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**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE
APRIL 13, 2021**

Diane Trippett
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.

TOWN COUNCILOR

Vote for not
3 years more than three (3)

NANCY A. OLSON MURPHY

NANCY M. HARRINGTON

ANDY HUNTER

TOM KOENIG

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Vote for not
3 years more than two (2)

MICHAEL R. DROUIN

JANET KRUPP

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

**TOWN CLERK/
TAX COLLECTOR**

Vote for not
3 years more than one (1)

DIANE TRIPPETT

(Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUNDS**

Vote for not
3 years more than one (1)

WILLIAM WILKES

(Write-in)

ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Vote for not
3 years more than one (1)

MACKENZIE MURPHY

(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

Article 2

Shall the Town 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 \$34,539,495? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$34,146,555, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Town Council may hold one (1) special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 3

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,880,000 to be added to the following Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Funds previously established for the purposes for which they were created and to apportion the sum among the several funds as listed below:

| CRF | Amount to be Deposited |
|--|------------------------|
| Ambulance | 100,000 |
| Communications Equipment | 100,000 |
| Computer Equipment | 35,000 |
| Daniel Webster Highway | 50,000 |
| Fire Equipment | 400,000 |
| Highway Equipment | 400,000 |
| Library Building Maintenance Fund | 75,000 |
| Property Revaluation | 15,000 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 125,000 |
| Traffic Signal Pre-emption | 5,000 |
| Property Insurance Deductible Trust Fund | 10,000 |
| GIS | 5,000 |
| Athletic Field CRF | 5,000 |
| Road Infrastructure CRF | <u>545,000</u> |
| Total CRF | 1,870,000 |
| | |
| Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund | <u>10,000</u> |
| | |
| Total General Fund Deposits | 1,880,000 |

YES
 NO

These appropriations are **not** included in the total town operating budget warrant article 2.
 (Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

Article 4

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be added to the Sewer Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund previously established with said amount to come from sewer fees and no amount to come from taxation.

YES
 NO

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority vote required.)

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) (gross budget) for the purpose of developing a storm water planning project for the Baboosic Lake (Pine Knoll Shores) Drainage Study; addressing roadway improvements, storm water conveyance, treatment needs and to consider solutions that promote energy efficiency, water quality and/or flood resiliency in accordance with the 2017 NH Small MS4 General Permit; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$75,000 in bonds or notes through Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33, as amended), and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the acceptance of any grants, funds or loan forgiveness to be provided by or through the CWSRF program. This Article is contingent upon approval of the loan application and the CWSRF program being obligated to provide 100% of the funding to satisfy and/or retire such bonds or notes.

YES
 NO

(Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0) (Majority 3/5 ballot vote required)

Article 6 (By Petition)

To see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, to ask the town of Merrimack to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize floterial districts.

YES
 NO

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the town clerk to Merrimack's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF THE BALLOT