

JUNE 10, 2025

ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTION & SCHOOL BUDGET was called to order by the Town Clerk, Marybeth Pordon, with the reading of the notice to the voters and the Officer's Return. The warrant had been duly posted at the various posting sites as usual. Copies of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant & School Warrant were posted within the polling place.

ARTICLE 1: MODERATOR: Jennifer Robinson was nominated and duly elected as Moderator. The Deputy Town Clerk Michele Stivaletta-Noble administered the oath of office to the moderator. All things in readiness, the Moderator declared the Polls were opened at 8:00 am and would remain open until 8:00 pm to vote on the Annual Town Meeting & School Budget Validation Referendum question:

Voting continued throughout the day. Absentee ballots were cast as scheduled until all were cast. The Moderator closed the polls at 8:00 PM after ascertaining that all persons present who wanted to vote had indeed voted.

The **DS200 tabulator** machines were keyed to print the results. The results show a total of **1846 Town Candidates, 1847 Town Articles 3-11, 1845 Town Articles 12-21 and 1829 School Ballots** were cast. Jennifer Robinson, Moderator read the **unofficial totals** as recorded by the **DS200 tabulator**.

TOWN RESULTS

ARTICLE 2. TO ELECT ALL TOWN CANDIDATES

SELECTMEN: 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR TWO

587 BAGDASARIAN, MARK
857 DEFELICE, SCOTT
900 MACLEOD, JOHN III
933 SEUTER, AVERY
415 BLANK

W/O C.S.D. TRUSTEE: 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

1351 CHABOT, KEVIN
495 BLANK

SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEE: 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR TWO

675 BARATTA, PAUL
1026 BATCHELDER, JUSTIN
697 BROUSSEAU, ANDRE
1294 BLANK

LIBRARY BOAD OF TRUSTEE: 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR THREE

1285 LAPLANTE, ELISE
1232 MASUCCI, PETER
1258 SCHLEIDERER, ALICE
1763 BLANK

K K & W WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEE: 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

683 BAGDASARIAN, MARK
878 CHASE, CORY
285 BLANK

ARTICLE 3. ESTIMATED REVENUES: Shall the Town vote to collect and appropriate the estimated amounts in Town Generated Revenue and State Revenue in the amount of \$8,129,362 to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation as shown in Table 1 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

1540 YES
268 NO
39 BLANK

ARTICLE 4. PASS THROUGH ACCOUNTS: Shall the Town vote to appropriate and authorize the Town Finance Director to accept and pay out Pass Through Funds in the estimated amount of \$1,610,500 from specified sources as shown on Table 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

1348 YES
439 NO
60 BLANK

ARTICLE 5. SALARIES AND BENEFITS: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,370,181 and transfer said monies (\$14,370,181) into various department salary and benefit lines for municipal employees' salaries, wages and benefits during FY 2026 as shown on Table 3 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

1317 YES
491 NO
39 BLANK

ARTICLE 6. OPERATIONS: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$8,943,890 and transfer said monies (\$8,943,890) into various department operation lines as shown on Table 4 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the operation of municipal departments and committees during FY 2026?

1328 YES
462 NO
57 BLANK

ARTICLE 7. POTENTIAL EMPLOYEE-RELATED EXPENSES: Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend up to \$40,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for the following:

Retirement Benefit Reimbursement - \$30,000 to fund payment, when necessary, of accrued benefits to employees who are retiring or leaving Town Service; and

Educational Reimbursement Fund - \$10,000 to fund educational course reimbursement in FY'26 for eligible union and non-union employees based on contract requirements and the Non-Union Educational Assistance Program guidelines.

1439 YES
356 NO
52 BLANK

ARTICLE 8. POTENTIAL TOWN LIABILITIES: Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend up to \$500,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) for the following potential liabilities:

Legal Services Fund - \$75,000 to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to fund legal services for significant legal and/or legislative matters beyond the normal legal budget; and

Self-Insurance Claims Coverage - \$17,500 to fund payment of the Town's deductible and other expenses associated with accepted claims made against the Town; and

Emergency Fuel and Utilities Account - \$32,500 to be expended, following a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen, to cover potential shortfalls in the FY'26 fuel and utilities budgets due to the unpredictable markets for diesel, unleaded gasoline, propane and electricity; and

