

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL MEETING  
COLCHESTER, VERMONT  
MARCH 7, 2017**

**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.

<p align="center"><b>FOR SELECTBOARD</b></p> <p>TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>JACQUELINE "JACKI" MURPHY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR LISTER</b></p> <p>THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>ANGELA MACDONALD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b></p> <p>TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>CURT TAYLOR <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>FOR SELECTBOARD</b></p> <p>THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>HERB DOWNING <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR MODERATOR</b></p> <p>ONE YEAR VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>SCOTT BARRETT <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR SCHOOL BOARD</b></p> <p>THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>J. LINCOLN WHITE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center"><b>FOR TOWN CLERK/ TREASURER</b></p> <p>TWO YEARS VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>KAREN RICHARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR GRAND JUROR</b></p> <p>ONE YEAR VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>FIVE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>JESSICA LEARY CLARKE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	

**SCHOOL ARTICLE**

**ARTICLE 21:**

Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$39,133,767, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,091.75 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.97% higher than spending for the current year.

YES   
NO

**TOWN ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE 6:**

"Shall the voters of the Town of Colchester approve total general fund expenditures of twelve million, four hundred fifty-two thousand, three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$12,452,325), of which ten million, two hundred twenty-one thousand, eight hundred seventy dollars (\$10,221,870) shall be raised by taxes and two million, two hundred thirty-four thousand, four hundred fifty-five dollars (\$2,234,455) by non-tax revenues for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?"

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 7:** Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 2. Officers

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 202 to eliminate the elected office of grand juror?"

YES   
NO

*The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review in each voting booth.*

**ARTICLE 8:** Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 2. Officers

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 207 to add the requirement of the Selectboard to publish all policy adoptions on the Town's website for ease of access by the public?"

YES   
NO

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**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## TOWN ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE 9: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 3. Town Meetings

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 304 to change the threshold from 2 to 4 percent for emergency appropriations following an opportunity for public comment on the matter and to amend Section 607 to change the 2 percent to 4 percent to agree with Section 304; and remove redundant language that states articles requesting appropriations shall be voted by Australian ballot?"

YES

NO

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### ARTICLE 10: Proposed Town Charter Amendments re: Subchapter 4. Town Manager

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 401 to add the statutory reference for appointment of Town Manager; amend Section 404 to add language that the Town Manager **shall** keep the Selectboard informed.... **Including, but not limited to, regarding the enforcement of Town ordinances;** and amend Section 406 to add the language that the Town Manager shall be removed by a majority of the **entire** Selectboard so voting **upon a finding of cause for removal?**"

YES

NO

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### ARTICLE 11: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 6. Budget

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 602 to add clarification language to the preparation and submission of the budget; amend Section 603 to add clarification language to the Town meeting and budget process; and amend Section 606 to add clarification language to the Departmental budget?"

YES

NO

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### ARTICLE 12: Proposed Town Charter amendment re: Subchapter 6. Budget

"Shall the voters vote to add Section 608 Capital budgeting for voter-approved funding, to require multi-year capital budgets funded through voter-approved multi-year capital plans, voter-approved agreements, voter-approved debt, or impact fees to follow the provisions of state statutes?"

YES

NO

*The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review in each voting booth.*

### ARTICLE 13: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 9. Miscellaneous Provision to be renamed "Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest."

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 901 Ethical conduct to add clarification language; and add Section 902 Conflict of Interest Policy to require the publication of the policy on the Town's website and the adoption and periodic review of the policy and process?"

YES

NO

*The complete text of the proposed amendment is available for review in each voting booth.*

### ARTICLE 14: Proposed Town Charter Amendment re: Subchapter 10. Amendment of Charter

"Shall the voters vote to amend Section 1001 Amendment of Charter to require a review of the charter every 5 years?"

YES

NO

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# SAMPLE BALLOT

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**