

SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 12, 2026**

BALLOT 1 of 3

Don M. Gagne
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of your choice like this: ☒ For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1," or "Vote for up to X," "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-In:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval ☐ to the right of the "write-in" space like this: ☒.

FOR SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS Vote for not more than 1	FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected	FOR PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
TYLER WARD ☐ (Write-in) ☐	CHRISTOPHER J DILORETO ☐ (Write-in) ☐	JASON MOORE ☐ (Write-in) ☐
FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS Vote for not more than 1	DANIEL LATINI ☐ (Write-in) ☐	LISA STONE ☐ (Write-in) ☐
JAMES "JIM" LONG ☐ (Write-in) ☐	FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS Vote for not more than 1	FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS Vote for up to 3; Three will be elected	CHARLES PETER LAROCHE ☐ (Write-in) ☐	ZACHARY ALLEN ☐ (Write-in) ☐
MARY CLARK ☐ (Write-in) ☐	FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected	DEVON TOMASULO FETROW ☐ (Write-in) ☐
TIM JENKINS ☐ (Write-in) ☐	CHRISTINE MANN ☐ (Write-in) ☐	FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEARS Vote for not more than 1
PAUL N NOCE ☐ (Write-in) ☐	MARGARET "PEGGY" VAN VALKENBURGH ☐ (Write-in) ☐	CAROL LENOX ☐ (Write-in) ☐
ZONING AMENDMENTS		
ZONING AMENDMENT 1: 1) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows: to rezone Parcel No. U022-035-001 (located on Route 202 South) to be fully zoned as Village Commercial District. Currently, this lot is zoned (1) Family District for the first two-hundred feet into the property along the length of the frontage; (2) Village Commercial District for approximately 250 feet into the property from its northern property line with U022-035-002; and the remainder of the lot being (3) Rural District. The Planning Board unanimously supports this proposal (7:0). Re-zoning this property will make the entirety of the property Village Commercial District. The property owners are in support of this proposal.		
YES ☐		
NO ☐		

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ZONING AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

ZONING AMENDMENT 2:

2) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

to revise the density requirements of the West Peterborough Zoning District by rescinding §245-9.1C4, which currently reads as:

*4. Density.

- a. Single-Family: Four (4) dwelling units per acre.
- b. Two-Family: Eight (8) dwelling units per acre.
- c. Multi-Family or Mixed Use density will be determined by the Planning Board during Site Plan Review."

and replacing with the following text:

*4. Density.

- a. Residential: Eight (8) dwelling units per acre.
- b. Mixed use density will be determined by the Planning Board during Site Plan Review. "

The Planning Board supports this proposal (6:1.)

This proposal eliminates bias against certain housing types but also sets expectations for what may be built as opposed to allowing an arbitrary, unlimited density. Note: 'mixed use' is a development which combines both residential and commercial uses.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ZONING AMENDMENT 3:

3) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

to revise the Lot Size requirements under §245-15.3 Traditional Neighborhood Overlay Zone by:

- a. revising §245-15.3E3(b) to read as: "6 dwelling units per acre" in the Family District and as "8 dwelling units per acre" in the General Residence District; and,
- b. to rescind §245-15.3E3(b) i, ii, & iii as they would be addressed through the revised §245-15.3E3(b) (above).

The Planning Board supports this amendment, (5:1).

This proposal would allow for multi-family structures in the Family District but only through Planning Board review and with strict conformance to the regulations of Traditional Neighborhood Overlay Zone. Density in the General Residence District is decreased to a more appropriate calculation. This change also converts square footage to acreage in effort to make these regulations more understandable to the public.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ZONING AMENDMENT 4:

1) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Peterborough Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

To rezone 15 Evans Road (Parcel No. U023-035-000) to be fully zoned as Family District. The property currently consists of two zoning districts: Family District for the first two-hundred feet in to the property from the front property line, and with all remaining property being zoned Rural District.

The Planning Board unanimously supports this amendment, (4:0).

This proposal is being put forward with support from the current property owners.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 - \$20,475,996

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Million, Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$20,475,996)** for the support of General Municipal, Water, and Wastewater Operations.