Emergency Facility Repair and Energy Efficiency Improvement Fund - \$52,500 to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to pay for emergency repairs and energy efficiency improvements to town-owned facilities that are not contemplated in the FY'26 operating budget; and

Shortfall on State Revenue Projected to offset Town Budget Funding - \$40,000 to be used in case at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, at the end of the fiscal year to balance any shortfall in State Revenue projected to be received that offset the budget for property tax purposes; and

Health Reimbursement Account Fund - \$30,000 to fund payment of the Town's portion of employee's health insurance deductibles for employees covered by high deductible health insurance plans; and

Winter Operations Fund - \$200,000 to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to cover potential shortfalls in the FY'26 hired equipment/operators/snow/ice, tree removal from winter storms and salt budget lines; and

Facility Maintenance and Repair Fund - \$52,500 to be used at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, to pay for maintenance and repairs to town-owned facilities and property that are not contemplated in the FY'26 operating budget.

- 1449 YES
- 301 NO
- 97 BLANK

ARTICLE 9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Raising and Appropriating from Taxation, and Appropriating and Transferring Funds From Reserves, Surplus, and the State to Fund the Capital Improvement Plan): Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,442,902 and appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus); appropriate \$360,000 from various CIP Reserve Funds; appropriate \$138,425 from various Enterprise Funds; and transfer said monies (\$3,441,327) into various CIP reserve funds, which will be used to fund the CIP program as specified in Table 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

- 1259 YES
- 481 NO
- 107 BLANK

ARTICLE 10. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (Appropriations (Spending) of Fund Monies): Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend \$2,899,577 from the Capital Reserve Funds to fund the Capital Expenditures as specified in Table 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant?

- 1206 YES
- 526 NO
- 115 BLANK

ARTICLE 11. EXPENDITURES FROM SPECIFIC CIP RESERVE ACCOUNTS: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the event of emergency and after a public hearing, to expend up to the fund balance (as specified in Table 5 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant) in the following CIP reserve accounts: Infrastructure, Technology, and Ambulance?

- 1388 YES
- 351 NO
- 108 BLANK

ARTICLE 12. GENERAL ASSISTANCE: Shall the Town vote to appropriate and expend from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) up to \$45,000 to fund the Town of Wells General Assistance Program?

1483 YES
307 NO
55 BLANK

ARTICLE 13. ONE FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$73,826 and transfer said monies (\$73,826) into the Public Works Department salary and benefit lines during FY 2026?

1357 YES
441 NO
47 BLANK

ARTICLE 14. THREE FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$126,509 and transfer said monies (\$126,509) into the Police Department salary and benefit lines during FY 2026?

1288 YES
525 NO
32 BLANK

ARTICLE 15. ONE FULL-TIME LABOR AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$153,098 and transfer said monies (\$153,098) into the labor and employee relations salary and benefit lines during FY 2026?

1068 YES
717 NO
60 BLANK

ARTICLE 16. ONE PART-TIME RECREATION PROGRAM ASSISTANT: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$67,974 from the Recreation Enterprise salary and benefit lines (as specified in Table 6 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant) to fund this position for FY 2026?

1222 YES
583 NO
40 BLANK

ARTICLE 17. Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 145 (Land Use) of the Code of The Town of Wells to Revise Definitions, District Regulations, and Performance Standards to Allow Cannabis Stores in the General Business District" be enacted?

670 YES
1132 NO
43 BLANK

ARTICLE 18. Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 145 (Land Use) of the Code of the Town of Wells to Add Definitions and to Add Hotel/Motel Seasonal Worker Housing Performance Standards" be enacted?

1327 YES
438 NO
80 BLANK

ARTICLE 19. Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 202 (Subdivision of Land) of the Code of the Town of Wells to Revise Submission Requirements for Final Plans for Major Subdivisions and General Standards Requirements for Stormwater Design and Analysis" be enacted?

1398 YES
348 NO
99 BLANK

ARTICLE 20. Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 201 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Code of the Town of Wells to Revise General Provisions" be enacted?

1299 YES
365 NO
181 BLANK

ARTICLE 21. Shall the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 145 (Land Use) of the Code of the Town of Wells to Revise Article VI. Town-Wide Regulations to Correct a Typographical Error" be enacted?

1454 YES
226 NO
165 BLANK

RECORDED BY:



TOWN CLERK Marybeth Pordon
