

TOWN OF GORHAM
SAMPLE BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

BALLOT 2 OF 2

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.

QUESTION 1

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

- YES
- NO

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

ARTICLE II
TOWN COUNCIL

Sec. 203 Enumeration of Powers. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Council shall have the power to:

204.16 Authorize and issue general obligation securities, provided that no such securities shall be issued to finance a proposed capital expenditure over ~~\$250,000~~\$500,000, as adjusted for inflation in accordance with section 901, unless such proposed expenditure shall first have been approved by referendum vote pursuant to section 901;

ARTICLE IX
INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Sec. 901.13. Capital Expenditures Over ~~\$250,000~~\$500,000. Any proposed capital expenditure over ~~\$250,000~~\$500,000 except emergency ordinances as previously defined in Article II, Section 213.1, shall be submitted to a referendum vote on the proposed expenditure. The Council shall fix the time and place for such referendum. A majority of the electors present and voting at the referendum shall determine the result. Notwithstanding the above, no referendum vote shall be required for any expenditure where (A) it is fully paid for by a third party grant award or gift fully covering the expenditure or where (B) the Town's share of the expenditure does not exceed ~~\$250,000~~\$500,000, as long as, in either instance, the Town Council, after a ~~public~~ hearing on the same, determines there will be no directly related costs accompanying such expenditure. The Council's determination on that issue shall be conclusive unless challenged by an action filed in Superior Court within thirty (30) days of such Council determination.

The \$500,000 capital expenditure threshold, as set forth in this section, shall be adjusted for inflation beginning on January 1, 2023, and on January 1 of each year thereafter. As used in this paragraph, "inflation" means the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers New England (CPI-U, New England) compared to the previous year, or a successor

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Gorham authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes in anticipation of such bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,523,215.00 and to appropriate the proceeds thereof for the purpose of financing costs of the:

- 1.) Gorham High School LED Lighting - \$423,215.00
- 2.) Gorham High School HVAC - \$4,300,000.00
- 3.) Narragansett Elementary School Modular Expansion (Final Phase) - \$5,800,000.00

with the bonds and notes to be issued on a tax-exempt or taxable basis, with or without call provisions and with such dates, maturities, denominations, interests rate(s), redemption provisions and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as the Municipal Officers shall determine.

Fiscal Note: The total estimated debt service of the bonds authorized by this Article is \$12,322,210.57, of which principal is \$10,523,215.00 and estimated interest at 2.85% over 10 years is \$1,798,995.57.

- Yes
 No

NOTE: The Town Council voted 4 yeas, 2 nays (Pratt, Phillips) (Kuech absent) and recommends a "YES" vote.

Financial Statement for Question 2

The issuance 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:	\$ <u>27,040,000.00</u>
Interest to be repaid on Outstanding Bonds:	\$ <u>4,219,856.41</u>
Total to be repaid on Bonds Outstanding:	\$ <u>31,259,856.41</u>

Bonds Authorized but not yet issued:	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Estimated Interest on Bonds Authorized but not yet issued	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total Bonds (Principal + Interest) authorized but not yet issued:	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Additional Bonds (Principal Amount) to be issued if Question 2 is approved by Voters:	\$ <u>10,523,215.00</u>
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Additional Bonds:	\$ <u>1,798,995.57</u>
Total Additional Bonds (Principal + Interest) to be Issued if Question 2 is Approved by Voters:	\$ <u>12,322,210.57</u>

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.