

***Minutes of the Town of Newfields
Second Session-2022 Annual Meeting
Voting Session-March 8, 2022***

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 5:

Results of election of Town Officials

Select Board Member, term ending 2025 election:

Betsy Coes	254
Michael C. Sununu	386

Select Board Member, term ending 2024 election:

Hobart "Hoby" Harmon	359
Charlotte R. Legg	283

Town Clerk/Tax Collector-term ending 2025 election:

Sue E. McKinnon	619
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Moderator, term ending 2024 election:

John M. Hayden	581
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Town Treasurer, term ending 2025 election:

Dave Mason	552
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Library Trustee, term ending 2025 election:

Win Fream	559
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Trustee of the Trust Funds, term ending 2025 election:

Al Bobst	215
Stephen Yevich	240

Cemetery Trustee, term ending 2025 election:

Lynne P. Sweet	557
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Supervisor of the Checklist, term ending 2028 election:

Constance Murphy Perna	532
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Article 1. 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 \$1,818,099? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,753,008, 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 \$1,818,099 as set forth on said budget. (Majority vote required)

Yes-457

No-173

Article 2. 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? Recommended by Select Board. (Majority vote required)

Yes-484

No-148

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

Yes-534

No-91

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the municipally owned property located at 75 Main Street, (Tax Map 102-78) comprised of 0.435 acres of land and the building commonly referred to as the Main Street Art building to the Newfields Water & Sewer District? This land and building will be sold for \$1.00 with a condition sale that the Town Offices and Fire Department will receive sewer and water services at no charge for 10 years from the date of closing. Other terms and conditions of the sale will be at the discretion of the Select Board. Recommended by Select Board. (Majority vote required)

Yes-523

No-103

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$5,000 for the 175th Town Celebration festivities. Recommended by Select Board. Recommended by Select Board (Majority vote required)

Yes-521

No-112

Article 6. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Newfields, to see if the town will go on record opposing the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet stores in the town. This resolution is necessary because the majority of dogs and cats sold in pet stores are sourced from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities commonly called "puppy mills". The record of this vote shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the town's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire.

Yes-510

No-81

2022 Zoning Ballot

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Newfields zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article XI, Conservation Subdivision Ordinance by adding the following language as the second to the last line in section 11.5.1:

If a development is unable to meet the requirements for a Conservation Subdivision, then a conventional subdivision is possible.

Recommended by Planning Board (Majority vote required)

Yes-368

No-220

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Newfields zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, 4.6, Sign Regulations, Section 4.6.1.5 to read as follows:

Signs shall be limited to the following sizes and the following number per zoning district. Entrance and exit locations signage do not count toward the signage provided each sign is less than 2 square feet. Signs with **two** (2) sides shall only be counted as one sign and shall be measured using only one side provided each side is the same sign. When using the table below if using 2 signs the total sign square footage is unchanged and limits the size of each sign. (i.e., each sign could not exceed 20 square feet in the Commercial zone)

Amend Article IV, 4.6, Sign Regulations by adding a new section 4.6.1.11 to read as follows:
The following temporary signs are permitted after approval by the Newfields Board of Selectmen:

Temporary Signs

1. Temporary Signs Giving Notice. Signs of a temporary nature such as advertisements and other commercial signs of a similar nature are permitted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days and shall be removed by the person(s) who posted the signs within forty-eight (48) hours after fulfilling its function. Temporary signs specified in this section shall not be attached or painted to fences, trees, or other natural features, utility poles, or the like and shall not be placed in a position that will obstruct or impair vision or traffic or in any manner create a hazard or disturbance to the health and welfare of the general public.
2. Residential Real Estate Developments. Signs located at the entrance for residential developments may be installed until the roadway is accepted by the Town or the last lot is developed, whichever is earlier.

3. Residential developments shall not include sign treatments indicating the entrance to the development.

Amend Article IV, 4.6, Sign Regulations by adding a new section 4.6.1.12 to read as follows:

No sign shall be animated, moving, flashing, or intensely-lighted; there shall be no visible moving parts, blinking, scrolling, flashing or repeating messages, images or displays; there shall be no glaring illumination; no part may consist of banners, pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners or other similar devices; no sign shall emit audible sound, noise, or visible matter.

No sign shall be of the computer-generated type; this prohibition includes, but is not limited to, electronic message centers, electronic reader-boards, animated signs, electronic changeable copy signs and signs of similar configuration. Inflatable units are prohibited. In addition, one "Open" flag is permitted per business

Amend Article IV, 4.6, Sign Regulations by adding a new section 4.6.1.13 to read as follows:

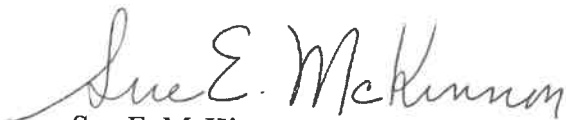
Rules for Sign Removal:

1. All businesses must remove its sign within ninety (90) days of closing.
2. All business signs must be "blanked-out" within ninety (90) days of closing by owner of property; standard or post need not be removed.
3. In a residential setting, sign must be removed at once upon closing of business.
4. In a non-conforming setting, a sign must be removed within ninety (90) days of closing, and the standard or platform must be removed within one year of closing of business.
5. All of the above are based on the sign and stand, platform or standard being in good, safe condition, not posing a safety issue with the public.

Recommended by Planning Board (Majority vote required)

Yes-510

No-81



Sue E. McKinnon
Newfields Town Clerk