This represents the fiscal year 2027 budget period, July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. This article does not include appropriations in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 4. PAY-AS-YOU-THROW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - \$127,400

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$127,400)** for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Town's Pay-As-You-Throw program, with said funds to come from Pay-As-You-Throw Special Revenue Fund and no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 12, 2026

Shirley M. Giguette
TOWN CLERK

BALLOT 2 of 3

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 5. POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET MANAGEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$100,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in the previously established Police Department Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 6. FLEET MANAGEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$400,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)** to be placed in the previously established Fleet Management Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 7. ROADWAY SYSTEM UPGRADES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$400,000

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)** to be placed in the previously established Roadway System Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 8. BRIDGES, CULVERTS, AND DAMS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$200,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** to be placed in the previously established Bridges, Culverts, and Dams Expendable Trust Fund. Further to see if the Town will vote to repurpose the funds unspent from the Main Street Bridge project totaling \$42,663.35 for that purpose, with the remaining sum of \$157,336.65 to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 9. ADAMS POOL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$45,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)** to be placed in the previously established Adams Pool Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 10. AMBULANCE SERVICE REVOLVING FUND - \$375,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000)** to be placed in the Ambulance Service Revolving Fund, with \$275,000 to come from the interest earned on the Fire Station Bond and the remaining \$100,000 to come from taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 11. FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$230,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thirty Thousand (\$230,000)** to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 12. RECREATION DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$10,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be placed in the previously established Recreation Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 13. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$375,000

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$375,000)** to be placed in the previously established Facilities and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund. There shall be no taxes raised for this article as the entire amount shall be taken from Unassigned Fund Balance.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 14. GIS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$18,500

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500)** to be placed in the previously established GIS Capital Reserve Fund.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 15. ESTABLISH HEALTH AND DENTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$25,000

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Health and Dental Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a to offset the cost of health and dental insurance premium increases arising during the year, and designate the Select Board as agents to expend; and further to raise and appropriate **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** to be deposited in the fund, with the amount to come from Unassigned Fund Balance; no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 16. ESTABLISH ACCRUED BENEFIT LIABILITY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$100,000

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Accrued Benefit Liability Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of paying employee accrued earned time along with the New Hampshire Retirement, Social Security and Medicare taxes associated with it upon the employees separation from the Town (Accrued Benefit Liability) and to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)** with this amount to come from Unassigned Fund Balance; no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 12, 2026

BALLOT 3 of 3

Shirley M. Gaudette
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 17. ESTABLISH PETERBOROUGH COMMUNITY POWER EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$250,000

To see if the town would vote to establish a Peterborough Community Power Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding municipal renewable energy and/or energy efficiency projects and designate the Select Board as agents to expend; and further to raise and appropriate up to **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000)** from the proceeds of the Peterborough Community Power Discretionary Reserve Fund Account, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 18. GREATER DOWNTOWN DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$751,488

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty One Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$751,488)** from the Greater Downtown Tax Increment Finance District taxes collected, to be placed in the previously established Greater Downtown District Expendable Trust Fund, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 19. SOUTH PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$1,129,634

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million, One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$1,129,634)** from the South Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District taxes collected, to be placed in the previously established South Peterborough District Expendable Trust Fund, no additional funds to be raised through taxation.

The Select Board recommends this appropriation by a vote of 3-0

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation by a vote of 9-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 20. VETERAN'S TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35, Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability, by increasing the amount of the credit from \$4,000 to \$5,000 to take effect for the property tax year beginning April 1, 2026.

New Hampshire House Bill 99, effective July 13, 2025, prohibits qualified veterans from receiving both the Optional Veterans' Property Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) and the Optional Total and Permanent Service Connected Disabled Property Tax Credit (RSA 72:35). The purpose of this warrant article is to ensure that affected veterans do not see a reduction in the tax credits they receive due to a documented service-connected total and permanent disability.

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 21. PROHIBIT KENO

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 64 of the Code of the Town of Peterborough to prohibit the operation of keno games within the Town of Peterborough.

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 22. BLANK TIME - BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following:

Beginning with the next Annual Town Meeting, the Moderator shall designate a period of two minutes of "Blank Time" during each Deliberative Session and Town Meeting (if there is one). Such Blank Time shall occur at a point in the agenda determined by the Moderator, and shall not interrupt any active motion, debate, or vote.

This moment is intended as a symbolic acknowledgement of those all who live within, contribute to, or are affected by the democratic process of Peterborough, especially those not eligible to vote. The adoption of this resolution shall not alter any statutory requirements of Town Meeting.

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 2-1

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 23. STRONG SCHOOLS STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES & ECONOMIES - BY PETITION

Do we believe school budget decisions should remain with local voters rather than be restricted by a statewide, one-size-fits-all spending cap?

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 24. NEW HAMPSHIRE THRIVES WHEN STATE FUNDING FAIRLY SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITIES - BY PETITION

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 taxpayers?

The Select Board recommends this article by a vote of 3-0

YES ☐

NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT