

# Town of Bennington School Warrant Results

To choose District Officers as follows:

School District Moderator (3 years)  
(Vote for one)

Write-In  
Neil Cass - 39  
Bob Edwards - 3  
Jim Cleary - 3  
Joe MacGregor - 3

1. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 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 \$58,370,749? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$57,712,541 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley 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. (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 180 NO ☐ 215

2. To see if the Contoocook Valley School District will approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the ConVal School Board and the ConVal Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase  
2024-2025 \$1,229,388

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,229,388 for the current 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.  
(The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 207 NO ☐ 189

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

YES ☐ 201 NO ☐ 186

4. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to be added to the Health Maintenance Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 214 NO ☐ 173

5. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 209 NO ☐ 183

6. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Technology Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation.  
(The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 232 NO ☐ 159

7. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Equipment Trust Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation.  
(The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 224 NO ☐ 166

8. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Contoocook Valley School District Energy Trust Fund, previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 207 NO ☐ 184

9. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2024, with no amount to be raised from taxation. In the event that Article 05 passes, this appropriation shall be in addition to any appropriation to the Building Capital Reserve pursuant to Article 05.  
(The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 199 NO ☐ 191

10. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District amend Article 5 of the Articles of Agreement among the School District towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple as follows:

From the present language of:

The Contoocook Valley School District (ConVal) shall be responsible for grades one through twelve (1-12) and Kindergartens. Kindergartens were previously authorized by a vote at an annual Cooperative School District meeting. Grades nine through twelve (9-12) shall be educated at the centrally located Senior High School in Peterborough. Grades five through eight (5-8) may be educated at the Middle Schools in Antrim and Peterborough. Elementary Schools shall be maintained in Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, and Temple. As school populations change, students from the Middle Schools may be reassigned to Elementary School locations. Such reassignment needs would be determined by ConVal Administration, but each location change would have to be approved by the School Board.

To the language as follows:

The Contoocook Valley School District (ConVal) shall be responsible for grades one through twelve (1-12) and Kindergartens. Kindergartens were previously authorized by a vote at an annual Cooperative School District meeting. Grades nine through twelve (9-12) shall be educated at the centrally located Senior High School in Peterborough. Grades five through eight (5-8) may be educated at the Middle Schools in Antrim and Peterborough. Elementary Schools shall be maintained in Antrim, Greenfield, Hancock, and Peterborough. As school populations change, students from the Middle Schools may be reassigned to Elementary School locations. Such reassignment needs would be determined by ConVal Administration, but each location change would have to be approved by the School Board.

(2/3 Vote Required) (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.) (8 in favor, 2 opposed)

YES ☐ 73 NO ☐ 341

11. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?

YES ☐ 250 NO ☐ 136

12. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the annual compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$1,500; each member, \$1,000; Treasurer, \$1,500; Assistant Treasurer, \$500; Moderator, \$300? (The ConVal School Board RECOMMENDS adoption of this article.)

YES ☐ 221 NO ☐ 170



## ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY MARKING A CROSS (X) IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE

**Article 2.**  
Shall the Town of Bennington 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 set forth therein, totaling two million, nine thousand, eighty three (\$2,009,083). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million, eight hundred eighty two thousand, five hundred seventy one dollars (\$1,882,571), 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.  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 251 NO ☐ 143

**Article 3.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 278 NO ☐ 132

**Article 4.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 294 NO ☐ 117

**Article 5.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*(Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 252 NO ☐ 156

**Article 6.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

*required).*

**Article 7.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 280 NO ☐ 118

**Article 8.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 229 NO ☐ 172

**Article 9.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Dodge Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 266 NO ☐ 140

**Article 10.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 307 NO ☐ 98

**Article 11.**  
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Water Department Maintenance & Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 268 NO ☐ 134

**Article 12.**  
Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 253 NO ☐ 154

**Article 13.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Bridge Maintenance

Expendable Trust Fund?

