

OFFICIAL RESULTS

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733 VOTERS



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Jaura Searbo
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.

SELECTMAN

For 3 Years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

VIRGINIA J. DREW

645 ●

☐ (Write-in)**TOWN CLERK &
TAX COLLECTOR**

For 3 Years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

LAURA SCEARBO

655 ●

☐ (Write-in)**TREASURER**

For 1 Year ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

HUGH A. CURLEY

604 ●

☐ (Write-in)**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

For 6 Years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

NANCY Y. CLARIS

635 ●

☐ (Write-in)**OVERSEER OF
PUBLIC WELFARE**

For 1 Year ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

PATRICIA L. HICKEY

504 ●

☐ (Write-in)**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

DAVID STEWART

605 ●

☐ (Write-in)**CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

For 3 Years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

GARY KITSON

3 ●

☐ (Write-in)**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

For 3 Years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

MARYLOU J. LAFLEUR-KEANE

609 ●

☐ (Write-in)**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For 3 Years ☐ Vote for not more than THREE ☐

JOYCE HECK

534 ●

CAROL MCGUIRE

498 ●

MARY FRAMBACH

502 ●

☐ (Write-in)☐ (Write-in)☐ (Write-in)☐ (Write-in)**PLANNING BOARD**

For 3 Years ☐ Vote for not more than TWO ☐

KATHY L. DESROCHES

531 ●

BETSY BOSIAK

547 ●

☐ (Write-in)☐ (Write-in)**PLANNING BOARD**

For 2 Years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

DAVID W. GOULET

586 ●

☐ (Write-in)**PLANNING BOARD**

For 1 Year ☐ Vote for not more than ONE ☐

ALAN QUIMBY

614 ●

☐ (Write-in)**TOWN OF EPSOM ZONING AMENDMENT**

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of Amendment #1 to the Epsom Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Article II, Section U regarding short term rentals to eliminate the regulations related to pre-existing short term rentals; to eliminate the limitation on use of seasonal dwellings for short term rentals; to require the submission of a short term rental application in addition to a special exception application; to require an inspection of the property by the zoning compliance officer; to add requirements regarding the information which must be posted at the short term rental; and to require documentation of a working septic system?

Recommended by Planning Board 5-0

465

YES ●

NO ○

213

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

CITIZEN PETITIONED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 2 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To add a definition of Federal Firearms Licensee as any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921, of selling, importing, manufacturing, or dealing in firearms and having a license as an importer, manufacturer or dealer issued by the federal government?

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

223
YES ☐
NO ☒
491

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 3 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To add a definition of Firearms Dealer as a building or establishment used by a Federal Firearms Licensee for the business of wholesale and retail firearms sales, gunsmithing, and as the place for merchandise to be transferred into the hands of end-users after any required background check, including the merchandise which is purchased on location or off-site from the licensee, as well as shipped in for local transfers from sales by other licensed manufacturers, wholesalers, and dealers?

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

214
YES ☐
NO ☒
497

Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 4 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To add a definition of Firearms Manufacturer as a building or establishment used by a Federal Firearms Licensee for the business of both a Firearms Dealer as well as a manufacturer of federally regulated firearms and/or firearms components by means of using a 3-D printer or otherwise?

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

205
YES ☐
NO ☒
506

Amendment #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 5 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To amend Article II, C. Table of Uses underneath the last use number 41. Brewery in the last sub-table, to add a new sub-table of uses titled Federally Licensed Uses, and further to add uses number 42. Firearms Manufacturer and number 43. Firearms Dealer into the new sub-table, and further to add regulation for a Firearms Manufacturer the same as was listed for a Brewery, that being to not allow Firearms Manufacturers in the Residential/Agricultural Zone, permit them with special exception in the Residential /Commercial Zone, and not allow them in the Residential/Light Commercial Zone, and further to add a lesser restriction for a Firearms Dealer, that being to not allow Firearms Dealers in the Residential/Agricultural Zone, permit them with special exception in the Residential/Commercial Zone, and permit them with special exception in the Residential/Light Commercial Zone?

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

200
YES ☐
NO ☒
509

Amendment #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 6 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To amend Article II after sections C. Table of Uses, D. Motorized Vehicles Sales Facilities, E. Manufactured Housing, and F. Ground Water Protection District, to add a new section G. Firearms Manufacturers and Dealers., and to add paragraph 1. Firearms Manufacturers and Firearms Dealers, measured in a straight-line from the closest point of their building or structure, are not to be allowed within 500 feet of school-grounds, intending to mean the land on which a school is located?

