

Sample Ballot
Municipal Referendum
For the Town of New Gloucester, Maine
June 8, 2021

Instructions to Voters

♦ Vote "yes" or "no" by filling in the oval of your choice to the left of the question like this: ●

OPERATIONS:

- Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$514,662** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 101 Selectmen \$21,050; 102 Administration \$390,287; 105 Elections \$15,800; 106 Assessing \$40,050; 108 Legal \$30,000; 130 Unbudgeted Expenses \$15,000; and 138 Fuel Overrun Allowance \$2,475.
The Select Board recommends passage at \$514,662.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$513,462.
- Yes
 No
- Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$69,520** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 103 General Assistance \$9,000; 132 Animal Control \$32,320; and Cemeteries \$28,200.
The Select Board recommends passage at \$69,520.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$69,520.
- Yes
 No
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$705,012** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 114 Street Lights \$7,000; 115 Cumberland County Dispatch \$43,212; and 117 Fire and Rescue \$654,800.
The Select Board recommends passage at \$705,012.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$699,012.
- Yes
 No
- Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,134,797** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 104 Buildings & Grounds \$90,189; 116 Public Works \$779,445; 120 Transfer Station \$265,163.
The Select Board recommends passage at \$1,134,797.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$1,126,966.
- Yes
 No
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$237,039** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 113 Cable TV Committee \$24,277; 123 Library \$111,395; and 133 Parks & Recreation \$101,367.
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$123,081** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 107 Code Enforcement \$60,750; and 122 Planning \$62,331.
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No
- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,122,332** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 109 Insurance \$528,900; 125 Benefits \$230,500; and 139 Debit Service \$362,932.
The Select Board recommends passage at \$1,122,332.
The Budget Committee recommends passage at \$1,119,332.
- Yes
 No
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,100** from taxation and other sources for the ensuing year for the following budget: 134 Charter Commission \$10,100.
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$305,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for the following budgets: 144 TIF District \$290,000; and 145 Tax Abatements \$15,000.
The Select Board recommends passage as presented.
- Yes
 No
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$342,054** from taxation for the ensuing year for Account 149 Municipal Paving Projects.
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No

CAPITAL PROJECTS & RESERVES:

- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$200,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for Public Works Capital Reserve Account (G1-389-00 - \$165,672).
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$125,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for Fire and Rescue Capital Reserve Account (G1-388-00 - \$550,324).
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No
- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$50,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account (G1-391-00 - \$203,814).
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** from taxation for the ensuing year for Town Hall Complex (Capital Maintenance) Account.
The Select Board and Budget Committee recommends passage.
- Yes
 No
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$200,000** from Public Works Capital Reserve Account and Taxation (G1-389-00 - \$100,000; Taxation \$100,000) for the purchase of Replacement Dump Truck 501.
The Select Board recommends passage.
- Yes
 No

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<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 from Transfer Station Capital Reserve Account (G1-391-00 - \$203,814) for the purchase of two (2) Transfer Station Roll off Containers <i>The Select Board recommends passage.</i></p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend the following categories of State and Federal Revenue funds during the ensuing year: Municipal Revenue Sharing; MDOT LRAP (Local Road Assistance Program); MDOT MPI (Municipal Partnership Initiative); Tree Growth Reimbursement; General Assistance Reimbursement; Veterans Exemption Reimbursement; Snowmobile Registration Funds; Public Library State Aid; Emergency Management Assistance/Homeland Security Grants; Other State Aid (pass-through funds and property tax relief); and State and Federal Grants or Other Funds (not included in items 1 – 10 above.) <i>The Select Board recommend passage.</i></p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 19. DISPOSITION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the following foreclosed properties in such manner and on such terms as the Select Board finds to be in the best interests of the Town except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s): Map 22, Lot 32, Location 101 Sunset Shores Road, Land and Building; Map 2, Lot 30-E, Location Sunset Shores Road, Land Only; Map 13, Lot 14-5, Location 5 Spring Valley Lane, Mobile Home; and Map 11, Lot 21-A, Location 114 Hatch Road, Land and Building.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 20. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF MONEY OR PERSONAL PROPERTY. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept gifts of money or personal property to the Town and to appropriate and expend such money for such public purposes as the Board deems to be in the interest of the Town</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 21. ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL GIFTS OF MONEY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept conditional gifts of money to the Town and to appropriate and expend the funds for the legal purposes for which the gift was made and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor and to accept conditional gifts of personal property to the Town and to use the property in the legal manner specified by the donor.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following anticipated Revenues of \$2,154,076 to reduce the tax commitment (Revenue amounts shown are estimates): Building Inspection & Fees \$42,000; Transfer Station Permits \$10,000; Boat Excise Tax \$7,000; Auto Excise Tax \$1,050,000; Town Fees \$20,000; Recreation Program Fees \$20,000; Fines & Reimbursements \$5,000; Clerk Fees \$5,500; Rent Income \$1; Copy/Fax Fees \$200; Cable Franchise Fees \$29,000; Library Revenue \$1,000; Investment Income \$25,000; Capital Project Accounts Interest \$7,500; Animal Control \$2,000; Transfer Station Recycling \$20,000; EMS Transport Fees \$130,000; Real Estate Tax Interest & Lien Costs \$23,000; Other Misc. Income \$500; Cable Grant-matches Equip Expense Amount (see Article 30) \$11,000; TIF (PW Building and Pineland Admin) \$82,500; PW Building Balance of Funds \$25,000; Capital Res. Funds for Cap Projects \$137,875; and Use Undesignated Fund Balance to offset taxes \$500,000; <i>The Select Board recommends passage.</i></p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 23. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT REVENUE IN EXCESS OF AMOUNT BUDGETED. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to accept revenue in excess of amounts budgeted on behalf of the town.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 24. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANTS. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town, state and federal grants and grants from nonprofit organizations for municipal purposes; including when necessary, the authority to sign the grant contract and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and matching funds required for the authorized purposes.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 25. RETURNING UNEXPENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to return unexpended capital improvement funds to their corresponding capital reserve accounts.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 26. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR LATE TAX PAYMENTS To see if the Town will vote to fix a date and terms when taxes shall become due and payable, and set an interest rate of 6.00 percent per annum. The 6% interest rate is authorized under Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505.4. (<i>Recommendation:</i> that the first Thursday of October (<i>October 7, 2021</i>) and first Thursday of April, (<i>April 7, 2022</i>) be established as the dates taxes are due and payable, and that interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum will be charged after such dates.)</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 27. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEREST RATE FOR ABATED TAXES. To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate at two percent (2%) per annum to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 28. ACCEPTANCE OF TAX PREPAYMENTS. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 29. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS TOWN PROPERTY AND REAL PROPERTY. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell and dispose of surplus town-owned personal and real property on such terms and conditions as the Select Board finds to be in the best interests of the Town and to deposit proceeds from such sales in the corresponding capital reserve accounts or Undesignated Fund.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 30. USE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM TIME WARNER CABLE PER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN FOR "PEG ACCESS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES". To see if the Town will vote to approve the appropriation of \$11,000 from the Cable Grant Account (G1-203 – \$46,080) for the ensuing year for the following: unanticipated maintenance of Cable TV production and broadcast equipment. All unused funds will be returned to Cable Grant Account (G1-203) at the end of the ensuing year. (This is not a duplicate – see Article 22).</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 31. Shall the Proposed Town of New Gloucester Zoning Ordinance Housekeeping Changes, as described below, be enacted? Housekeeping changes being updated: outdated references, typographical errors and numbering corrections in and referring to the Village District and Upper Village District.</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 32. Shall the Town Vote to Adopt the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of New Gloucester as presented at the March 18th Public Hearing?</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 33. Shall the Town Vote to demolish the former Public Works Garage at 1036 Lewiston Road, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000, from Undesignated Fund Balance?</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 34. Shall the Town take ownership of Map 17 Lot 34 via donation from property owner for uses including but not limited to public trail connectivity including pedestrian, snowmobile and other uses?</p>
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>Article 35. Should a budget article fail, do you authorize the spending authority of the Town to continue with existing budget for sixty (60) days?</p>

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING