

SAMPLE



TOWN OF GORHAM  
OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

*Laurie K. Knopf*  
Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- ◆ Fill in the oval next to your choice, like this: ●
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not spoil your ballot by erasing or crossing out your choice.

FOR TOWN COUNCIL 3-YEAR TERM (Vote for no more than TWO)	FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3-YEAR TERM (Vote for no more than THREE)
<input type="radio"/> Paul, Christina	<input type="radio"/> Brockman, James
<input type="radio"/> Phillips, Suzanne E.	<input type="radio"/> Hudson, Nicole D.
<input type="radio"/> Shepard, Ronald W.	<input type="radio"/> Perkins, Sarah B.
<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Sturm, Leah
<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
TURN OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING	

SAMPLE

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Gorham be authorized to borrow and expend up to \$5,689,000 for the following capital projects on various public schools in the Town?

- 1. GMS HVAC Heat Pump Upgrade and Repairs - \$2,265,000.00
- 2. Narragansett Expansion Project Phase II - \$1,423,000.00
- 3. Narragansett Bus Loop and Sidewalk Upgrades and Repairs - \$351,000.00
- 4. Middle School Sidewalk Repair - \$300,000.00
- 5. Field Lighting Safety Repairs for competition field, baseball, softball and tennis fields - \$1,275,000.00
- 6. Necessary Civil Engineering Costs - \$75,000.00

- YES
- NO

NOTE: The Town Council voted 7-0

Financial Statement

The issuing of bonds by the Town of Gorham is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Gorham as of the date of this referendum election:

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid:	\$30,265,000
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds:	\$ 5,698,804
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding:	\$35,963,804

Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued:	\$ -
Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued If Bond Questions Is Approved By Voters:	\$ 5,689,000
Estimate of Potential New Interest on such Additional Bonds:	\$ 557,451
Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued & Estimated Interest If Approved By Voters:	\$ 6,246,451

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.



Ephrem Paraschak  
Treasurer

QUESTION 2

Shall Section 202 of the Gorham Town Charter be amended as follows:

**Sec. 202. Qualifications.** Councilmen members shall be qualified electors of the Town and shall reside in the Town during their term of office. ~~They~~ A Council member shall hold no other paid office of emolument or profit under the Town Charter or Ordinances or position of employment with the Town or the Department of Education (Gorham School District) during the term for which the Council member was elected to the Council. If a Councilman member shall cease to possess any of these qualifications or shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, his/her office shall immediately become vacant.

[Note: Additions are underlined and deletions are struck out.]

[Explanation: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify the qualifications of office for a Town Council member.]

- YES
- NO

NOTE: The Town Council voted 7-0

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING