

***Minutes of the Town of Newfields  
Second Session-2023 Annual Meeting  
Voting Session-March 14, 2023***

The polls were open from 8:00am until 7:00pm at the Newfields Town Hall, 65 Main St. to choose the following officers and vote, by ballot on the warrant articles listed as 1 through 10:

**Results of election of Town Officials**

Select Board Member, term ending 2026 election:

Jane E. Walsh	183
<b>Hobart "Hoby" Harmon</b>	<b>319</b>

Library Trustee, term ending 2026 election:

<b>Brendan Johnston-write-ins</b>	<b>61</b>
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Trustee of the Trust Funds, term ending 2026 election:

<b>Kate Kennedy</b>	<b>414</b>
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Cemetery Trustee, term ending 2026 election:

<b>Sam Burchill- write-ins</b>	<b>66</b>
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Article 1. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$329,500 for the repair and improvement of the stormwater infrastructure on Summer and Pleasant Streets, to be funded by up to \$155,900 in loans from the New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (which may be forgiven), \$100,000 from the December 31, 2022 fund balance, and the remainder \$73,600 from general taxation? Recommended by Select Board 3-0. (3/5 majority vote required)

**Yes-407**

No-88

Article 2. Shall the Town of Newfields 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 \$1,963,228? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,898,962, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newfields 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. Select Board recommends the \$1,963,228 as set forth on said budget. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-392**

No-96

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the "Optional Veterans Tax Credit" in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property in the amount of \$500.00? Recommended by Select Board 3-0. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-450**

No-37

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the 'All Veterans' Tax Credit" in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Newfields under RSA 72:28? Recommended by Select Board 3-0. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-439**

**No-42**

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established, for the future purchase of a new fire truck, to be funded by \$50,000 from the December 31, 2022 fund balance? No money to be raised from taxation. Recommended by Select Board 3-0. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-398**

**No-91**

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established? Recommended by Select Board 3-0. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-434**

**No-57**

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the 175<sup>th</sup> Town Celebration festivities to be placed in an expendable trust fund, with the Select Board as agents to expend from such fund? Recommended by Select Board 3-0. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-396**

**No-95**

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,200 for the construction of rain gardens, for runoff collection and treatment, at the Town Hall and the Paul Memorial Library, to be funded by up to \$8,700 in loans from the New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (which may be forgiven), and \$22,500 from the December 31, 2022 fund balance? Recommended by Select Board 3-0. (3/5 majority vote required)

**Yes-325**

**No-135**

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the purpose of mosquito control by town wide larvicide services? (Treatment of standing bodies of water) Not recommended by Select Board 1-2. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-217**

**No-243**

Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,500 for the purpose of repairing the sidewalk and steps at Town Hall? Recommended by Select Board 2-1. (Majority vote required)

**Yes-325**

**No-137**

  
Sue McKinnon  
Newfields Town Clerk