

# SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
WAKEFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023**

*Valerie of Ward*  
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>SELECTMEN</b> For three years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>KEN FIFIELD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> For three years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than three</span></p> <p>ELIZABETH CONNER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSHUA D. FULLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JERRY O'CONNOR <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PRISCILLA COLBATH <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b> For three years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>JERRY O'CONNOR <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p><b>TOWN MODERATOR</b> For two years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>RICHARD DILL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b> For three years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>KENNETH PAUL, SR <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b> For three years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>PHILIP TWOMBLEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p><b>PLANNING BOARD</b> For three years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>DICK DESROCHES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROSE CLEVELAND-BAXTER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF LIBRARY</b> For three years <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than one</span></p> <p>JULIE KESSLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 33-Definitions, to edit the definitions of buildable area and unbuildable land to be consistent in what areas are considered buildable or not, as well as, allow setback areas to be included in the calculation of buildable area where previously excluded; and add a new definition for the term "junkyard" that references the existing definition of the term in state statute. The Planning Board recommends this amendment. (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 3, Table 3 to add a minimum required living area of 800 square feet for two-family residences (duplexes) to the table of Building Area Requirements. The Planning Board recommends this amendment. (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 3, Table 3 (Density and Minimum Dimensional Requirements), and Article 18 (Residential and Commercial Units - Maximum), to clarify the requirements for minimum lot sizes, required buildable area, and maximum density. To do so, this Amendment proposes to remove maximum density requirements from Table 3 and delete footnote 1 that relates to the calculations of maximum densities, and instead relies on minimum lot size to define the town's allowed development density. In addition, it seeks to clarify that the minimum buildable area is equal to the minimum lot size for all parcels\*; and amend Article 18 to clarify that it applies where there are 2 or more units proposed to be constructed on a single parcel. \*Note: Minimum lot sizes remain unchanged. The Planning Board recommends this amendment. (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 24, Personal Wireless Service Facilities, Section E. Procedure, to add new requirements that proposed cell towers expand coverage beyond that which is available from existing or currently permitted cell tower sites and the procedure in which the board will verify how this is achieved. The Planning Board recommends this amendment. (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 8, the Aquifer Conservation Overlay District, to clarify the mapped extents of the aquifer; incorporate wellhead protection areas; revise the performance standards for storage of petroleum products and regulated hazardous substances; require a conditional use permit for impervious surfaces greater than 15% or 2,500 square feet, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 50% impervious; include a new section on exceptions from the ordinance; require a conditional use permit for the storage of hazardous substances in excess of the quantities equivalent to a large spill requiring emergency response; require a conditional use permit for the blasting of bedrock in the overlay district. Amend Article 33, Definitions, to include terms included within the amended Aquifer and Wellhead Conservation Overlay District. Amend Article 3, Table 1 to update references the overlay district's title to reflect changes to Article 8. The Planning Board recommends this amendment. (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town's zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 13, Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks, by setting a minimum length of 12.5 feet of water frontage required per cabin or camp site for new campground parcels with water frontage. Allow existing campgrounds that do not meet the minimum shore frontage to expand subject to receiving a conditional use permit as allowed by Article 29. The Planning Board recommends this amendment. (Majority vote required.)

YES

NO

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) for the purpose of constructing and outfitting a Multi-Generational facility; Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid and/or donations, if any, which may be available for said project, to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0 and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1 (3/5 ballot vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.00 per \$1000 of assessed valuation for 2022.*

YES

NO

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$38,500) to be added to the Parks & Rec Field Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of upgrading fields at the Ballpark Complex. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-2. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES

NO

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Owned Boat Launch Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of improving and repairing any and all Town owned boat launch areas and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES

NO

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Bridge Construction Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES

NO

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-6. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES

NO

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.07 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES

NO

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000) to be added to the Highway Construction Project Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.28 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES

NO

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-1. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES

NO

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Transfer Station Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation*

YES   
NO

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Trucks Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping vehicles for the Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Wastewater Treatment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an East Wakefield and Union Stations Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintenance and repairs to both facilities and to raise and appropriate Twenty-Three Thousand (\$23,000) to be placed in this fund. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.02 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$34,525) to be added to the Invasive Species Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.03 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$58,500) to be added to the Public Safety Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.05 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.002 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Town Hall Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required.) *Estimated tax impact: \$0.04 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.*

YES   
NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Assessing Statistical Update Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.* YES  NO

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) to be added to the Greater Wakefield Resource Center Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.* YES  NO

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Cemetery Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$0.01 per \$1000 of assessed valuation* YES  NO

**Article 30:** Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to: (1) readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per year; and also (2) readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, II, previously adopted, for an All Veterans' Tax Credit at Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) per year? If readopted, both the All Veterans' Tax Credit and the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit will be \$750.00 per year. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Majority vote required.) YES  NO

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Wakefield, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$64,000 (currently \$56,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age, \$86,000 (currently \$75,500); for a person 80 years of age or older, \$107,000 (currently \$94,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive 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 to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000; or if married, a combined net income of less than \$37,000 and own assets not in excess of \$150,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required.) YES  NO

**Article 32: By Petition** To see if the Town will vote and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) as matching funds to repair the Drew Mill Dam in Union, NH. This sum will match a \$65,000 grant from Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) which has already been received by Union Village Community Association (UVCA – a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity) thus assuring the continuation of the Drew Mill Pond for fire protection, conservation and historical value. These combined funds represent the total cost of repairs. The expenditure of funds is contingent upon the town and UVCA reaching a written agreement on installation and use of a dry hydrant for use by the Town Fire Department and also to provide a public access to a park area. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 1-7. (Majority vote required.) YES  NO

**Article 33: By Petition** 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 amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth herein, totaling \$7,697,739? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,874,366 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 VI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This appropriation is recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0, and recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0. (Majority vote required). *Estimated tax impact: \$6.68 per \$1000 of assessed valuation; Default Budget estimated tax impact: \$5.97 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.* YES  NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT