

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WOLFEBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2026**

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TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this: . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1;" or "Vote for up to X;" "X will be elected." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
- To Vote by Write-in:** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this .

<p align="center">FOR TOWN CLERK</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>PATRICIA M. WATERMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR POLICE COMMISSIONER</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>THOMAS D. BELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RICHARD W. EATON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for up to 2; TWO will be elected</p> <p>BRODIE S. DESHAIES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SUZANNE RYAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR MODERATOR</p> <p>TWO YEARS Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>RANDY WALKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for up to 3; THREE will be elected</p> <p>BRIAN R. BLACK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOHN T. MACDONALD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JONATHAN C. RUTLEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for up to 2; TWO will be elected</p> <p>ROGER F. MURRAY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR SELECTMEN</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for up to 2; TWO will be elected</p> <p>CATHERINE S. DRAGONFLY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LINDA T. MURRAY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVID A. SENECA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SEBASTIAN TORDONATO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>ONE YEAR Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>ROBERT TOUGHER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p>SIX YEARS Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>JILLIAN D. LUBY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for not more than 1</p> <p>LEIGH A. HESLER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>THREE YEARS Vote for up to 2; TWO will be elected</p> <p>MICHELLE A. HOLLETT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SHARON M. MARIGLIANO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LINDA G. WILBERTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

ARTICLES

Article 02 2026 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$35,913,502. Should this article be defeated the operating budget shall be \$34,043,647, which is the same as last year's operating budget, with certain adjustments required by the 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.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$3.14 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation
 Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0
 Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-1
 Majority vote required

YES

NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 03 Fire-Rescue Ambulance & Staffing

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,084,966 to establish a Fire Based Ambulance Service for the Town of Wolfeboro. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, and/or other aid, grants and donations, if any which may be available for said project that may reduce the appropriate sum of \$1,084,966 and to comply with all laws applicable and to authorize the Wolfeboro Select board to take any other actions or to pass any other vote relative thereto, and to authorize the town manager to sign any relating documents. The plan is to transition away from the current contracted ambulance service. This appropriation will come from taxation. The first year of this plan is:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Wages to hire 4 Firefighter/EMS Personnel effective July 1, 2026 (\$184,590), Benefits to hire 4 Firefighter/EMS Personnel as of July 1, 2026 (\$170,520), Operating Expenses for the above 4 new hires (\$104,856), Purchase a fully equipped new Ambulance (\$625,000), and 2026 Total (\$1,084,966).

All funds associated with the four (4) Firefighters/EMS Personnel will become part of all future budgets estimated full year cost for 2027 are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Wages (\$341,440), Benefits (\$333,079), and Total (\$674,519).

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.22 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2027 \$0.13 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-1

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 04 Ambulance Impact Negotiations

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items which are a result of impact negotiations with existing employees resulting from the town transitioning to a Fire Department Ambulance Service. This new collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and Local #3657 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) calls for the following increase in wages and benefits at the current staffing levels

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Year Estimated Increase 2026 Wages (\$73,586), 2026 Benefits (\$22,518), 2027 Wages (\$22,094), and 2027 Benefits (\$6,781).

Further in 2026 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,104 for the current fiscal years: such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in wages and benefits required by the new agreement over those that have been previously approved.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2027 \$0.01 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-1

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 05 Contracted Ambulance Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$292,097 for the purpose of funding contracted ambulance services through December 31, 2026. These funds shall be combined \$275,953 with budgeted funds in the operating budget line 01-42150-350 for a total contract cost in 2026 of \$568,080. This appropriation will come from taxation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.06 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-0-1

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 06 Town Road Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900,000 for the purpose of upgrading and engineering for Town roads and drainage systems. This appropriation will come from taxation and is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2027, or upon completion of the project, whichever occurs first.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.18 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-1-1

Majority vote required

YES

NO

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Article 07 Police Vehicle Replacement (2)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$140,000 to purchase two (2) new Police Cruisers and ancillary equipment. Said appropriation to be offset by \$16,000 which represents a portion of accumulated revenue in the Special Police Detail Revolving Fund created by Article 23 in 2006 which has accumulated from special details in prior years and \$124,000 from general taxation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.03 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 08 Public Works Grant Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$285,000 to replace a class 8 6-wheel dump truck in the Department of Public Works with \$187,897 to come from a 70% Grant through Granite State Clean Fleets Grant with the remainder of \$97,103 to be raised through general taxation. Furthermore, to authorize the Wolfeboro Select board to apply for and accept such monies as may become available from the Federal and State governments and/or other aid, grants and donations, which may be available for said project. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2027, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first.

The Town has been awarded a 70% Grant through Granite State Clean Fleets Grant in the amount of \$187,897, with 30% to be raised through taxation \$97,103 The engine of the existing truck must be destroyed as part of this grant award. With this grant award taxation will be impacted \$97,103

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 09 Sidewalk Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of making repairs to existing sidewalks. This appropriation will come from taxation and is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2027, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 10 Waste Water Treatment Plant Repairs & Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of ongoing repairs and upgrades to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA: 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2026, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first. This appropriation will come from taxation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.04 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 11 Small Sewer Pump Station Repairs & Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to perform repairs and maintenance to small sewer pump station. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA: 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2027, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first. This appropriation will come from taxation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 12 Clark Complex Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of making necessary structural repairs to the Clark House Museum and continued engineering of the Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse.

This appropriation will come from taxation and is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2027, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.01 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 13 Foss Field Court Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of resurfacing the tennis/pickleball/basketball courts at Foss Field Pavilion.

This appropriation is from taxation and is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2027 or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.01 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 3-2

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 14 Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the existing Water Resources Non-Capital Reserve Fund which as of December 31, 2025, had a balance of \$44,750. These funds are under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with the Wolfboro Select Board as agents to expend from this Non-Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation will come from taxation.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.01 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Board of Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 15 Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to continue yearly maintenance of the Water Treatment Plant facility. This appropriation is non-lapsing pursuant to RSA: 32:7, VI and shall lapse on December 31, 2027, or upon completion of the project whichever occurs first. This project will be paid for by the Water Enterprise Fund and will not result in any increase in the tax rate.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

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Article 16 Establish Ambulance Service Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h for the purpose of purchasing Ambulance Services expendables and capital costs to include ambulances, cardiac monitors, stretchers and other equipment necessary under state rule to operate a transport ambulance. Effective January 1, 2027 - Thirty-five percent (35%) of revenues received from Ambulance Services billing fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all money in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Select Board and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

The sixty-five percent (65%) balance of revenues received from Ambulance Services billing fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund will be deposited into the General Fund.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9-1

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 17 Expansion of Police Commission

To see if the Town will vote to approve the expansion of the Wolfeboro Police Commission from three (3) to five (5) elected members.

Should this article pass, the results shall be forwarded to the NH State Legislature for consideration to make all applicable changes to the 1959 NH House Bill # 420, Chapter 377, including the manner in which additional members of the Police Commission shall be elected and the terms of office for each member.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

YES

NO

Article 18 Disabled Veterans Tax Credit Adjustment \$5,000

Shall the Town of Wolfeboro modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional property tax credit of \$5,000 for Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability on residential property.

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 5-0

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 19 Firehouse Community Center Donation Fund

To see if The town will vote to allow the Select Board to accept any and all donations, gifts, and grants, to the town in trust, or otherwise for the purposes of the design, renovation, reconstruction and /or maintenance of the Firehouse Community Center Building on Lehner Street. This authority shall continue until rescinded. Further to allow the Select Board to transfer any funds previously received for a similar purpose to the Firehouse Community Center Trust Fund. Said fund is under the custody of the Trustees of Trust Funds with the Select Board designated as agents to expend.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote of 4-0-1

YES

NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 20 Petition - Peoples Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to authorize the Select Board to engage an independent consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive organizational operations review with actionable recommendations. The purpose of this review shall be to identify opportunities for organizational improvement and cost efficiencies.

The consultants final report shall be presented to the Select Board at a public meeting with written findings and actionable recommendations no later than December 31, 2026.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.02 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Recommended by the Select Board by a vote 3-1-1

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote 5-4-1

YES

NO

Article 21 Petition - Disabled Veterans Tax Credit Adjustment \$5,000

Shall the Town of Wolfeboro modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional property tax credit of \$5,000 for Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability on residential property.

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.00

Majority vote required

YES

NO

Article 22 Petition - Crosswalk Petition

An article for March, 2026 Wolfeboro, NH Town Warrant

Submitted by petition of Citizens and Taxpayers of Wolfeboro NH

By authority of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Chapter 39, Section 3

To Make safety Setbacks at Downtown crosswalks permanent

To see if the Town will approve permanent retention of all of the currently existing crosswalk parking setbacks of 20 feet as measured from either side of a crosswalk to the nearest parking space. And to direct the Board of Selectmen to enroll a new parking ordinance in the Town Ordinances to incorporate this directive.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.00 Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

YES

NO

Article 23 Petition - Select Board Committees

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following. Individual Selectboard members shall serve on no more than two Town Boards, Committees or Commissions exceptions are those prescribed by law and no Selectboard member shall serve as chairman of any of the aforementioned.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.00 Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

YES

NO

Article 24 Citizens Petition, Warrant Article

TO see if the town will vote to maintain the unique and scenic rural character of the town's designated scenic roads and gravel roads, per the 2019 Master Plan.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.00 Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

YES

NO

Article 25 Petition - Libby Museum

Are you in favor of authorizing the town of Wolfeboro to remove the Select Board as trustees of the Libby Museum under the provisions of the State of N.H. Court System. If this warrant article passes, it will be the first step to creating a new 501c3 non-profit which will form to become the successor Trustees of the Libby Museum and re-open it as a re-envisioned experience and community asset. Further, the new organization will assume responsibility for future fundraising. If this warrant article fails, the Trustees/Select Board may vote to proceed with the demolition process of the building.

YES

NO

Article 26 Petition - Crosswalk Petition

To see if the town will restore the parking spaces only in the direction of travel on Main Street (immediately after crosswalk) to support the safety setbacks at crosswalks. Doing so will maintain the safety of pedestrians while supporting essential parking spaces.

Estimated Tax Rate Impact: 2026 \$0.00 per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT