



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

Elizabeth J. Stone
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.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

SELECT BOARD	TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS	CEMETERY TRUSTEE
<p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>For Three Years</p> <p>DAVID BENSON <u>672</u></p> <p>undervotes <u>129</u></p> <p>write ins (Write-in) <u>11</u></p>	<p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>For Three Years</p> <p>MICHELLE MARTINSON <u>681</u></p> <p>undervotes <u>127</u></p> <p>write ins (Write-in) <u>3</u></p> <p>overvote <u>1</u></p>	<p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>For Three Years</p> <p>JEFFREY LIPORTO <u>685</u></p> <p>undervotes <u>123</u></p> <p>write ins (Write-in) <u>4</u></p>
MODERATOR	LIBRARY TRUSTEE	ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE
<p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>For Two Years</p> <p>DONALD QUIGLEY <u>703</u></p> <p>undervotes <u>95</u></p> <p>write ins (Write-in) <u>4</u></p>	<p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>For Three Years</p> <p>ANNAMARIE GASOWSKI <u>696</u></p> <p>undervotes <u>109</u></p> <p>write ins (Write-in) <u>7</u></p>	<p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>For Three Years</p> <p>PATRICIA BARBOUR <u>684</u></p> <p>undervotes <u>925</u></p> <p>write ins (Write-in) <u>14</u></p>
SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST	<p>I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the information provided in this Return of Votes is true and complete to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief. (3 pages)</p> <p><i>Elizabeth J. Stone</i> TOWN CLERK</p>	
<p>VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>For Six Years</p> <p>SANDRA L. JENKINS <u>699</u></p> <p>undervotes <u>109</u></p> <p>write ins (Write-in) <u>4</u></p>		
<p>3184 Voters on the Checklist</p> <p>6 Same Day Voters</p> <p>812 Ballots Cast</p> <p>25 % Voter Turnout</p>		

Trustee of the Trust Funds

None 2

Trump 1

Library Trustee

Jeremy Gasowski 1

Kristy Blanchard 1

Trump 1

Sandra Jenkins 1

Andy Lelio 1

Nanette Bulger 1

None 1

Cemetery Trustee

Scott Kemp 1

None 2

Trump 1

Select Board

Greg Blanchard 1

Jonathan Moss 1

Timothy Bulger 1

Ron Paul 1

Randy Stevens 1

Parker Allen 1

John LaCourse 2

John Scott Grumbling 1

Trump 1

None 1

Moderator

Lou Rockwell 1

Trump 1

Dan Rainey 1

None 1

Advisory Budget Committee

John McBride 1

Cord Blomquist 1

Paul Gasowski 1

Stacey Waitz 2

Wayne Lehman 1

Katrin Kasper 1

Supervisor of the Checklist

None 2

Trump 1

Mary Hawkes 1

Advisory Budget Committee

Dwight Barney 1

Erick Santelle 1

Brian Seeley 1

Eric Johnson 1

None 2

Trump 1

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) for the purpose of designing, engineering, building and equipping a new Municipal Office Building, which includes site work; and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000) of bonds or notes for this project in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; and to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other actions or to pass any other vote relative thereto; including but not limited to, withdrawing \$400,000 from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund and to further raise and appropriate an additional sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bond. The Select Board recommends this article. Requires a 3/5ths ballot vote majority to pass. *(Estimated tax impact of \$0.03) Fiscal Impact Note: If the bond is issued in 2025 the estimated 2025 tax rate impact is \$0.03 per \$1,000 valuation (three cents per thousand dollars of valuation). The total of the bond's principal and interest payment over a 20-year period at an interest rate of 3.44% are estimated to be \$1,916,600. The estimated bond schedule shows 2026 payment of \$116,956, which decreases annually to a payment of \$71,204 in 2044.*

YES 335

NO 402

undervotes 17

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town of Lee 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 \$5,598,662. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,108,202 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Select Board 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. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. *(Estimated tax rate impact of \$6.05, a \$0.46 increase from prior year)*

YES 405

NO 384

Undervotes 25

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be used for Lee Library renovations. Majority vote required. *(Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.23)*

YES 503

NO 297

undervotes 13

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$175,000) to be deposited into the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. *(Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.20)*

YES 501

NO 294

undervotes 18

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be deposited into the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from general taxation. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. *(Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.00)*

YES 521

NO 275

undervotes 17

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be deposited into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. *(Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.05)*

YES 548

NO 250

undervotes 15

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand dollars (\$90,000) to be deposited into the Highway Dept. Road and Bridge Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. *(Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.09)*

YES 531

NO 263

undervotes 19

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand dollars (\$90,000) to be deposited into the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.09)

YES 486
NO 299
undervotes 18

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than Eighty Thousand dollars (\$80,000) for the purchase of radio infrastructure to assist the fire department in communications from the fire ground to dispatch, other mutual aid agencies, and within the department, and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.00)

YES 572
NO 223
undervotes 18

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Solar Energy System Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of solar energy systems and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in said fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority Vote Required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.04)

YES 475
NO 318
undervotes 20

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be deposited into the Fire Ponds and Cisterns Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.03)

YES 502
NO 291
undervotes 20

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cemetery Fencing Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of new or replacement cemetery fencing and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in said fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority Vote Required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.03)

YES 413
NO 380
undervotes 20

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited into the Internal Service Expendable Trust Fund for Accrued Benefits. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.02)

YES 413
NO 377
undervotes 23

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund for Fiscal Year 2025 for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to go into said fund. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised from general taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. The governing body shall annually publish a detailed report of all expenditures from the fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.00)

YES 549
NO 243
undervotes 21

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.01)

YES 399
NO 382
overvote 1 undervotes 31

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to lease, through the Select Board and under the provisions of RSA 41:11, the Annex Building located at 13 Mast Road to the Lee Historical Society, a private and independent not-for-profit organization, herein after referred to as the Historical Society. The Select Board shall reserve the right to discontinue this agreement with 90 days' notice in the event the building and grounds are needed for municipal, governmental, transportation, or other reasons as required in the interests of the public good. The Select Board shall require no rent or lease payment for use of the building. The Select Board, at its discretion, may require cost sharing for electrical, heating, and cooling utilities with 60 days' notice to the Historical Society. The Select Board shall provide basic landscaping service and snow removal. Other provisions, to be included in the lease at the Select Board's discretion. The Select Board recommends this article. Majority vote required. (Estimated tax rate impact of \$0.00)

YES 615
NO 179
undervotes 19

Vote March 12, 2024 a true copy attest:

Elizabeth J. Stee
Signature of Town/City Clerk

One copy to be returned ELECTION NIGHT to the Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
RETURN OF VOTES
LEE
SPECIAL ELECTION
March 12, 2024



Office	Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate	Undervotes Overvotes
For State Representative Strafford District 11 Vote for not more than 1	Joseph E. Bazo 261	Erik Johnson 530	Undervotes 15 Overvotes 0

BALLOTS CAST

Regular Ballots Cast 796

Absentee Ballots Cast 16

Total Number of Ballots Cast 812

Number of Overvoted Ballots Cast 0