*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 288 NO ☐ 110

**Article 14.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 317 NO ☐ 92

**Article 15.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be added to the Fire Department Protective Gear Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 311 NO ☐ 95

**Article 16.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 209 NO ☐ 190

**Article 17.**  
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to provide additional Highway Department funds to address deferred road maintenance?  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 279 NO ☐ 125

**Article 18.**  
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Bennington Community Power Plan, which authorizes the Selectboard to develop and implement Bennington Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7). The program would provide a new default electric supply and new renewable energy supply options for customers in Bennington. There is no cost to the Town budget, and no obligation to participate. Customers can opt out at any time and return to utility default service.  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).*

YES ☒ 286 NO ☐ 115

**Article 19.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,500.00 to be added to the Fire Department Fire

Truck CRF previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. These funds are from the proceeds from the sale of the Ford F350 Fire Truck. No amount to be raised from taxation.  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 281 NO ☐ 120

**Article 20.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the purpose of supporting the Contocook Housing Trust.  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 284 NO ☐ 118

**Article 21.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting the Community Volunteer Transportation Company - a non profit organization.  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 305 NO ☐ 100

**Article 22.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) in support of The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center - a nonprofit organization. The appropriation will provide \$4,000 funding for the Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$2,000 funding for The Teen Center's programs and services.  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 297 NO ☐ 111

**Article 23.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for the purpose of supporting the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - a non profit organization.  
*Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 301 NO ☐ 104

**Article 24.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) for the purpose of supporting the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) - a non profit organization.  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 306 NO ☐ 97





**Article 25.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the End 68 Hours of Hunger program - a non-profit program. *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*  
*(Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 300 NO ☐ 99

**Article 26.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross - a non profit. *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.* *(Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 276 NO ☐ 121

**Article 27.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting the Hundred Nights Shelter-a non profit organization. *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*  
*(Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 236 NO ☐ 111

**Article 28.**  
To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the purpose of supporting the Comucopia Project-a non profit organization. *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.* *(Majority vote required)*

YES ☒ 262 NO ☐ 135

# Official Ballot

FOR THE

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N.H.

MARCH 12, 2024

Debra Bulcher  
Town Clerk

I certify upon my honor that I have assisted the voter in marking this ballot by his request.

(Signed)

Election Officer

# Town of Bennington Results

Place A Cross (X) In The Square Opposite The Name For Which You Wish To Vote

For Selectman for Three Years  
Vote for One

JIM CLEARY 251 ☒

BETHANY L. CRAIG 157 ☐

For Library Trustee for Three Years  
Vote for One

COLLEEN A. ALLEN 363 ☒

+ write-ins w/ one vote

For Cemetery Trustee for Three Years  
Vote for One

Melissa Clark - 37  
Rob Christian - 9  
Kassy Heirnis - 60 ☐

+ write-ins w/ one vote

For Planning Board Member for Three Years  
Vote for One

DONALD A. TROW 360 ☒

For Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years  
Vote for One

Shelly Griswold - 60  
Mike Munhall - 10 ☐

Bethany Craig - 2 + write-ins w/ one vote

For Water & Sewer Commissioner for Three Years  
Vote for One

Tyler Howe - 29  
Jon Charlonne - 9 ☐

Steve Osienski - 2 + write-ins w/ one vote

For Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for  
Three Years  
Vote for Two

James Craig - 20  
Chris Clough - 19 ☐

Robert Christian - 17  
Tyler Howe - 3 ☐

+ write-ins w/ one or two votes

For Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for  
Two Years  
Vote for One

Jim Craig - 13  
Chris Clough - 2  
Melissa Clark - 2 ☐

Robert Christian - 2 + write-ins w/ one vote  
For Moderator for Two Years  
Vote for One

JOHN J. CRONIN III 372 ☒

For Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years  
Vote for One

WALTER TURNER 349 ☒

For Schoolboard Member for Three Years  
Vote for One

MICHAEL HOYT 335 ☒

## Results

# names on checklist - 945  
new voters - 26

Total # names at closing 971 voters

Voter turnout - 43%