



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Eric Anthony  
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.

**SELECTMAN**

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT  
MORE THAN ONE

GERARD A. LEDUC 170 ●

DANIEL J. GREENE 122 ○

(Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF  
THE TRUST FUNDS**

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT  
MORE THAN ONE

Steven Leeley 41 ●  
(Write-in)**CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT  
MORE THAN ONE

CEDRIC DUSTIN III 256 ●

(Write-in)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT  
MORE THAN ONE

SANDRA J. ADAMS 251 ●

(Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD**

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT  
MORE THAN ONE

RICHARD "RICK" ANTHONY 225 ●

(Write-in)

**ZONING BOARD  
OF ADJUSTMENT**

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT  
MORE THAN TWO

GEORGE MICHAEL BACHELDER 245 ●

MIKE CABRAL 51 ○

ARTHUR O'HARA 155 ●

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

**TOWN TREASURER**

3 YEAR TERM VOTE FOR NOT  
MORE THAN ONE

DONNA I. STOCKMAN 268 ●

(Write-in)

**2023 TOWN OF PITTSFIELD WARRANT ARTICLES****Article 2 – Municipal Operating Budget**

Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including the 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 \$5,190,496?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$4,995,952 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town 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.

Estimated tax impact is \$8.481 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

206  
YES ●  
NO ○  
106

**Article 3 - Municipal Sidewalks improvement**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of improvements to our municipal sidewalks and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 to come from the Municipal Sidewalks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance collected in 2022 was \$28,785.00, which will be transferred to the Municipal Sidewalks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund in fiscal year 2023. The balance of the Municipal Sidewalks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund was \$23,377.03 on December 31, 2022.

There is no estimated tax impact.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

274  
YES ●  
NO ○  
41

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

2023 TOWN OF PITTSFIELD WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 – public works truck replacement

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000 for the purchase of a truck for the public works department, to authorize the withdrawal of \$153,000 to come from the Public Works Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, with the balance of \$57,000 to be funded by taxation. The balance of the Public Works Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund was \$153,177.37 on December 31, 2022.

225  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
84

Estimated tax impact is \$0.16 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

Article 5 – raising matching funds for a Fire Department grant – 1994 fire tanker replacement

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the purchase of a tanker truck for the fire department, with a grant revenue offset of \$400,000 to come from an Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, leaving \$50,000 required as matching funds and to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund. The matching funds amount will be spent only if the grant is received. This article is required to be written to show the entire appropriation and offsetting grant revenue, not just the net obligation, per the gross budgeting concept for transparency. The balance of the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund was \$123,579.37 on December 31, 2022.

274  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
36

There is no estimated tax impact.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

Article 6 – ambulance replacement

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,000 for the purchase of an ambulance and the ambulance equipment necessary to be licensed by the State of New Hampshire, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$385,000 to come from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund created for this purpose.

267  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
42

This article is being presented for a consideration a year ahead of the replacement schedule as the factory build times are two full years once an order is placed. The ambulance replacement schedule is not changing. To maintain the current 10-year replacement schedule, the 2014 ambulance has to be ordered in 2023, to be received in 2024.

There is no estimated tax impact.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

Article 7 – increase annual deposit into the Ambulance Replacement & Equipment Fund

To see if the town will vote, in accordance with RSA 31:95-d, V, to change the fractional portion of revenues to deposit into the existing Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund, an RSA 31:95-c special revenue fund created in 1998 and last amended in 2020, the change being to restrict \$70,000 in revenues from the annual amount of ambulance billings recorded in the General Fund to be deposited annually into the existing Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund for continued purpose of funding the replacements of the town's ambulances along with the ambulance equipment necessary to be licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

247  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
60

The revenues and expenditures accounted for in the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund are separate from the General Fund. Any surplus in the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund is not deemed to be a part of the General Fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate an amount from the Ambulance Replacement and Equipment Fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund and source of revenue.

(2/3 vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

Article 8 – add to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund was \$30,070.27 on December 31, 2022.

212  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
99

Estimated tax impact is \$0.084 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

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**2023 TOWN OF PITTSFIELD WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED****Article 9 – add to the Fire Department Fire & Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be added to the Fire Department Fire & Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Fire & Rescue Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund was \$207.17 on December 31, 2022.  
Estimated tax impact is \$0.028 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

242  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
70

(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

**Article 10 – add to the Fire Department Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** to be added to the Fire Department Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was \$3,050.84 on December 31, 2022.  
Estimated tax impact is \$0.003 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

249  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
63

(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

**Article 11 – add to the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$98,000** to be added to the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund was \$137,437.37 on December 31, 2022.

223  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
87

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.276 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

**Article 12 – add to the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to be added to the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund was \$123,579.37 on December 31, 2022.

227  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
83

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.042 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

**Article 13 – add to the Fire Department Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** to be added to the Fire Department Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund was \$29,097.82 on December 31, 2022.

222  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
89

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.023 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

**Article 14 – add to the Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,000** to be added to the Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The proposed addition to this Capital Reserve Fund is to support the replacement of three dump trucks, in different staggered years. The balance of the Public Works Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund was \$288,540.91 on December 31, 2022.

210  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
100

Estimated tax impact is \$0.225 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

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2023 TOWN OF PITTSFIELD WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 15 – add to the Loader Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Loader Capital Reserve Fund was \$80,899.33 on December 31, 2022.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.042 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

198  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
97

Article 16 – add to the Grader Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 to be added to the Grader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Grader Capital Reserve Fund was \$194,248.77 on December 31, 2022.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.118 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

190  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
106

Article 17 – add to the Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be added to the Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund was \$43,973.93 on December 31, 2022.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.025 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

203  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
93

Article 18 – add to the Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 to be added to the Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund was \$56,724.65 on December 31, 2022.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.059 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

203  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
93

Article 19 – add to the Light Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Light Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Light Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was \$20,003.40 on December 31, 2022.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.056 per thousand dollars of assessed value.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

201  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
95

Article 20 – add to the Floral Park Cemetery Fence Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be added to the Floral Park Cemetery Fence Expendable Trust Fund previously established.  
This sum is the amount of a \$500 Select Board Member stipend that was designated to be donated to this Trust Fund which is in the general fund’s unassigned fund balance as an unspent appropriation and no amount is to be raised by taxation. The balance of the Floral Park Cemetery Fence Expendable Trust Fund was \$4,139.36 on December 31, 2022.

There is no estimated tax impact for this warrant article.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

245  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
51

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**Article 21 – creation of a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289:2-a, allowing all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots in Pittsfield cemeteries and any interest gained thereon, for the maintenance of cemeteries; and to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the general fund's unassigned fund balance as an unspent appropriation with no amount to be raised by taxation; further to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from said fund.

259

YES ☒

NO ☐

48

There is no estimated tax impact for this warrant article.  
(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)  
(Recommended the Budget Committee 11-0-0)

**Article 22 – readoption of Optional Veterans' Tax Credit**

Shall the Town of Pittsfield readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$300?

281

YES ☒

NO ☐

26

(majority vote required)

**Article 23 – readoption of All Veterans' Credit**

Shall the Town of Pittsfield readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall equal the amount of the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Pittsfield under RSA 72:28?

274

YES ☒

NO ☐

32

(majority vote required)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

