

Town of Newport

Second Session

2015 Annual Meeting

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Newport in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote on Town affairs: holden in said Town of Newport on the Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 8:00 AM the following business was transacted:

Moderator Wm Howard Dunn called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM for the second session of the Annual Town Meeting which is voting by ballot on all articles. Those serving at the meeting were Moderator: Wm Howard Dunn, Assistant moderators: Erna McCormick and Peter Lovely, Town Clerk: Liselle Dufort, Supervisors of the Checklist: Martha Lovely, Ella Casey and Margot Estabrook and Inspectors of Election and Ballot Clerk: Rita James, Karen Doucette, Jack Howard and Mary Lou Howard.

ARTICLE 1 To elect a Selectman for a three (3) year term.

Todd Fratzel	307	Jake R. Clarke	149	Elizabeth Cassorla	2
Bill Scanlon	1				

Todd Fratzel having the plurality of votes was declared Selectmen for the ensuing 3 years.

ARTICLE 2 To elect a Trustee of Trust Funds for a three (3) year term.

By Write-In

Paul Brown	11	Bert Spaulding	4	Peter Lovely	3
James Bourroughs	2	Bob Scott	2	Jake Clarke	2
Lawrence Schissel	2	Virginia Irwin	2	Various	1 vote each

Paul Brown having the plurality of votes was declared Trustee of Trust Funds for the ensuing 3 years.

ARTICLE 3 To elect a Library Trustee for a three (3) year term.

Charen Urban	417
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Charen Urban having the plurality of votes was declared Library Trustee for the ensuing 3 years.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will 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 posted budget with the warrant, or as amended by the first session of the annual meeting, for the purposes set forth therein totaling Nine Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One (\$9,490,221) Dollars. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nine Million Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight (\$9,229,368) Dollars, 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.

Budget

Yes	355	No	130
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ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred (\$31,800) Dollars from Fund Balance to purchase property adjacent to the Recreation Center and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take appropriate actions to facilitate said purchase.

Recreation
Center
land purchase

Yes	374	No	110
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ARTICLE 6

Lil' Red Baron
Property
Sale

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of the property know as the Lil' Red Baron Restaurant, with approximately one acre of land, subject to sub-division from the airport property, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of the sale and take any and all actions necessary to facilitate the sale.

(**Note:** The property will be initially offered to the building's current tenant, LRB Restaurant, LLC, or its designee.)

Yes 371 No 112

ARTICLE 7

Richards
Free
Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars to fund a Building Maintenance Fund for the Richards Free Library .

Yes 391 No 85

ARTICLE 8

Community
Alliance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars to the Community Alliance of Human Services for the purpose of continuing to provide the following services to individuals and families who are residents of the Town of Newport:

Public Transportation Services - \$2,000

Volunteer Driver Program - \$2,000

Family Services Program - \$1,000

Yes 389 No 98

ARTICLE 9

Police Special
Detail
Fund

To see how the Town will vote on the following question:

"Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-h I(c) to redirect the revenues from Police special details to expenditures for the purpose of funding said details and future equipment, building maintenance or training for the Police Department? Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Police Special Detail Revolving Fund, separate from the General Fund. Any surplus in said Fund shall not be deemed part of the General Fund accumulated surplus and shall only be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen."

Yes 342 No 141

ARTICLE 10

Exemption for Disabled

To see if the Town will modify the Exemption for the Disabled as set forth in RSA 72:37-b in the amount of \$15,000 from the assessed valuation of the principal residence of a qualified disabled person. A qualified disabled person is any person who is eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled and has been a resident of New Hampshire for at least 5 years, owns the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned solely by such person=s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$26,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$33,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$44,000 excluding the value of the person=s residence, whether single or married. Additional requirements are set forth in NH RSA 72:37-b.

(**Note:** The intent of this article is to set the maximum net income and asset limits to amounts consistent with the limits for the elderly exemption.)

Yes 405 No 75

Airport

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to explore the option to sell, lease or retain ownership of those premises known as the Newport Airport, excepting and reserving the area known as the Corbin Bridge Park on the south side of Corbin Road at the bridge (metes and bounds to be set by the Selectmen.) **(By petition)**

Yes 235 No 246

Defend Democracy

ARTICLE 12 To see how the Town will vote on the following question:

“To request that the Town of Newport, NH, stand with communities across the State and the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence in our political system, by calling on our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that:

- 1. Only individual human beings are endowed with Constitutional rights, and
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

And that the People of Newport, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and to reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.

And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Newport’s Congressional delegation, and to Newport’s State Legislators, and to the Governor of New Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator’s office within 30 days of the vote.” **(By petition)**

Yes 360 No 111

A true record, attest: Liselle Lufor Town Clerk

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