



Official Ballot
Town Election
March 10, 2026
Winchester, NH

James M. Tetreault

James M. Tetreault, Town Clerk

Instructions

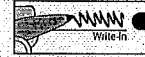
To Vote:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



To Vote for a Write-In:

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-In" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Vote for not more than 1
THREE YEAR TERM:

Jeannine Hadid ☐

Ben Kilanski ☐

James Rokes ☐

Write-In ☐

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST:

Vote for not more than 1
TWO YEAR TERM:

Ellen Gomarlo ☐

Write-In ☐

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

Vote for not more than 1
ONE YEAR TERM:

Write-In ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than 1
THREE YEAR TERM:

Michelle Dwight ☐

Write-In ☐

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST:

Vote for not more than 1
SIX YEAR TERM:

Bonnie Leveille ☐

Write-In ☐

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
TWO YEAR TERM:

Write-In ☐

Write-In ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
THREE YEAR TERM:

Margaret Sharra ☐

Robert Browne ☐

Richard C. Pratt, Jr ☐

Ann Ryder ☐

Write-In ☐

Write-In ☐

MODERATOR

Vote for not more than 1
TWO YEAR TERM:

Denis V. Murphy II ☐

Write-In ☐

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected
THREE YEAR TERM:

Ian Howes ☐

Write-In ☐

Write-In ☐

Write-In ☐

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

Vote for not more than 1
THREE YEAR TERM:

Write-In ☐

CONANT PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected
THREE YEAR TERM:

Thea Marsh ☐

Ann Ryder ☐

Write-In ☐

Write-In ☐

Write-In ☐

MUSTERFIELD/CEMETERY TRUSTEE:

Vote for not more than 1
THREE YEAR TERM:

Brenden Hubbard ☐

Write-In ☐

Article 2:

Shall the Town of Winchester 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 \$5,031,020 (Five million thirty-one thousand twenty dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,966,573 (Four million nine hundred sixty-six thousand five hundred seventy three dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester 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 Board of Selectmen

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐



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Article 3:

Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of **\$501,916** (Five hundred one thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars) for the operations of the **Water Department**, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. No amount to be raised from taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$463,931** (Four hundred sixty-three thousand nine hundred thirty-one dollars). If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved. "With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester 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 Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 4:**

Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of **\$571,392** (Five hundred seventy-one thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars) for the operations of the **Sewer Department**, the funds to be raised by user fees, or act in a manner thereon. No amount to be raised from taxation. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$533,858** (Five hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred fifty-eight dollars). If the appropriation proposed in the article is not approved, the default amount shall be deemed to have been approved. "With certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Winchester 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 Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** (Fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Town Owned Building Upgrades** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** (Forty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Highway Equipment** Capital Reserve Fund previously established

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-2

No ☐**Article 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** (Five thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Emergency** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** (Eighty thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Fire Apparatus** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** (Fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Police Cruiser** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,707 (eighteen thousand seven hundred and seven dollars) to be placed in the existing non-lapsing **Assessing & Revaluation** Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 16 at the March 2006 Town Meeting for the purpose of performing the assessing update or revaluation of the real estate in the Town of Winchester scheduled for 2030.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Computer** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Beach Ramp** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-2

No ☐

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Storm Damage** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing **Winchester National Bank Common** Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-II for the purpose of improving and beautifying the property and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to be placed in this fund with the board of selectmen being named as the agents to expend from said fund?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1-1

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-1-1

No ☐

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (One thousand dollars) to be placed into the existing non-lapsing **Invasive Plants** Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to remove a 3-acre portion of the property identified as Map 6, Lot 19, out of the 6.8-acre total lot for a Fire Station, from the Town forest as previously designated by the 1990 Town Meeting pursuant to RSA 31:110.

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

No ☐

Article 17:

Shall the Town modify the optional tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property in accordance with RSA 72:35 from its current value of \$3,000 to \$3,750? (Majority Vote Required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐



Article 18:

To see if the Town will transfer land identified on a boundary line adjustment consisting of 2.31ac to map 11 lot 22-6 and leave 0.52ac to become part of the right of way of Old Spofford Road.

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1

No ☐**Article 19:**

Are you in favor of electing the Town of Winchester Zoning Board of Adjustment consisting of 5 members such that when the term of each appointed member expires, each new member shall be elected at the next regular municipal election for the term provided under RSA 673:5, II.

