

VOTING RESULTS

Town of New Hampton

State of New Hampshire

2007 TOWN WARRANT

1.) Election of Town Officers:

Selectman for 3 years - Merritt D. Salmon - **362** votes

Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years - Alisa M. Schofield – **202** votes

- Gylene Salmon - **188** votes

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years - T. Holmes Moore – **367** votes

Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 year - A. Alden Hofling – **364** votes

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund for 3 years – Theo Denoncour –
371 votes

2.) Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendments to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows:

Amendment #1: To amend the sign ordinance to no longer require permits for temporary signs.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	290	139

Amendment #2: To amend the regulations of the General Residential, Agricultural and Rural District (GRA) so that new Junk Yards will no longer be permitted by special exception in that District.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	325	109

Amendment #3: To amend the section on excavation of natural materials, which presently allows such excavations by special exception in all zoning districts, so that excavations will be allowed by special exception only in the Business Industrial District, with specific criteria that must be met to receive a special exception, such as: the excavation will not cause a diminution in area property value or unreasonably change the character of the neighborhood, will not unreasonably accelerate the deterioration of highways or create safety hazards in the use, will not create any nuisance or create health or safety hazards, and will comply with other applicable special exception criteria in the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	296	130

Amendment #4: To adopt regulations for a Village District, previously known as the Village Precinct District, that define permitted uses, special exception uses, building setbacks, lot size and frontage requirements, signage, parking and other general provisions. This village area consists of primarily private residences, public buildings and a private Boarding School and its facilities for housing the students and faculty in the area of Main Street/Route 132S.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	299	125

3.) 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 one million eight hundred sixty-two thousand eighty dollars and twenty-two cents (\$1,862,080.22)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be one million eight hundred and thirty-eight thousand eight hundred forty-one dollars and twenty-two cents (\$1,838,841.22), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by 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 operating budget only.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	263	171

4.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for expenses related to the preliminary/conceptual design work and cost estimates for the construction of a Public Safety Building for Fire, Emergency Services and Police on the 97 acres +/- of town property located off Fire House Lane, Tax Map U-2, Lot 3, to include professional services for a site assessment for the placement of the building and improvements, and authorize the withdrawal of \$35,000 from the Town Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund, with no amount to be raised from taxation? This article will allow the Town to prepare the plans and present cost estimates of the building that will be recommended at the 2008 town meeting. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2008. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	227	209

5.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$65,700) and to authorize the withdrawal of \$49,915 from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 and close this fund, with the balance of

\$15,785 to be raised from taxation, for the first year of a 2-year assessment revaluation and computerization of assessment records (2 year total cost \$131,400), which includes the measuring, listing, and interior inspection of properties, as well as data entry into a computerized assessing system by a new assessing firm? In 2008, before these new assessed values are implemented, there will be comprehensive field reviews, taxpayer hearings and a sales analysis to establish fair market value of the real estate for tax assessment purposes. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2008. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	219	211

6.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) for the construction, any costs related to construction and easements, engineering and other costs related to securing State and Federal permits, for the replacement of the Central Street Bridge? Of that amount, 80% (\$1,800,000) shall be reimbursed to the Town as Bridge Aid from the State of NH. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of the balance of \$305,000 from the Central Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000 for that purpose and close this fund, with the balance of \$145,000 to be raised from taxation. This portion of the project has a total estimated cost of \$4,500,000 with 50% of that amount being funded by the Town of Bristol. This article is contingent upon the appropriation at the 2007 town meeting of the necessary funds by the Town of Bristol to pay its 50% share of the costs of the bridge project, and this article shall be null and void if Bristol does not raise and appropriate the necessary funds. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2009. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	301	129

7.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to be placed in the Central Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund? This article shall become null and void if Article #6 (above) is approved and the Town of Bristol appropriates the necessary funds to pay their 50%. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	299	129

8.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand fifty dollars (\$13,050) for completion of the engineering and design work and other costs related to securing State and Federal permits for the replacement of the Central Street Bridge. Of that amount, 80% (\$10,440) shall be reimbursed to the Town as Bridge Aid from the State of NH. Further, to authorize the transfer of the Town's 20% portion (\$2,610) from the General Fund balance as of December 31, 2006, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	301	129

9.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand two hundred and three dollars (\$31,203) to purchase and equip a new Police cruiser? This consists of (\$23,650) for cruiser and extended warranty and (\$7,553) for equipment. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	239	194

10.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$10,900) to purchase an angle broom attachment for the Highway Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	236	194

11.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-one thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$61,239) to purchase a new fully equipped (6-wheel) 1-ton dump truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	271	158

12.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) to purchase a new air compressor system and breathing apparatus and equipment for the Fire Department as allowed by a grant for the Fire Department, to be reimbursed to the town by a State and/or Federal Grant, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	303	130

13.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand five hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$52,535) for wages and benefits for two full-time EMT/Firefighters beginning as of July 1, 2007? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	225	208

14.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the purchase of storage gear racks for the Fire Department? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
FAILED	212	219

15.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 1997 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of making major emergency repairs to town vehicles? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	328	108

16.) Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the upgrading of electrical wiring, replacement of lights and other related costs for the annual lighting of the tree on the Main Street Common for the holiday season and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any gifts and expend any donations that may be received for this purpose? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 3.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	245	192

17.) To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of New Hampton.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of New Hampton encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. BY PETITION

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
PASSED	290	145

Merritt D. Salmon
Thomas R. Smith
Paul J. Tierney

SELECTMEN OF NEW HAMPTON