

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 or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling two million, one hundred sixty six thousand, nine hundred ninety five (\$2,166,995). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be two million, one hundred thirty eight thousand, one hundred seven dollars (\$2,138,107), 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 119 NO 61

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 121 NO 65

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 Chassis Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 117 NO 70

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

YES 107 NO 79

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).

YES 132 NO 55

Article 7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund previously

established?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 119 NO 65

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 121 NO 66

Article 9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the GEP Dodge Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 132 NO 55

Article 10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 140 NO 47

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 122 NO 65

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 113 NO 73

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 135 NO 52

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 136 NO 49

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 137 NO 50

Article 16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 105 NO 79

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be added to the Accessible Voting System Capital Reserve Fund previously established.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 123 NO 63

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established?
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 114 NO 72

Article 19. 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 Contoocook Housing Trust.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 127 NO 59

Article 20. 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 Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 138 NO 47

Article 21. 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 Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 132 NO 53

Article 22. 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 129 NO 56

Article 23. 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 Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 128 NO 57

Article 24. 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 Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 136 NO 49

Article 25. 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 Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 122 NO 63

Article 26. 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 Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 127 NO 58

Article 27. 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 Cornucopia Project-a non

profit organization.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 114 NO 64

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35, Optional Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability, by increasing the amount of the credit from \$2,000 to \$2500, to take effect for the 2026 property tax year.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 133 NO 49

Article 29. To see if the Town of Bennington will vote to establish a Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for future purchases of Police Department Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 97 NO 84

Article 30. To see if the Town of Bennington will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 for the purpose of funding a 3rd full-time police officer, inclusive of benefits and insurance.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 69 NO 112

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for the purpose of purchasing equipment & labor necessary to establish wireless access at the VFW located in Bennington.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 106 NO 73

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand) to be added to the Water Department Maintenance and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.
Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 115 NO 66

Article 33. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of the zoning ordinance as proposed by the planning board?

Amendment

P. Accessory Dwelling Units: The addition of not more than one (1) accessory dwelling unit attached or detached from the primary dwelling unit is allowed in all districts where single-family residences are allowed if all the following conditions are met:

1. Such addition is located on the same lot as the primary dwelling unit.
2. The person or persons who directly or indirectly own the property shall reside in either the accessory dwelling unit or the primary residence.
3. The accessory dwelling unit shall be a self-sufficient residence with adequate sleeping, bathroom, and kitchen facilities and shall be occupied by no more than two (2) adults and one (1) child.
4. The accessory dwelling unit shall have a minimum floor area of 300 square feet and a maximum floor area of 750 square feet.
5. The accessory dwelling unit, if attached to the primary dwelling unit shall have a separate exterior entrance or entrance through a common a space shared with the primary dwelling unit and shall have adequate egress in case of fire or other hazard.
6. The sewage disposal system design for the residence, either existing or as it may be modified, shall have been approved by the New Hampshire Division of Water Supply and Pollution Control and must meet any other applicable regulations.
7. The accessory dwelling unit must comply with the Zoning Ordinance, unless it is contained within an existing detached structure built before July 1, 2025, which would otherwise not comply with setback and lot coverage standards, and doesn't propose to expand the structure's footprint.
8. There shall be at least one off-street parking space for the occupants of each of the dwelling units.
9. The structure and lot shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the principal single-family dwelling.

Recommended by the Selectmen. (Majority vote required).

YES 126 NO 48

Official Ballot

FOR THE
TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N.H.

MARCH 10, 2026

Sample

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

Official results
191 total ballots cast
5 new voters
18% turnout