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

No ☐**Article 20:**

Shall the Town of Winchester raise and appropriate the sum of \$892 (Eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and fifty cents) to support the annual Winchester Pickle Festival?

Inserted by Petition

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-0-1

No ☐**Article 21:**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 (Sixty thousand dollars) for the purpose of subsidizing recreation in the Town of Winchester to be paid to the E.L.M. Memorial Community Center on a contractual basis.

Inserted by Petition

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 22:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 (Seven thousand dollars) to be given to the Winchester Historical Society for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Sheridan House so that the museum may continue to preserve the history of Winchester for the benefit of the public. Note: The increase in asked-for amount reflects the rise in the heating costs.

Inserted by Petition

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 23:**

To determine if the Town of Winchester will appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of supporting activities with ACCESS. The monies support ACCESS to run summer camp, cover operating expenses and support enrichment and activities for Winchester youth. ACCESS provides mentorship and a safe, productive learning environment for the youth of Winchester to take advantage of opportunities to learn, help their community, and have fun activities experiences with their peers.

Inserted by Petition

Recommended by the Board of Selectman 3-2

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0

No ☐**Article 24:**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 (One thousand two hundred dollars) to support the operation of the Boat Ramp at Forest Lake.

Inserted by Petition

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Yes ☐

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1

No ☐

Article 25:

To see if the Town will vote to approve a 25% residential homeowner property tax reduction when year-round residents have attained the age of 75. **The article is not enforceable under RSA 72:39-b.**

Inserted by Petition

Yes ☐

Not Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen

No ☐**Article 26:**

New Hampshire thrives when state funding fairly supports local communities. Therefore, the residents of Winchester NH, are asked: Do we call on the New Hampshire Legislature to protect local taxpayers by ensuring adequate state revenues for essential services, and by avoiding policies that shift costs onto local property taxpayers? Be it further resolved that the Winchester Select Board shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the General Court representing Winchester NH within 30 days.

Inserted by Petition

Yes ☐

No Recommendation by the Board of Selectmen

No ☐**Article 27:**

Are you in favor of amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, I, "Junkyard" shall mean any place used for storing and keeping, or storing and selling, trading, or otherwise transferring more than one unregistered and ~~uninspected~~ **inoperable or dismantled** motor vehicle, motor vehicle parts, scrapped or secondhand machinery or equipment, metals, debris, waste, trash, used wood and building materials or other waste or discarded or secondhand materials.

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

No ☐**Article 28:**

Are you in favor of amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article III (4) Accessory Dwelling Unit (b) Defined as a residential living unit that is appurtenant to a single family dwelling that is clearly incidental and subordinate to the primary dwelling which may be contained within, attached, **detached** or within an accessory building, only if the accessory building is clearly accessory such as a garage or barn in which the deed is inseparable from the primary dwelling.

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

No ☐**Article 29:**

Are you in Favor of amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, K (5) each dwelling unit shall have ~~two (2)~~ **One (1)** off-street parking space and **one additional designated visitor parking space per unit.**

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

No ☐**Article 30:**

Are you in favor of amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, K **add new paragraph (7)** as follows: All new residences, dwellings or units on lots without town water shall obtain a water test in compliance with NHDES private well water testing guidelines prior to the issuance of an occupancy certificate and receive NHDES septic approval for places without town sewer.

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

No ☐**Article 31:**

Are you in favor of amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, Q Temporary Housing shall be allowed in all districts with the following provisions: a) Temporary Housing may be permitted for up to ~~one year~~ **12 months, to coincide with the building permit, with extensions granted by the Board of Selectmen;** b) Temporary Housing may be a manufactured home or an RV; c) Approved water and septic must be present on site; d) Temporary Housing shall be permitted for housing after a fire or another disaster; e) Temporary Housing shall be permitted when building primary residence; and f) Temporary Housing will not be permitted when another abode is on the same lot.

Yes ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

No ☐

Article 32:

Are you in favor of amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add Article XXIII, New Livestock Ordinance and deleting the "keeping of livestock" from the Table of Use Regulations.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0

Article XXIII

Livestock refers to domesticated farm animals who are (or could be) raised for production, work, or other agricultural purposes, whose housing and care must meet species-specific welfare and husbandry standards regardless of if they are working, production, or companion animals.

Pets are domesticated animals that primarily live in your home with you and are kept predominantly for pleasure rather than predominantly for utility.

Livestock requiring under 100 sq. ft. of combined shelter and exercise space are exempt and permitted in

all districts. (Specifically geared toward a handful of chickens, a 4-H rabbit or goat, etc.)

