ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016

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.

SELECTBOARD MEMBER

For Three Years — Vote for not more than One

BRENDA FERLAND	373
TOM COBB	737
(Write-in)	

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

For One Year — Vote for not more than One

KELLY J. STODDART	653
PATRICIA CHAFFEE	475
(Write-in)	

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

For Six Years — Vote for not more than One

NANCY HOUGHTON	989
(Write-in)	

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For Three Years — Vote for not more than One

WILLIAM M. SULLIVAN	929
(Write-in)	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For Three Years — Vote for not more than Three

MAUREEN J. SPILLSBURY	735
DIANA BUSHWAY	785
Mary Holmes (Write-in)	11
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For Three Years — Vote for not more than One

DOUGLAS A. NEILL	877
(Write-in)	

PLANNING BOARD

For Three Years — Vote for not more than Two

DOUGLAS A. NEILL	680
RICHARD LINCOURT	706
Doug Ring (Write-in)	59
(Write-in)	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

For Three Years — Vote for not more than Three

ROGER THIBODEAU	736
NANCY HOUGHTON	781
PATRICIA CHAFFEE	722
Bob Davis (Write-in)	10
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

ARTICLES

Article 02: Amend Zoning Ordinance

"Shall the town vote to adopt an amendment to the existing town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board: It would add provisions prohibiting any use which could cause any undue hazard to health, safety or property values or which is potentially detrimental to the public because of noise, vibration, dust, particulate matter, radiation, excessive traffic, unsanitary conditions, noxious odor, smoke or other similar reasons?" Copies of the full text of the proposed amendment are on file and available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Deliberative Session and at the polls.

YES ● 687
NO ○ 379

Article 03: Drinking Water Protection

"Shall the town vote to adopt an amendment to the existing town Drinking Water Protection District Ordinance?" It would expand the Drinking Water Protection District to protect the new Bull Run Well #2 and make a number of currently prohibited uses in the District allowable by conditional use permit. Copies of the full text of the proposed amendment are on file and available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be available at the Deliberative Session and at the polls.

YES ● 862
NO ○ 200

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 11: Emergency Communications Improvements C/R

"Shall the town vote, to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring, replacing or repairing emergency services communications equipment or improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000 to be placed in said fund, and further to authorize the Selectboard to act as agent to carry out such purpose and to expend monies from such fund without further authorization of the Town Meeting?"
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES 817
NO 299

Article 12: Beautification Coalition

"Shall the town vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000 for the use of the Charlestown Beautification Coalition to maintain the floral baskets, tubs and gardens in the growing season and green wreathes and red bows on the decorative light poles in the winter on Main Street?"
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES 737
NO 373

Article 13: Fort at #4

"Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) for the support of the Fort at #4?" (By Petition)
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES 768
NO 339

Article 14: Increase Veteran's Tax Credit

"Shall the town vote to increase the Optional Veterans Tax Credit from the current $400 to $500 pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:28?"
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

YES 925
NO 179

Article 15: Polling place

"Shall the town vote to adopt an ordinance under RSA 31:41-c in order to protect the safety, welfare and rights of voters at any election held for any purpose in the Town that prohibits electioneering within a corridor that is 10 feet wide and within 50 feet from the entrance to the polling place with the following terms: a) "electioneering" shall mean any action in any way specifically designed to influence the vote of a voter on any question or office; b) this prohibition shall not extend to the display of printed written matter attached to any legally parked motor vehicle, nor shall such prohibition extend to activities conducted wholly on private property so as not to interfere with people approaching or entering a polling place; and c) failure to conform to this ordinance shall constitute a violation with such penalties as authorized by law?" A copy of this ordinance, if adopted, shall be posted at each polling place at least 72 hours in advance of any town election.

YES 720
NO 355

Article 16: 233 Main Street

"Shall the town vote to direct the Selectboard to approve and execute the first formulated plan, collaborated by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Selectboard together, for the use of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office at 233 Main Street, with no less than 830 square feet to be allocated to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office which includes bullet proofing and ADA compliance, to be moving forward by May 2, 2016?" (By Petition)
The Selectboard does not recommend this article.

YES 542
NO 545

Article 17: All other Business

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

YES 746
NO 235

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 04: Budget

"Shall the town 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 the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, the sum of $4,901,638 which represents $4,097,548 for the Town operating budget, $449,713 for the Water Fund operating budget and $354,377 for the Sewer Fund operating budget?"

Should this article be defeated, the default operating budget shall be $4,757,925 which is the same as last year's budget*, 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 budget only.

*The default budget represents $3,902,306 for the Town operating budget, $507,018 for the Water Fund operating budget, and $348,601 for the Sewer Fund operating budget.
NOTE: This warrant article (operating budgets) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

633 YES
448 NO

Article 05: Reappraisal C/R Withdrawal

"Shall the town vote to appropriate, the sum of $51,800 for the purpose of conducting a statistical update reappraisal of all real estate in the Town for the 2016 tax year (5 years after the last one) and to authorize the withdrawal of the $51,800 from the Real Estate Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 6 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose?" **No part of this appropriation is to be raised by general taxation.** (Majority vote required.)
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

665 YES
409 NO

Article 06: Front loader

"Shall the town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a 10 year lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of a new front–end loader for the Highway Department at a total cost of $199,000 less the $16,000 trade-in value of the current loader, making the actual cost to the Town the amount of $183,000? And further to raise and appropriate the sum of $22,000 as the first year's payment of principal and interest toward said lease-purchase. Future annual payments in years 2-10 would continue to be $22,000?" The lease-purchase agreement shall contain a non-appropriation or "escape" clause providing that should the scheduled lease payment not be appropriated in future years, the equipment will be returned to the lessor with no further obligations or liabilities on behalf of the Town. (Majority vote required.)
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

592 YES
483 NO

Article 07: Jaws-of-life

"Shall the town vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 for the purchase of a "Jaws-of-Life" apparatus for the use of the Fire Department?"
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

857 YES
234 NO

Article 08: Real Estate Reappraisal C/R

"Shall the town vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be placed in the Real Estate Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 6 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of a reappraisal of all real estate in the town as required by law every 5 years?"
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

588 YES
488 NO

Article 09: Highway Heavy Equip C/R

"Shall the town vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 7 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting?"
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

712 YES
370 NO

Article 10: Silsby Library/Municipal Building C/R

"Shall the town vote, to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be placed in the Silsby Library/Municipal Building Masonry Restoration and Preservation Capital Reserve Fund established under Article 8 at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting?"
The Selectboard recommends this appropriation.
The Finance Committee recommends this appropriation.

730 YES
354 NO

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