Northwood Democrats

Voting Advice

Town Elections 2026

Because the Town Ballot is 7 pages and 34 Articles long, we want to provide a couple of simple ways to approach voting. Click here to view the Town Ballot. The School Ballot can be viewed here. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact me directly at tchase@metrocast.net.

SCHOOL

Vote FOR the candidate Kellen Sawyer and FOR the school budget and the teacher contract.

In this instance, and in most others, note the unanimous support of the Board and the near-unanimous support of the Budget Committee.

TOWN

All town races are either "unopposed" or lack a candidate. In the case of Moderator where no name is listed, please write in Jim Vaillancourt who has stepped up to serve as Town Moderator in a write-in campaign.

For the Budget Committee, there are 5 candidates for 4 positions. I suggest that you NOT vote for either Paul Tudor or Tim Jandebeur. This will help reassure the reelection of Betty Smith, Mike Moore and Norm Royce.

If you want to serve in a position needing more candidates, contact me, and we can mount a write-in campaign.

BOS WARRANT ARTICLES

As suggested above, follow the lead of the Select Board (BOS) and the Budget Committee (BC). The BOS was unanimous in support of the budget and the warrants

they submitted, and the BC was almost unanimous - except for the usual contrarians - on those they considered. *(Note that the Budget Committee only considers articles with money involved!)*

PETITION WARRANT ARTICLES

There are several petition warrant articles:

#7 and #30 seek to create a 5-year $500,000 bond for road improvement and a fund to put it in. Presented by Jim Hadley, this is a bad idea that would cost the town an extra $50K+ in interest. Vote NO on both #7 and #30.

#31 seeks to change the Zoning Board of Adjustment from an appointed body to an elected body. This would politicize a board that serves in a judicial fashion, making judgments about building proposals. Vote NO on #31.

#32 originally sought to do away with (rescind) the Budget Committee. It was amended at the Deliberative Session to keep the Budget Committee. Vote YES on #32.

#33 proposes to install solar panels at the Library and make other needed improvements and upgrades - AT NO COST TO THE TAXPAYER since full funding will be provided through a Federal grant already awarded to the library, Eversource, Federal Direct Pay Tax Credit and NH Saves rebate. Vote YES on #33.

#34 requires the Town to adopt a tax cap of 3%. Presented by Jim Hadley, this is a bad idea that could force the BOS and/or the BC to make some untenable choices. For example, if the town's health insurance company raises rates by more than 3%, as it has for the last 5 years, cuts would have to be made somewhere else in the budget. The same is true for many other line items that are out of the town's control. Vote NO on #34.

I hope this helps. See you at the polls on TUESDAY, MARCH 10th at the Northwood School. Voting hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tom Chase, Chair

Northwood Democratic Committee