Town of Winchester, NH – Livestock Housing Guidelines (Fed/Kept Animals)

Species / Breed	Indoor / Stall / Shelter (sq ft per animal)	Run-In / Group Shelter (sq ft per animal)	Outdoor / Exercise Area / Paddock (sq ft per animal)	Water & feeding	Winter Considerations
Horses – Standard Breeds	100 sq ft	70 sq ft	400–500 sq ft	Continuous water; hay/grain fed; enough space to feed safely	Dry bedding, wind protection, safe footing; daily turnout/exercise
Horses – Draft / Large Breeds	120 sq ft	84 sq ft	500–700 sq ft	Continuous water; hay/grain fed; multiple feeding stations	Extra bedding; safe footing; windbreaks; daily turnout/exercise
Horses – Miniature / Ponies	48 sq ft	34 sq ft	200–300 sq ft	Continuous water; hay/grain fed; safe feeding space	Dry bedding, wind protection; daily exercise or turnout
Cattle – Standard / Beef or Dairy	40–50 sq ft	28–35 sq ft	400–600 sq ft	Clean water at all times; supplemental feed	Shelter from wind and precipitation; dry bedding; monitor water
Cattle – Miniature / Mini Cow	20–25 sq ft	14–18 sq ft	200–400 sq ft	Clean water; supplemental feed	Dry bedding, wind protection; safe footing; monitor water
Goats / Sheep	15–20 sq ft	10–14 sq ft	80–150 sq ft	Fresh water; supplemental feed if needed	Shelter from drafts; dry bedding; monitor water in winter
Pigs / Hogs	20–25 sq ft	14–18 sq ft	150–250 sq ft	Water at all times; daily feed	Keep dry; manage mud; shelter from wind/rain/snow
Chickens / Ducks / Geese	1–3 sq ft	1–2 sq ft	8–12 sq ft	Fresh water & feed daily; heated waterers in freezing	Predator-safe; clean bedding; protect from drafts; water unfrozen

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Under 100 sq. ft. combined indoor/outdoor space required.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Over 100 sq. ft. combined indoor/outdoor space required. *Lot size half acre or greater	P	SE	P	P	P	SE	P
Over 100 sq. ft. combined indoor/outdoor space required. *Lot size under half acre.	P	SE	SE	SE	P	SE	P

Fed or kept animals are provided supplemental feed, such as hay, grain, or concentrates, and rely on human-provided nutrition rather than grazing. These animals often live in smaller paddocks, are commonly not handled or observed daily, and require adequate stall, shelter, and exercise space for movement, social interaction, and welfare—but do not need pasture acreage to meet their nutritional needs.

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Article 32: (Continued)

Grazed animals obtain the majority of their nutrition from pasture forage and therefore require sufficient acreage of quality pasture to support their dietary needs throughout the year and are typically observed regularly but not daily while grazing.

Yes ☐

Grazed animals will follow UNH Extension Housing and Space Guidelines for Livestock.

No ☐

Article 33:

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Winchester, NH Zoning Ordinance Article III, Section K, Subsection 2 to the following: "All single-family homes shall be at least 120 square feet in size."

Inserted by Petition

Yes ☐

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 6-1

No ☐

Article 34:

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Winchester NH Zoning Ordinance to permit Tiny Houses on Wheels on individual lots in all districts where single-family homes are permitted?

Inserted by Petition

Yes ☐

Not recommended by the Planning Board 6-1

No ☐

Article 35:

Shall the town of Winchester, NH adopt the following definition of Tiny Houses on Wheels in its Zoning Ordinance? A Tiny House on Wheels is considered the following: A Structure used as a dwelling that is 400 square feet or smaller in size. It is built on a permanent metal chassis with axles and wheels. It is built in accordance with Appendix AQ or the International Residential Code.

Inserted by Petition

Yes ☐

Not recommended by the Planning Board 6-1

No ☐

Article 36:

Are you in favor of amending the Winchester, NH Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article XIII, A, to read "Manufactured Housing shall be allowed in all districts on individual lots as permitted in the table of usage for single family homes, or in an existing Manufactured Housing Park, or in a Planned Residential Development in conformity with all applicable regulations."

Inserted by Petition

Yes ☐

Not recommended by the Planning Board 5-1-1

No ☐

Article 37:

To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the reports of the Selectmen, Auditors, and other Town Officers.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 38:

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Yes ☐

No ☐



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