

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
2009 WARRANT ARTICLE BALLOT**

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,550,000 (gross budget) for the financing of an improvement to increase the capacity of the Town of Allenstown Wastewater Treatment Facility through the installation of equipment, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to further authorize the Selectmen to contract for and expend any Federal, State or other aid that may be available for this project; Furthermore to authorize the use of up to \$50,000 from the December 31 fund balance for this purpose (this amount is equivalent to the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund on or before December 31); and to take all other action necessary to carry out and complete this project. Repayment of the cost of this project will be shared by the Town of Allenstown and the Town of Pembroke pursuant to an agreement between their respective sewer commissions which provides that Pembroke will reimburse Allenstown for Pembroke's share of the cost, which share shall be ½ or 50% of the cost. Therefore, the Town of Allenstown's share of the total cost is \$775,000, (50%) and the Town of Pembroke's share of the cost is \$775,000, (50%). 3/5-ballot vote required, pursuant to SB2. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and is recommended by the Budget Committee*

Yes 289 No 337

ARTICLE 4 FAILED

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town of Allenstown 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 Five million three hundred thirty-eight thousand nine hundred eighty-one dollars (\$5,338,981) Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five million one hundred twenty-five thousand nine hundred thirty-one dollars (\$5,125,931) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Allenstown 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 operations budget only.

NOTE: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

Yes 180 No 434

ARTICLE 5 FAILED

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in **the Police Computer Equipment** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee*

Yes 234 No 391

ARTICLE 6 FAILED

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to be placed in the **Police Cruiser** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 200 No 426

ARTICLE 7 FAILED

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be placed in the **Police Safety Equipment** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 220 No 406

ARTICLE 8 FAILED

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the **Special Revenue D.A.R.E.** Fund. This is a Special Warrant Article. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 250 No 377

ARTICLE 9 FAILED

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$191,000 (One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Dollars) to be offset by 25% to be raised by taxation in the amount of Forty-seven thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$47,750) as the Town's 25% matching funds and expend an additional One hundred forty-three thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$143,250) from the State of New Hampshire, 75% matching funds through the Hazard Mitigation Grant (Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management), under FEMA program 404. Said funds to be used to **re-construct the Mt. Delight Rd. culvert and associated planning, engineering & construction costs.**

Yes 183 No 401

ARTICLE 10 FAILED

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the **Town Safety** Expendable Trust Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 175 No 417

ARTICLE 11 FAILED

ARTICLE 12

To raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be placed into the **Allenstown Fire Department Safety Equipment** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

Yes 216 No 381

ARTICLE 12 FAILED

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to be added to the existing **Highway Department Equipment** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee*

Yes 204 No 389

ARTICLE 13 FAILED

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the existing **Public Safety Facilities** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 182 No 411

ARTICLE 14 FAILED

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for One hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred sixty dollars (\$134,560) to lease a **2009 International Six Wheel Truck** (which includes plow, wing, conventional body with built in sander) and further to authorize the first year's lease payment in the amount of Thirty thousand one hundred ninety-six and 48 cents (\$30,196.48). This lease agreement contains an escape clause.
This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.

Yes 181 No 416

ARTICLE 15 FAILED

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the **Highway Garage** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 212 No 382

ARTICLE 16 FAILED

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the **Landfill Closure** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 213 No 381

ARTICLE 17 FAILED

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of **the Town Hall Roof** Capital Reserve Fund to the **Town Hall Repairs, Maintenance and Renovation** Capital Reserve Fund. **(2/3 vote required)**

Yes 318 No 277

ARTICLE 18 FAILED

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) dollars to be added to the current **Recreation** Capital Reserve Fund. *This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. This article is recommended by the Budget Committee.*

Yes 213

No 381

ARTICLE 19 FAILED

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to change the current method from electing a Road Agent for a term of three years to authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Road Agent, annually pursuant to RSA 231:62. The appointment of the Road Agent will commence at the end of the current elected term in March 2010.

Yes 238

No 379

ARTICLE 20 FAILED

ARTICLE 21 – BY PETITION

Will the citizens of Allenstown N.H. enact a tax/spending cap for the purposes of regulating the annual town and school budgets. The cap will be effective within 30 days from the town voting day in the year 2009. The cap will be adjusted annually by the rate of inflation set forth by the national consumer price index from the previous year. Having a maximum annual increase of 2% from the previous year tax assessment. This warrant article is not legally binding as the voters already have direct control over the appropriations of the town.

Yes 341

No 266

ARTICLE 21 PASSED

ARTICLE 22 – BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

“Resolved: We the citizens of Allenstown, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the “Pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that is just and fair.

Yes 468

No 151

ARTICLE 21 PASSED