Library Solar Power Purchase Agreement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing the solar panels installed on the Nesmith Library and all other actions incidental to the purchase of said solar panels and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500 to be placed in this fund. Further to name the Board of Selectmen as the agents to expend from said fund provided the Board of Selectmen holds one public hearing prior to expending from said fund. This article is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Program. (Majority vote required)

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.01.****Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 20: Nesmith Library Building Space Need Study.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purposes of conducting a space and needs assessment of the Nesmith Library. (Majority vote required)

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.01.****Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1**

**YES**   
**NO**

**ARTICLE 21: Remedial Impervious Perfluoroalkyl/Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Soil Cap.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,000 for the purpose of constructing an Impervious Perfluoroalkyl/Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Soil Cap, which will prevent water leaching into soil contaminated with PFAS chemicals at the top of Fellows Road next to the Fire Department and will mitigate PFAS leaching into groundwater. These funds are to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. (Majority vote required)

**No Tax Impact.****Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**YES**   
**NO**

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 22: Option to Lease Agreement with the Windham Housing Authority for 10 Acres.**

To see if the Town will vote to: "Authorize the Selectmen to enter into an Option to Lease Agreement with the Windham Housing Authority for approximately ten (10) acres of the rear portion of the Town municipal complex land, known as Lot 16-L-100, as shown on the 1995 complex plans developed by the Turner Group, for the sum of one (1) dollar, and upon such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable by the Board of Selectmen. Said piece will be used by the Windham Housing Authority to develop age restricted affordable rental housing in the community. This authorization shall include the subsequent authority to execute the actual lease agreement should that option be exercised, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following terms:

YES   
NO

- (a) A term of not less than ninety-nine (99) years.
- (b) Base annual rent of one (1) dollar, plus provisions for payment in lieu of taxes allowed by state law.
- (c) The Lessee shall be responsible for all maintenance and repair to the premises and any building(s)thereon and shall hold the Town harmless from any liability arising from the premises.
- (d) The use shall be restricted to age restricted affordable housing development within five (5) years of the date of the lease, operated by the Windham Housing Authority (or such other permitted assignee).

The authorization to enter into the option shall continue for one (1) year and shall provide that the option must be executed within five (5) years, or the authority granted herein shall expire.

**No Tax Impact.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1-1**

**ARTICLE 23: Hiring of a Full Time Assistant Town Clerk**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,521 for the purpose of hiring a full time Assistant Town Clerk beginning on or about April 1, 2024. Said sum representing the costs associated with wages, benefits, retirement needed for a portion of 2024. Should this article pass, \$29,000 is to be deducted from the FY2024 operating budget. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.02.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**ARTICLE 24: Funding for a Full Time Fifth Police Dispatcher**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,104 for the purpose of funding a fifth full time Police Dispatcher beginning on or about April 1, 2024. Said sum representing the costs associated with wages, benefits, and retirement needed for a portion of 2024. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**2024 Estimated Tax Impact per thousand: \$0.02.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**ARTICLE 25: Windham Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Windham Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan and to further authorize the Select Board to develop and implement Windham Community Power and to take all action in furtherance of the Windham Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan has an "opt-out" clause and, if approved, the default energy provider for customers in the Town of Windham will be through Windham Community Power, unless the customer seeks to opt-out of Windham Community Power at no cost to the customer. (Majority vote required)

YES   
NO

**No Tax Impact.**

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0**

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 26: Town Operating Budget.**

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 \$20,404,586. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$19,896,860, 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)

YES   
NO

<u>Administration</u>	\$986,478	<u>Insurance</u>	\$2,431,207
<u>Assessing</u>	\$194,132	<u>Legal Services</u>	\$143,000
<u>Cable Television</u>	\$113,096	<u>Library</u>	\$1,277,223
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$297,040	<u>Museum</u>	\$7,250
<u>Contracted Fire Service</u>	\$3	<u>Police</u>	\$4,011,146
<u>Contracted Police Service</u>	\$2	<u>Recreation</u>	\$279,541
<u>Cemetery</u>	\$43,608	<u>Retirement Service Charges</u>	\$4,000
<u>Community Development</u>	\$623,394	<u>Road Maintenance</u>	\$1,763,048
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	\$9,760	<u>Searles Building</u>	\$13,526
<u>Debt Service</u>	\$467,292	<u>Senior Center</u>	\$6,552
<u>Dispatching</u>	\$531,201	<u>Solid Waste Disposal</u>	\$1,467,549
<u>Elections</u>	\$96,229	<u>Street Lights</u>	\$22,566
<u>Emergency Management</u>	\$10,488	<u>Tax Collector</u>	\$176,448
<u>Fire Department</u>	\$4,176,354	<u>Town Clerk</u>	\$367,711
<u>General Assistance</u>	\$34,000	<u>Town Officers' Salaries</u>	\$3,337
<u>General Govt Buildings</u>	\$480,905	<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET \$20,404,586</b>	
<u>Health and Human Services</u>	\$69,662	<i>(Principle \$359,344 and Interest \$107,448) Capital Outlay - Roads (Part of CIP \$126,500)</i>	
<u>Historic Commission</u>	\$7,500		
<u>Information Technologies</u>	\$289,338		

\*Note: Warrant Article 26 (operating budget does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles).

2024 Estimated Tax Impact Net of Estimated Revenue per thousand: \$4.00.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT