

Town of New Sharon
SPECIMEN BALLOT

**Annual Town Meeting Election of Officers & Referendum
March 5, 2022**

ARTICLE 1 To elect a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2 Election of Municipal Officers and other Members

Instructions: Mark a cross (X) or check (✓) in the square to the left of the name of the candidate for which you wish to vote. You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by marking a cross (X) or check (✓) in the square to the left and writing in his/her name in the proper blank space.

**Do Not Erase Names. Do Not Use Stickers. If you make an error, you may request a new ballot.
New Sharon Residency is Required for Office of Selectman.**

Mark Only One Choice for Each Office

Selectman – 3-Year Term (2021-2024)

- Nason, Paula New Sharon
- Write in: _____

Water District Trustee – 5-Year Term (2022-2027)

- Write-In: _____

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TOWN OF NEW SHARON REFERENDUM

ARTICLES 3-26

Instructions to Voters To vote for a question, fill in the oval to the left of the “Yes” or “No” choice, like this:

To be sure your vote will count, do not erase or cross out your choice. If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot.

<p>ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town vote to permanently increase the property tax levy limit of \$691,522 established for the Town of New Sharon by State Law in the event that the municipal budget, approved under the following articles, will result in a tax commitment that exceeds that property tax levy limit?</p>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No																																						
<p>ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, a total of \$277,596.89 for operating expenses to include: Administration, Salaries for Elected and Appointed officials, E911 Officer, Health Officer, GA Administrator, General Assistance, Historical Committee, Technology, Parks & Recreation, Mowing Cemeteries, Town Office Operating, and Town Office/Fire Station Debt Service, and to carry forward \$1,748.43 for General Assistance for the ensuing year.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Administration</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$47,850.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Selectmen</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$22,500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Clerk/Tax Collector</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$28,900.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Deputy TC/Clerk</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$4,100.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Treasurer</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$14,800.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Assessing Agent</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$15,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Code Enforcement</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$10,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>E911 Officer</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Health Officer</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>GA Administrator</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Historical Committee</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$2,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Technology</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$10,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Town Hall Operating</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$20,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Parks & Recreation</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$9,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Mowing Cemeteries</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$5,700.00</td></tr> <tr><td>New Office/Fire Station- Debt Service</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$85,495.32</td></tr> <tr><td>General Assistance</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$2,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>General Assistance- Carry Forward</td><td style="text-align: right;"><u>-\$1,748.43</u></td></tr> <tr><td>TOTAL to be raised from taxation</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$277,596.89</td></tr> </table>	Administration	\$47,850.00	Selectmen	\$22,500.00	Clerk/Tax Collector	\$28,900.00	Deputy TC/Clerk	\$4,100.00	Treasurer	\$14,800.00	Assessing Agent	\$15,000.00	Code Enforcement	\$10,000.00	E911 Officer	\$1,000.00	Health Officer	\$500.00	GA Administrator	\$500.00	Historical Committee	\$2,000.00	Technology	\$10,000.00	Town Hall Operating	\$20,000.00	Parks & Recreation	\$9,000.00	Mowing Cemeteries	\$5,700.00	New Office/Fire Station- Debt Service	\$85,495.32	General Assistance	\$2,000.00	General Assistance- Carry Forward	<u>-\$1,748.43</u>	TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$277,596.89	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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<p>ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$531,443.00 for the operation of Public Works to include Snow Plowing, Care and Maintenance of Winter and Summer Roads, Salt Shed, Paving, Capital Roads Reserve and Snow Blowing the Rte. 2 Sidewalk, and to carry forward \$44,020.00 for Local Road Assistance for the ensuing year.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Roads</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer Maintenance</td> <td>\$332,963.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter Maintenance</td> <td>\$71,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snowplowing Contract</td> <td>\$160,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snow Blowing Rte. 2 Sidewalk</td> <td>\$1,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roads Capital Improvement Reserve Account</td> <td>\$10,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less 2020 Local Road Assistance (received)</td> <td><u>-\$44,020.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL to be raised from taxation</td> <td>\$531,443.00</td> </tr> </table>	Roads		Summer Maintenance	\$332,963.00	Winter Maintenance	\$71,000.00	Snowplowing Contract	\$160,000.00	Snow Blowing Rte. 2 Sidewalk	\$1,500.00	Roads Capital Improvement Reserve Account	\$10,000.00	Less 2020 Local Road Assistance (received)	<u>-\$44,020.00</u>	TOTAL to be raised from taxation	\$531,443.00	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
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<p>ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus \$34,807.86 (representing the unexpended Public Works balances in 2021) to the Public Works Capital Roads Reserve Account for the ensuing year.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$114,000.00 for Solid Waste Disposal and Curbside Pickup for the ensuing year.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$34,694.00 for the Town's operation of the Jim Ditzler Memorial Library for the ensuing year.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$21,500.00 for Insurance and Worker's Compensation for the ensuing year.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate from taxation a total of \$11,500 for the Town's share of Social Security for the ensuing year.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from unappropriated surplus, the sum of \$10,000 to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the calendar year 2022.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town vote to allow overlay to cover Abatements.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town transfer the money received from the State for Snowmobile Registrations to the New Sharon Snow Riders Snowmobile Club?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by Town Meeting, money from the State, FEMA, federal or other governmental units, grants or private sources which become available during the year, and to authorize the Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, any and all unconditional gifts of any type of property and use to lower the commitment.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																
<p>ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town set the date of 30 days from commitment after which interest shall be charged at the rate of 4% per year, or part thereof, on taxes unpaid after that date; and that the Tax Collector shall settle with the Treasurer within one year of commitment?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>																

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<p>ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property? 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).</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 18 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town owned personal property, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 19 Shall the Town use the Excise Tax money to help off-set the cost of capital improvements and maintenance of roads?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 20 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to negotiate temporary loans, said loans to be repaid during the 2022 calendar year?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 21 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the amount in the 2022 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2023 to the 2023 annual Town Meeting?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 22 Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads for winter maintenance?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 23 Shall the Town accept prepayment of taxes prior to the commitment and to pay no interest thereon?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 24 Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multiple year contract for snow plowing services?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 25 Shall the Town vote to appropriate from unappropriated surplus, \$53,933.00 (representing unexpended balances in the prior year) to lower the tax commitment.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$149,437.36 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government to include the following projects along with any other projects which meet the criteria as set by the federal government: Town Office generator; 1 year ZOOM fee for remote meeting access; water pressure pump Town Office/Fire Station; 3 heat pumps for the Library; display cases for preservation and protection of Town of New Sharon specific historical items.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fire Department Ordinance to lower the minimum age of 18 to 16 for Junior Firefighters.</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>

Check to Be Sure You Have Voted All Pages of this Ballot. Questions are Printed on BOTH SIDES

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