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

214
YES ☐
NO ☒
496

Amendment #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 7 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To amend Article II, G. Firearms and Dealers., if adopted, to also add a paragraph 2. It shall constitute grounds for appeal or for denial or revocation of the applicable local permits if, on the application for a Federal Firearms License, the firearms applicant certifies compliance with local zoning at the location applied for without first meeting the requirement that the local permits, as may be required by the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, and/or the Zoning Compliance Officer, have all been issued and remain in place without formal appeal therefrom within the 30-day appeal period, and which appeal, if any, must have been brought to the applicant's attention in writing no later than postmarked by first class certified mail within the 30-day appeal period?

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

197
YES ☐
NO ☒
507

Amendment #8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 8 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To amend Article II, G. Firearms and Dealers., if adopted, to also add a paragraph 3. In reference to any firearms business application that has been granted local approval(s), that within the 30-day appeal period, and/or especially after having received written notice of intent to appeal that approval, and/or especially with having knowledge that an appeal of that firearms business approval is officially pending, the Zoning Compliance Officer shall not then advise the Chief of Police to the contrary that the firearms applicant is good to go from a zoning perspective in order for the Chief of Police to rely upon this advice to issue a state license to that applicant to sell pistols and revolvers?

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

191
YES ☐
NO ☒
514

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BALLOT 2 OF 3

Laura Searles
TOWN CLERK

CITIZEN PETITIONED ZONING AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

AMENDMENT 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 9 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: to amend Article VI, C. Zoning Compliance Officer., after 1. Description., and after 2. Authority., to add a paragraph 3. Records. In reference to any structure or use that requires official approval to generate business income, when the Zoning Compliance Officer (ZCO) issues a permit, or refers a business-interested party either to the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board, and/or to the Planning Board for a business inquiry, subdivision or site plan review, a written note of this permit and/or a written record of this referral and the dates thereof shall be filed in a general ZCO file created for this purpose, as well as shall be filed in the associated property file if applicable?

197
YES ☐
NO ☒
517

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

AMENDMENT 10: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 10 to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by citizen petition as follows: To add directly before or after any other adopted definition of internet sales from this ballot, and/or if none other, to add a definition of internet sales as a home business use which does not need any business permit to operate from within a residence if none of the items to be sold for the business require a state or federal license to sell, and all of the items to be sold will be shipped to purchasers directly from manufacturer, wholesaler, or dealer business inventories elsewhere, and that therefore traffic generated to and from the residence is all customarily incidental to the primary use as a residence unless traffic is also due to an approved Home Occupation at that residence, in which case every use not the primary use is subject to the requirements for uses permitted as a Home Occupation?

192
YES ☐
NO ☒
523

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

AMENDMENT 11: Are you in favor of Amendment # 11 to the Epsom Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by an Epsom Citizen, to add gun dealers as a restricted use in a Residential/Agricultural zone; to also add gun dealers to Article II.C, Table of Uses, as not permitted in Residential/Agricultural Zone (R/A) and to add gun dealers as permitted use in Residential/Commercial Zone (R/C) and Residential/Light Commercial Zone (RLC)?

201
YES ☐
NO ☒
515

NOT recommended by the Planning Board 6-1
BY PETITION

TOWN OF EPSOM WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Epsom 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 \$4,033,315. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,085,421 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Epsom 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.

595
YES ☒
NO ☐
139

The operating budget is estimated to have a tax rate of \$3.87, which is 23 cents more than the 2023 Tax rate.
The default budget is estimated to have a tax rate of \$3.97, which is 33 cents more than the 2023 Tax rate.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3-0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the 2024 year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to go into the fund? Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Majority vote required. This Article and its appropriation are in addition to the operating budget.

581
YES ☒
NO ☐
156

No tax impact.
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the previously established Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance of Historic Town-Owned Buildings with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

597
YES ☒
NO ☐
183

No tax impact
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

TOWN OF EPSOM WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the previously established Government Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

556
YES ☒ NO ☐

162

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred and seventeen dollars (\$17,617) for the purpose of purchasing five sets of firefighter turn out gear for the Fire Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of seventeen thousand six hundred and seventeen dollars (\$17,617) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

627
YES ☒ NO ☐

92

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-nine thousand six hundred and seventy dollars (\$89,670) for the purpose of purchasing a High-Pressure Air Compressor for filling the self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department, and further authorize the withdrawal of the same amount of eighty-nine thousand six hundred and seventy dollars (\$89,670) from the Fire and Rescue Apparatus Fund for that purpose? This compressor will replace the existing compressor that was previously purchased in 1980. Majority vote required. This is a special Warrant Article and is in addition to the operating budget.

No Tax Impact
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

618
YES ☒ NO ☐

100

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to establish a Fire Department Details Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h? All revenues received from fees for Fire Department Details shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's general fund unreserved fund balance. These funds may be expended only for payroll, payroll related costs, administrative costs and Fire Department equipment. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of the funds and shall pay out the same on the order of the Fire Chief.

No Tax Impact
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

612
YES ☒ NO ☐

106

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease-to-own agreement in the amount of one hundred ninety thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$190,875) for the purpose of leasing a rubber-tired excavator for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the down payment, and to authorize the withdrawal of that same amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Highway Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The annual payments will be included in the operating budget. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Majority vote required.

No Tax Impact
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

586
YES ☒ NO ☐

147

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of reconstruction and improvements to town roads? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.29 per thousand
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

462
YES ☒ NO ☐

256

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing motorized vehicles and equipment for the Highway Department? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.02 per thousand
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

470
YES ☒ NO ☐

244

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of bridge replacement and repair? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.05 per thousand
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

473
YES ☒ NO ☐

245

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BALLOT 3 OF 3

Laura Searles
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF EPSOM WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to establish an Emergency Management Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing emergency management equipment and related project costs, and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Emergency Management Director as the agent to expend from said fund.

Estimated tax impact is \$.02 per thousand
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

436
YES ☒
NO ☐
288

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the potential future expansion of the public water system? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.04 per thousand
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

250
YES ☒
NO ☐
373

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, which is equivalent to the total amount of cemetery plot sales for 2023? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact.
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

591
YES ☒
NO ☐
133

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association for aquatic invasive species and aquatic bacteria education, prevention, treatment and control in Northwood Lake? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$.01 per thousand
Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2

439
YES ☒
NO ☐
285

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to establish a Heritage Commission to advise on the use and protection of historic, cultural and natural resources pursuant to RSA 673:1, II, consisting of five citizen members and up to five alternate members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen? One commission member shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Selectmen 3 - 0 No tax impact.

512
YES ☒
NO ☐
212

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT



**ABSENTEE
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ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

Craig Webb
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Vote for not
For Three Years more than TWO
CAMERON LILLEY 388 ☒
ABBIGAIL TEACHOUT 308 ☐
MICHAEL WIGGETT 378 ☒
☐
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER**

Vote for not
For Three Years more than ONE
Roberta Brooks 3 ☒
(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER**

Vote for not
For Two Years more than ONE
DAVID CUMMINGS 592 ☒
☐
(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLERK**

Vote for not
For Three Years more than ONE
CRAIG WEBB 576 ☒
☐
(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

Vote for not
For Three Years more than ONE
GARY MATTESON 629 ☒
☐
(Write-in) ☐

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Epsom School District 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 Fourteen Million One Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$14,198,955)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be, Fourteen Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$14,285,832) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Epsom School District, 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.

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

If passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$21.01 [per thousand], which will result in a \$2.25 increase over the previous year tax rate.

If the proposed budget fails and default budget is passed, the new estimated tax rate will be \$21.17 [per thousand], which will result in a \$2.41 increase over the previous year tax rate.

[Note: Warrant Article #1 (operating budget article) does not include separate Warrant Article #2.]

574
YES ☒
NO ☐
137

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Epsom School District vote to approve the cost items set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 fiscal years which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year 2024/25	\$ 99,392
Year 2025/26	\$106,376
Year 2026/27	\$118,134

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$99,392) for the 2024/25 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Does Not Recommend Approval*

If passed, the estimated tax rate impact will be \$0.19 (per thousand).

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Epsom School District, if article #2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #2 cost items only? (Majority vote)

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Epsom School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024? NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM TAXATION.

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

[Estimated tax impact per thousand \$.00]

ARTICLE 5. Shall the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Building Maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024? NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM TAXATION.

*School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval*

[Estimated tax impact per thousand \$.00]

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