



RESULTS

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE APRIL 11, 2006

Diane Pollock 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">SELECTMEN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two (2)</p> <p>"DON" BOTSCH 536 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JANET CORMIER 729 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT E. DUMONT 195 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>DANIEL DWYER 871 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>"DICK" HINCH 1969 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>"MIKE" MALZONE 2733 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>PATRICK M. McGRATH 1959 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BETTY J. SPENCE 2838 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>ANDREW SYLVIA 226 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JACOB WEISBERG 151 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ETHICS COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two (2)</p> <p>ROBERT KELLEY 4289 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>ANDREW SYLVIA 3621 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one (1)</p> <p>JOHN E. LYONS 3356 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>BRUCE W. MOREAU 1464 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than two (2)</p> <p>ROBERT KELLEY 3142 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>MATTHEW PUBLICOVER 1970 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BARBARA TUCKER 3360 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one (1)</p> <p>DIANE POLLOCK TRIPPETT 4794 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TREASURER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than one (1)</p> <p>BRUCE W. MOREAU 1602 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LINDA B. WILSON 3330 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (2 Years) more than one (1)</p> <p>LYNN CHRISTENSEN 4713 <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (6 Years) more than one (1)</p> <p>MARGARET PETROVIC 4666 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not (3 Years) more than four (4)</p> <p>"CHRIS" AGER 3331 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>RODNEY BUCKLEY 3051 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>CAROL J. LANG 2465 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WAYNE S. MORRISON 1988 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DANIEL J. O'DONNELL 2063 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JACK ROTHMAN 2862 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>JENNIFER TWARDOSKY 4257 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>		

QUESTIONS

Article 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 2.02.4. Districts I-1 & I-2 Industrial - Permitted Uses, by inserting a new Section C to permit mixed use developments of industrial, commercial, and/or residential, uses in the I-1 Industrial District, on certain qualifying parcels, provided a Conditional Use Permit for the mixed use development is approved by the Merrimack Planning Board according to certain minimum conditions described in the Ordinance?

2721
YES
NO
 2711

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11 - Adoption of Codes, by replacing the language at Section 11.02.7, Section 11.02.8, Section 11.10.3, Section 11.10.4, Section 11.13.4, and Section 11.13.5, to bring these Sections - pertaining to Penalties and Unlawful Continuance - into conformance with previous changes to the Zoning Ordinance and NH RSA 676:17?

3741
YES
 NO
 2002

Article 4

Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500,000 for the construction, equipping, and occupancy of a new library building; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000, by the withdrawal of \$2,700,000 from the Library Building Construction Capital Reserve Fund, by the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the Library Trustees Special Funds, and by the use of \$75,000 of income from the investment of related bond proceeds; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to name the Board of Library Trustees as agent to expend; to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 bond issuance costs and interest on said bonds or serial notes? [By Petition] [Article requires 60% vote in favor for approval] *(Recommended by the Board of Library Trustees)* *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-5-0)*

1932
YES
 NO
 4638

Article 5

Shall the Town vote: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,000 for drainage improvement projects, related road reconstruction, and expenses related to the issuance of municipal bonds; to finance said sum by the issuance of bonds or serial notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and in an amount not to exceed \$1,708,000 and by any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept said grants of federal, state, or private aid; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest, the maturity, and other terms pertaining thereto; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative to said purpose and financing; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 for the purpose of 2006-07 interest on said bonds or serial notes? (60% ballot vote required for approval) *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0)*

FAILED
 Needed 60%
 To PASS
 recd 55.4%
 3481
YES
 NO
 2801

Article 6

Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission?

Summary Explanation - The Charter was developed under the provisions of RSA 49-B, which "...provides a vehicle whereby a municipality may adopt a form of government that best addresses local needs." The culmination of the Commission's work has provided a charter that provides a form of government that is Merrimack's own. The Charter keeps spending in the hands of the voters through the continuation of the deliberative session and all-day ballot voting on appropriations. The governing board is changed from a Board of Selectmen with five members and a budget committee to a Town Council with seven members to increase representation and to meet the demands of modern government and the increase in the Town's population. Finally, the Charter gives more definition to the roles for administrators and elected officials.

3660
YES
 NO
 2551

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to 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 \$25,180,319? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,306,512, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of 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. *(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0)* *(Not Recommended by Budget Committee 11-0-1)*

3933
YES
 NO
 2424

Article 8

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 Union, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$ 44,103
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 34,587
2008-09	3.50 %	\$26,516

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,103 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory and clerical employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatments, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3512
YES
 NO
 2842

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Article 9

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 320, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$ 128,192
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 96,454
2008-09	3.50 %	\$ 77,035
2009-10	3.00 %	\$ 70,988
2010-11	3.00 %	\$ 70,756

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,192 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers Patrolmen, Detectives, and Sergeants of the Police Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3583
YES
NO
2873

Article 10

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Merrimack, IAFF Local 2904, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.00 %	\$ 117,068
2007-08	3.00 %	\$ 109,119
2008-09	3.50 %	\$ 80,135
2009-10	3.75 %	\$ 79,704
2010-11	3.75 %	\$ 84,477

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,068 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement basically covers Firefighters and Paramedics of the Fire Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3804
YES
NO
2654

Article 11

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 2986, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.50 %	\$ 69,169
2007-08	3.75 %	\$ 91,848
2008-09	3.75 %	\$ 86,861
2009-10	3.00 %	\$ 85,985

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,169 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers non-supervisory employees of the Highway, Solid Waste Disposal, Wastewater Treatment, Parks Maintenance, and Equipment Maintenance Divisions of the Public Works Department. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3203
YES
NO
3211

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QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Article 12

Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the Merrimack Board of Selectmen and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3657, which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Fiscal Year	Base Wage Increase	Wage and Benefit Costs
2006-07	3.75 %	\$70,113
2007-08	3.75 %	\$60,711
2008-09	3.50 %	\$58,424
2009-10	3.00 %	\$98,904
2010-11	3.00 %	\$55,352
2011-12	3.00 %	\$56,944

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,113 for the 2006-07 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? The passage of this article will result in employee health insurance contributions of up to 10% of premiums. These savings have been factored into the estimated increases set forth above. This collective bargaining agreement covers supervisory employees of the Fire and Police Departments. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

3052
YES
NO
 3235

Article 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$50,000 or 100% of the unencumbered surplus funds remaining on hand in the Library Operating Budget at the end of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006, whichever amount is less, and transfer that amount to the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund? [By Petition] *(Recommended by the Library Board of Trustees) (Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

2490
YES
NO
 3908

Article 14

Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, a Milfoil/Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Expendable Trust Fund for the treatment of variable milfoil or other invasive species in Horseshoe Pond or in any other infected public body of water in Merrimack; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 5-0-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0)*

4116
YES
NO
 2117

Article 15

Shall the Town vote: to establish, in accordance with RSA 35, a Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for capital expenditures relating to the acquisition, construction, replacement, and improvement of municipal buildings, including related equipment, infrastructure, and furnishings; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in said fund; and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, VI. *(Recommended by Board of Selectmen 4-1-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-1-0)*

2916
YES
NO
 3311

Article 16

Shall the voters direct that the Town Manager, in cooperation with the Conservation Commission and others to be determined, develop and Open Space Action Plan? The Open Space Action Plan will evaluate the Current Use Change Tax distribution and other available financing methods and will develop a plan that meets the open space goals of the citizens in a fiscally responsible manner. The existing Current Use Change Tax distribution shall not be altered until the study results and recommendations are made available no later than October 2006.

3892
YES
NO
 2028

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to adopt an ordinance entitled "Board of Selectmen non-interference ordinance" as proposed by the Board of Selectmen?

Explanation - The purpose of the ordinance is to promote the more efficient administration of government for the Town of Merrimack and to provide a working framework for the Board of Selectmen to interact with the Town Manager, Department Heads and town employees by adopting an ordinance for noninterference regarding individual members of the Board with Town employees. It prohibits interference by individual members of the Board of Selectmen with town officials in the performance of their duties.

4560
YES
NO
 1539

Copies of the ordinance have been posted with the Town Warrant. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)*

Article 18

Shall the Town of Merrimack oppose the state of New Hampshire highway project to connect U.S. Route 3 in Merrimack with N.H. Route 102 in the town of Litchfield, if this project is to be funded by tolls? Furthermore, on passage of this article, a copy of the article be sent to the Governor of New Hampshire, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, the Executive Councilor of New Hampshire District 5, and the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. [By Petition] *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1)*

4505
YES
NO
 1865

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<p>Article 19 Shall the Town vote to not establish an ordinance regulating noise? [By Petition]</p>	<p>2674 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3316</p>
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<p>Article 20 Shall the Town vote to not establish an ordinance regarding public and private nuisances? [By Petition]</p>	<p>2562 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3393</p>
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<p>Article 21 Shall the vote to not establish an ordinance regulating bus parking and use? [By Petition]</p>	<p>2578 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3245</p>
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<p>Article 22 Shall the Town of Merrimack vote to discontinue the Library Construction Capital Reserve Fund and return all remaining funds the sum of approximately two million, five hundred thirty nine thousand, three hundred and six dollars (\$2,539,306) to the general fund to offset property taxes? [By Petition] <i>(Not recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-2-0) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee 13-0-0)</i></p>	<p>3973 YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> 2613</p>
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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING