



**SAMPLE BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**APRIL 12, 2011**

*Diane Juppett*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p><b>TOWN COUNCIL</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not 3 Years more than two (2)</p> <p><b>RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>BILL BOYD</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>THOMAS A. LYNAM</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>FINLAY ROTHHAUS</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>KERRI SNELL</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>ETHICS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not 3 Years more than one (1)</p> <p><b>ANTHONY RICHARDSON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not 3 Years more than one (1)</p> <p><b>JOHN (JACK) BALCOM</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not 3 Years more than two (2)</p> <p><b>PATRICK M. MCGRATH</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>SUSAN GUSTAFSON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not 1 Year more than one (1)</p> <p><b>PAMALA J. TINKER</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
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**QUESTIONS**

**Article 2**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200,000 for Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades and installation, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take any other action or to pass any other measure relative to said purpose and financing; and to further authorize the Town Council to apply for and accept any federal, state, or private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose. (2/3rds ballot vote required for approval) (Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0)

**YES**   
**NO**

**Article 3**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550,000 for the construction and original equipping of a New South Fire Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,900,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take any other action or to pass any other measure relative to said purpose and financing; and to further authorize the Town Council to apply for and accept a private grant of \$650,000 and any federal, state, or other private grants that may be made available in conjunction with said purpose? (2/3rds ballot vote required for approval) (Recommended by the Town Council 7-0-0)

**YES**   
**NO**

**Article 4**

Shall the Town 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 vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$29,251,403? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$27,178,893, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Town Council may hold one (1) 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 Town Council 6-1-0)

**YES**   
**NO**

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**QUESTIONS CONTINUED**

**Article 5**

To see if the Town will vote to deposit fifty (50%) percent of the future current use revenues in said Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund until the balance of this Fund reaches \$1,000,000. Upon reaching the \$1,000,000 balance, all current use funds collected thereafter will be deposited into the General Fund. If the Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund falls below \$1,000,000, 50% of all future current use revenues will be deposited into the Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund and 50% deposited into the General Fund until the Land Use Change Tax Conservation Fund is replenished to a balance of \$1,000,000?

**YES**  **NO**

**Article 6**

Shall the Town of Merrimack raise and appropriate the sum of \$155,154 for the purpose of restoring two existing full-time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians; said sum representing the wages, benefits and associated costs for these positions for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. (Not Recommended by the Town Council 6-1-0)

**YES**  **NO**

This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, (VI). This is a Petition Warrant Article.

**Article 7**

Shall the Town of Merrimack raise and appropriate the sum of \$86,508 for the purpose of restoring one existing full-time Police Officer, said sum representing the wages, benefits and associated costs for this position for the 2011 —2012 fiscal year. (Not Recommended by the Town Council 6-1-0)

**YES**  **NO**

This is a Special Warrant Article per RSA 32:3, (VI). This is a Petition Warrant Article.

**Article 8**

Shall the voters of the Town of Merrimack vote to instruct the Town Council to reverse their earlier decision to implement Pay As You Throw trash disposal in the Town of Merrimack?

**YES**  **NO**

This is a special warrant article in accordance with RSA 32:3(VI). This is a Petition Warrant Article.

**Article 9**

Shall the Town of Merrimack approve the charter amendment reprinted below?

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Charter Article VII

A. Qualifications of Manager

The Manager shall be appointed solely on the basis of qualification for the office, with special reference to education, training and previous experience in public or private office. The Manager need not be a resident of the Town or of the State of New Hampshire at the time of appointment, but must **reside within a reasonable distance or response time, agreeable to establish residence in the Town within a period fixed by the Town Council.** The Manager shall devote full time to the Office and shall not hold any other public office, elective or appointive, except as authorized by this Charter, nor engage in any other business or occupation unless with the approval of the majority of the Town Council.

**YES**  **NO**

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**