

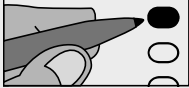


Sample Ballot
Annual Town Election
March 10, 2026
Pittsfield, NH

Instructions

To Vote:

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



To Vote for a Write-in:

To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write the person's name on the "Write-in" line and completely fill in the oval next to the line.



Selectman

Vote for not more than 1
3 years

Daniel Joseph Greene ☐

Write-in ☐

Cemetery Trustee

Vote for not more than 1
3 years

Cedric H. Dustin III ☐

Write-in ☐

Planning Board

Vote for not more than 1
2 years

Richard Anthony ☐

Write-in ☐

Town Moderator

Vote for not more than 1
2 years

Jackson E. Marston ☐

Write-in ☐

Library Trustee

Vote for not more than 1
3 years

Sandra J. Adams ☐

Write-in ☐

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Vote for up to 2; Two will be elected
3 years

Write-in ☐

Write-in ☐

Supervisor of the Checklist

Vote for not more than 1
6 years

Elizabeth Hast ☐

Write-in ☐

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Vote for not more than 1
3 years

Steven Michael Keeley ☐

Write-in ☐

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Vote for not more than 1
1 year

J. W. "Bill" Miskoe ☐

Write-in ☐

Town Treasurer

Vote for not more than 1
3 years

Donna I. Stockman ☐

Write-in ☐

Planning Board

Vote for not more than 1
3 years

Craig Jordan Paggi ☐

Write-in ☐

Article 2 – Sludge Removal from Wastewater Lagoons

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,660,000 (gross budget) for the removal of sludge from the Wastewater Lagoons, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,660,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds and notes and to apply for, receive, and expend as a part of this authorization, grants, aid, and gifts to be applied to such project to decrease the sums to be bonded or borrowed, and to authorize the municipal officials to take any and all actions necessary to carry out and complete the project authorized by this article; further, without limiting the general obligation nature of the bonds it is the intent and expectation that at least 50% of the debt service payments will come from sewer user fees as an obligation of those connected directly to the sewer user system.

(3/5 ballot majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

Yes ☐

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

No ☐

Article 3 – increase Veterans Service-Connected Total Disability Credit amount

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 to increase the current tax credit of \$1,400 to \$1,700 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property?

A 2025 change in statute no longer allows eligible Veterans to receive both the \$300 Standard/All Veterans Credit AND the Service-Connected Total Disability Credit which is currently \$1,400. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐



Article 4 – 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 **\$6,365,931**?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$5,767,600** 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.

The operating budget estimated tax impact is \$5.81 per thousand dollars of assessed value.(majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 5 – health insurance benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,023 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to receive the same health insurance benefits as the other eligible Town of Pittsfield employees. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will contribute the same percentage of the annual premium as the other eligible employees. If the article passes, the health benefits will become part of the operating budget going forward and will stay in effect until rescinded.

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.02 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

AMENDED Article 6 – audio/video equipment to record Board meetings

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the purpose of purchasing audio/video/power equipment to record Board Meetings that can be placed on a streaming location to enhance community services by helping to educate interested viewers as to the operations of town government and increase transparency of municipal business, with a \$450 offset from a Selectboard Member’s stipend that was designated to be donated to this project which is in the general fund’s unassigned fund balance as an unspent appropriation with the balance of \$1,550 to be funded by taxation.

Estimated tax impact is approximately less than \$0.01 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 7 – 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 of the Municipal Sidewalks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund was \$64,257.80 on December 31, 2025.

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

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 8 – expand use of Police Special Detail Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote, in accordance with RSA 31:95-h, to change the existing revolving fund for Police Special Details so that revenues received from the police special details may be used for the periodic purchase of a police cruiser in addition to the existing use of paying for all benefits associated with special detail payment to the police officers. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 9 – increase 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 2023, the change being to restrict **\$95,000** 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.

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 majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 10 – add to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,000** to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund was \$1,264.26 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.10 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 11 – 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 **\$30,000** 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 \$36,233.08 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.05 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 12 – add to the Fire Department Small 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 Fire Department Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Small Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was \$319.10 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.03 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 13 – add to the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$150,000** to be added to the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Pumper Capital Reserve Fund was \$338,254.69 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.23 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 14 – add to the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** to be added to the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Fire Department Tanker Capital Reserve Fund was \$158,270.84 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.15 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 15 – add to the Fire Department Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** 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 \$46,464.78 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is approximately \$0.03 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 16 – add to the Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be added to the Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Small Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund was \$348.73 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.06 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 17 – add to the Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** 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 **four dump trucks, in different staggered years**. The balance of the Public Works Dump Truck Capital Reserve Fund was \$108,295.30 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.15 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 18 – add to the Loader Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** to be added to the Loader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Loader Capital Reserve Fund was \$114,274.66 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.06 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 19 – add to the Grader Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,000** to be added to the Grader Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Grader Capital Reserve Fund was \$274,358.86 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.05 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 20 – add to the Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000** to be added to the Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Backhoe Capital Reserve Fund was \$63,858.39 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.03 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 21 – add to the Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$55,000** to be added to the Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Sidewalk Tractor Capital Reserve Fund was \$101,706.83 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.08 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 22 – add to the Light Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** to be added to the Light Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of the Public Works Light Equipment Capital Reserve Fund was \$35.60 on December 31, 2025.

Estimated tax impact is \$0.01 per thousand dollars of assessed value. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 23 – add to the Floral Park Cemetery Fence Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** to be added to the Floral Park Cemetery Fence Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

This sum is the amount of a \$1,000 donation received that is in the general fund’s unassigned fund balance as an unbudgeted revenue with **no amount to be raised by taxation.**

The balance of the Floral Park Cemetery Fence Expendable Trust Fund was \$7,867.32 on December 31, 2025.

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

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 24 – CITIZENS PETITION – transition to Advisory Budget Committee

To see if the town will vote to transition to a Budget Advisory Committee from an Official Budget Committee for the review and recommendation of the Town and School budgets. (majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 25 – CITIZENS PETITION – reinstatement of Housing Standards Agency

Shall the Town of Pittsfield vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 48-A (Housing Standards) and authorize the Selectboard to reinstate a Housing Standards Agency for the purpose of ensuring rental dwellings are fit for human habitation? The agency shall consist of [Option A: A board of at least 3 members, including the Health Officer and Fire Chief / Option B: A Housing Standards Enforcement Officer] as prescribed by RSA 48-A:3, and shall have the authority to investigate complaints and enforce minimum housing standards as defined by state law and local ordinance. (majority vote required)

(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Article 26 – CITIZENS PETITION – change to elected Road Agent

Shall the Town of Pittsfield vote to change the office of Highway Agent (Road Agent) from an appointed position to an elected position, with the term of office to be three (3) years, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:62 and RSA 669:7? If approved, this change shall take effect at the next Annual Town Meeting in March 2027. (majority vote required)

(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0)

Yes

No