

RESULTS FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

GRAFTON, SS

TOWN OF HANOVER

OFFICIAL BALLOT AND BUSINESS PORTIONS OF TOWN MEETING WERE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote (by nonpartisan ballot) for the following Town Officers:

For Selectboard (3-year term)

Carey Callaghan	596
Jennie Chamberlain	545
Peter L. Christie	427

For Trustee of Etna Town Library (3-year term)

Elizabeth P. Storrs	761
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For Trustee of Trust Funds (3-year term)

Kari Asmus	757
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ARTICLE TWO (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board as Amendment No. 1:
The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 1 would modify Section 405.6 (B) to allow by right the renovation, replacement, or expansion of a student residence existing as of May 9, 2023, and to limit the cumulative increase of less than 35% above the May 9, 2023 building footprint. Increases above 35% footprint will require a special exception to be permitted. The amendment also reduces parking requirements for student residences.

YES	768
NO	124

ARTICLE THREE: (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board as Amendment No. 2:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.2 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 2 proposes to:

- Expand the allowable signage for buildings that have frontage and points of entry on two streets from two signs total to two signs for each frontage.
- Define Theater and allow theaters to have an electronic marquee to display information for events.

YES **759**
NO 135

ARTICLE FOUR: (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board as Amendment No. 3:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.3 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 3 addresses the following: Clarifies the requirements for new building(s) situated frontmost on the lot and the percentage of the building’s front wall that must be constructed in the build-to area. And exempts any additional building(s) on the lot situated behind the frontmost building from the requirement of building a front wall in the build-to area.

YES **799**
NO 68

ARTICLE FIVE: (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board as Amendment No. 4:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend Section 1002 by reducing the required minimum parking requirements for accessory dwelling units, multi-family, and Planned Residential Developments (PRD). The amendment also includes removal or revisions of use categories to link with uses permitted or use permissible with special exception in Article IV (4).

YES **742**
NO 135

ARTICLE SIX: (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board as Amendment No. 5:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amend Section 302 the definitions of “accessory use or building” to comply with NH Case Law and “downtown residential” to allow mixed-use buildings to include multifamily residential as a use.

YES **831**
NO 57

ARTICLE SEVEN: (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board as Amendment No. 6:

The following question is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 6 would add section 519.2.1, allowing occupancy requirements for sprinklered multifamily units to be consistent with the State fire safety code (NFPA 101).

YES	855
NO	33

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To choose the following Town Officers to be elected by a majority vote.

One Advisory Board of Assessors, one for a term of three (3) years

Joe Roberto (3 years)

Three Fence Viewers, each for a term of one (1) year.

Robert Grabill

Matt Marshall

Sarah Packham

Two Surveyors of Wood and Timber, each for a term of one (1) year.

Robert Keene

James Kennedy

Such other Officers as the Town may judge necessary for managing its affairs.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000) for the purpose of funding a Wastewater Treatment Facility Proposed Capital Project, and to authorize Twenty-two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000) such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state or other aid, gifts and donations if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of bonds and/or notes issued to finance the project, it is the intention of the Selectboard that debt service payments shall be made from wastewater fees. This action shall be a written Yes/No ballot; polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by

the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion of this article. (3/5 ballot vote required to pass.)

ARTICLE PASSED Yes 140 – No 12

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,800,000) for the purpose of funding a water distribution plan , and to authorize Seven Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,800,000) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state or other aid, gifts and donations, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of bonds and/or notes issued to finance the project, it is the intention of the Selectboard that debt service payments shall be made from water fees. This action shall be a written Yes/No ballot; polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion of this article. (3/5 ballot vote required to pass.)

ARTICLE PASSED Yes 141 – No 11

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) for the purpose of funding the purchase of a Fire Engine, and to authorize One Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Selectboard to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state or other aid, gifts and donations if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectboard to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote or to pass any other vote relative thereto. This action shall be a written Yes/No ballot; polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion of this article. (3/5 ballot vote required to pass.)

ARTICLE PASSED Yes 145 - No 7

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will apply to every resident of this state who is any person who is a veteran, as defined in RSA 21:50, and served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in this section, and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that training for active duty by a member of the national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this subparagraph; (b) Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces

because of service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. If adopted the credit granted will be \$500.00, which is the amount adopted by the Town in 2012.

NOTE: This Article is required because the legislature expanded the eligibility criteria for this credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the town will vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:62, an exemption from the assessed value for property tax purposes for person owning real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61. Such solar property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment as defined in RSA 72:61 and as may be amended, but not until such equipment is demonstrated to add to the value of real property based on the determination of the Town Assessor. This readoption is required because in 2020 the legislature voted to expand the definition of solar energy system to include systems which utilize solar energy to produce electricity for a building, including all photovoltaics, inverters, and storage. Such systems may be off grid or connected to the grid in a net metered or group net metered arrangement pursuant to RSA 362-A:9 or in a direct retail sale arrangement pursuant to RSA 362-A:2-a.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the Selectboard to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission for review **and recommendation by those Boards and hold** two public hearings, as required by RSA 41:14-a. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by a majority vote.

ARTICLE PASSED as amended

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the conveyance of Tax Map 1, Lot 11-2 (5 acres of the 265 acre former Leavitt property) located on the north side of Greensboro Road, acquired by the Town in 2020, to Twin Pines Housing Trust, or another nonprofit organization, to be developed as workforce housing; on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard may negotiate.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Rental Housing Ordinance #42 pursuant to RSA 48-A, as prepared, reviewed, and approved by the Selectboard to establish standards governing the condition and maintenance of dwelling units offered for rent with the goal of ensuring

that they are safe, sanitary and fit for human habitation; to authorize the inspection of such dwellings and the imposition of penalties for violation of the Ordinance; and to define certain responsibilities and duties of owners and occupants of such dwellings.

ARTICLE PASSED with Appendix B amended

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for deposit into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund, an expendable trust, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The amount appropriated is the equivalent of 50% of the total Land Use Change Tax collected in the fiscal year 2021-2022.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for deposit into the Conservation Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Unassigned Fund Balance. The amount appropriated is the equivalent of 50% of the total Land Use Change Tax collected in the fiscal year 2021-2022.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,353 for deposit into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund, and expendable trust, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This corrects the amount appropriated at the 2022 Town Meeting and is the balance of the equivalent of 50% of the total Land Use Change Tax collected in the fiscal year 2020-2021.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,353 for deposit into the Conservation Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This corrects the amount appropriated at the 2022 Town Meeting and is the balance of the equivalent of 50% of the total Land Use Change Tax collected in the fiscal year 2020-2021.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,065 for deposit into the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund, a capital reserve fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This amount is equivalent to the total Transportation Fee surcharge for each motor vehicle registered in the Town of Hanover (\$5.00 per vehicle) during fiscal year 2021-2022.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,093,451 and authorize payment into existing capital reserve funds in the following amounts for the purposes for which such funds were established:

Ambulance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to come from the Ambulance Fund</i>	\$105,567
Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to be raised through taxation</i>	\$199,600
Dispatch Equipment and Dispatch Center Enhancements Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to be raised through taxation</i>	\$ 17,981
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to come from the Fire Fund</i>	\$160,000
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to be raised through taxation</i>	\$471,840
Parking Operations Vehicles and Parking Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to come from the Parking Fund</i>	\$174,955
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to be raised through taxation</i>	\$120,000
Road Construction and Improvements Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to be raised through taxation</i>	\$ 55,300
Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund <i>with Funding to come from the Wastewater Treatment Facility Fund</i>	\$307,000
Water Treatment and Distribution Equipment and System Capital Reserve Fund <i>with funding to come from the Water Utility Fund</i>	\$481,208

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,495,500 for the purposes listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds in the following amounts:

Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund: <i>Howe Roof replacement</i>	\$200,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: <i>Metal Door replacement, phase II</i>	\$ 15,500
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: <i>DPW Fleet 12-6 wheel dump with plow, 14-6-wheel dump with plow, 3 sidewalk tractors, 20-ton equipment trailer</i>	\$673,000
Parking Operations Vehicles and Parking Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund: <i>parking facility lighting conversion, membrane repair</i>	\$520,000
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: <i>police cruiser replacements (4), mobile data terminals</i>	\$296,000
Water Treatment and Distribution Equipment and System Capital Reserve Fund: <i>Greensboro Rd lead abatement, water meter phase I, F550 dump truck</i>	\$487,000
Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund: <i>water meter phase I, Truck 16222</i>	\$304,000

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until these specified purchases are complete or June 30, 2028, whichever occurs sooner.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectboard and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 1348 (Public Works Department employees) on March 6, 2023, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2023-2024	\$202,503

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,503 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and benefits required by the proposed agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectboard and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 3288 on March 6, 2023, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2023-2024	\$175,226

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,226 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and benefits required by the proposed agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Selectboard and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 93, Local 3657 (Police Department employees) on March 6, 2023, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2023-2024	\$170,176

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,176 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in the salaries and benefits required by the proposed agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To see if the Town, per RSA 31:98a, will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 into the Town's Annual Contingency Fund for fiscal year 2023-2024, this sum to come from taxation.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,555,313 to pay the operating expenses of the Town for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, for the purposes set forth in the Town budget. This sum does not include any of the preceding or succeeding articles.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE: To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 31:9-b will vote to increase the meeting stipend for the Town Moderator from \$100.00 per local election/meeting to \$125 per local election/meeting and from \$500 per state election to \$550 per state election.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY: To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 41:25 will vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the Town Clerk's compensation from \$11.51 per hour to \$15.00 per hour.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE: To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 31:9-b. will vote to authorize the Selectboard to increase the hourly rate for the Supervisors of Checklist from \$11.51 per hour to \$15.00 per hour.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO: To see if the town, pursuant to RSA 674:5, will authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee, including at least one member of the planning board, to discuss, prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years.

ARTICLE PASSED

ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Kari Asmus requests the prepared statement on Article 28 by the Hanover Finance Committee be included in the Minutes of Town Meeting.

Joanna Whitcomb moves Peter Christie's prepared statement on Article 28 be included in the Minutes of Town Meeting.

BOTH OF THE ABOVE ARTICLE PASSED