

TOWN OF ESSEX
OFFICIAL RESULTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6 & 7, 2023

Number of voters on Checklist:	8,781
Number of voters checked in March 6, 2023 town meeting:	159
Number of voters added at polls March 7, 2023	3
Total number of voters for March 7, 2023 town election:	8,784
Number of in-person voters March 7, 2023 town election:	725
Number of early/absentee ballots received:	240
Total votes cast March 7, 2023 town election:	965

Results of March 6, 2023 floor vote:

ARTICLE I. Shall the reports of the Officers be accepted? **PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town of Essex vote on all public questions by Australian ballot?
PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

(Note: Articles III and IV were discussion only items)

Results of March 7, 2023 Australian ballot vote:

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 as recommended by the Selectboard in the amount of \$15,401,152?

Yes: 657 No: 303 Blank: 5

ARTICLE VI. Shall the Town of Essex increase the Capital Reserve Fund by adding 1 cent to the tax rate, in addition to the two cents previously authorized, for the purpose of financing capital projects?

Yes: 604 No: 356 Blank: 5

ARTICLE VII. Shall the Town of Essex reorganize its charter as recommended by the Charter Review Committee?

Yes: 770 No: 162 Blank: 33

ARTICLE VIII. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to have the authority to adopt and enforce ordinances for the purposes of regulating, licensing, and fixing reasonable and necessary license fees?

Yes: 748 No: 197 Blank: 20

ARTICLE IX. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to give the Selectboard the power to enact an ordinance to protect residential tenants from eviction without just cause?

Yes: 570 No: 383 Blank: 12

ARTICLE X. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to allow for the recall of Selectboard members?

Yes: 666 No: 266 Blank: 33

ARTICLE XI. Shall the Town of Essex amend its charter to create a Development Review Board to replace the Zoning Board of Adjustment by January 1, 2025, following passage by the Vermont Legislature?
Yes: 763 No: 175 Blank: 27

ARTICLE XII. Election of the following:
Moderator, 1 vacancy (1-year term)
Selectboard, 2 vacancies (3-year terms)

Moderator (1):	John Sonnick (write-in)	106
	Other write-ins	46
	Blank:	813
Selectboard (2):	Ethan Lawrence:	664
	Andy Watts:	794
	Write-ins:	21
	Blank:	451

Attest: *Susan McNamara-Hill*
Susan McNamara-Hill, Town Clerk