

## 2020 ELECTION POSITIONS FOR TOWN OFFICERS

### **MODERATOR**

(2 Year Term-Vote for no more than one)

BRUCE L TATRO 754 Votes

### **SELECTMEN**

(3 Year Term-Vote for no more than one)

WILLIAM HUTWELKER III 680 Votes

### **PLANNING BOARD**

(3 Year Term-Vote for not more than two)

GLENN W PAGE 646 Votes

RUTH C SNYDER 691 Votes

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

(1 Year Term-Vote for not more than one)

ERIC KALLIO 278 Votes

ANNE L KARASINSKI 396 Votes

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

(3 Year Term-Vote for not more than two)

ADAM MULHEARN 634 Votes

BRYAN RUDGERS 614 Votes

### **SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLISTS**

(6 Year Term-Vote for not more than one)

LYNDA J FAULKNER 754 Votes

### **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

(3 Year Term-Vote for not more than one)

STEVEN D BITTEL 716 Votes

### **SEWER COMMISSION**

(3 Year Term-Vote for not more than one)

GLENN W PAGE 744 Votes

### **STRATTON FREE LIBRARY**

#### **TRUSTEE**

(3 Year Term-Vote for not more than one)

JUDITH PERRY 767 Votes

### **MT CAESER UNION LIBRARY**

#### **TRUSTEE**

(1 Year Term-Vote for not more than one)

ROBERT J KENNEY 754 Votes

**TOWN OF SWANZEY 2020 ELECTION RESULTS**

**Article 1** To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**Article 2** To vote by ballot on the following amendments to the Town of SwanzeY Zoning Ordinance:

**ZONING AMENDMENTS (new text in *italics*, deleted text in ~~strickethrough~~):**

**Amendment No. 1** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the SwanzeY Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section III, Article C to read as follows:

C. *Accessory Uses and Accessory Buildings*

1. Any accessory use or any accessory building which is customarily incidental to the principal use or building located on the same lot with the principal use or building shall be permitted in all Districts.
2. Accessory uses shall not include the deposit or placing outside of any building any waste, refuse or ashes, or the storage of any gasoline or oils.
3. *For residential properties, one (1) single-story storage shed up to two-hundred (200) square feet in area that is exempt from the building permit requirements may be located up to five (5) feet from the side or rear property lines, but must still comply with front setback requirement.*

YES – 572 VOTES

NO – 258 VOTES

**Amendment No. 2** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the SwanzeY Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section V, Article B, Paragraph 3 to read as follows:

3. All lots shall be of at least one (1) acre in size with one hundred twenty-five (125) foot frontage on a town or State maintained road. The front setback for everything except buildings and structures is thirty (30) feet from the front property line. *For properties with frontage on NH Route 10 or NH Route 12, all ~~All~~ buildings and structures shall be located seventy-five (75) feet from the ~~front property~~ ~~property~~ right-of-way line. For all frontages other than NH Route 10 or NH Route 12, all buildings and structures shall be located thirty (30) feet from the front property line.* The side and rear setbacks are twenty (20) feet from the side and rear property lines.

YES – 461 VOTES

NO – 393 VOTES

**Amendment No. 3** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the SwanzeY Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section VI, Article e, Paragraph 1 to read as follows:

- 1) All buildings or structures within this zone shall be located (1) at least seventy five (75) feet from the right-of-way of Route 10; (b) at least fifty (50) feet from the boundary line of any abutting residential dwelling; (c) at least ~~seventy five~~ *thirty (30)* feet from *the right-of-way* of any feeder road; and (d) at least twenty (20) feet from any other boundary.

YES – 463 VOTES

NO – 388 VOTES

**Amendment No. 4** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Swanzey Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To add the following to Section V, Article C, Paragraph 1:

1. USES PERMITTED. In the Village Business District II no building or premises shall be erected or used and no land shall be used for any purposes except:

*s. Multi-family dwelling(s).*

YES – 451 VOTES

NO – 393 VOTES

**Amendment No. 5** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Swanzey Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise Section XI, Article B as to read as follows:

B. Non-conforming Building/Non-conforming Structure: A non-conforming building or non-conforming structure may be continued indefinitely and may be repaired or remodeled subject to the following limitations:

1. Restoration, reconstruction, alteration and/or replacement of nonconforming buildings/structures are allowed, provided that the cubic ~~contents~~ *footage* and the footprint of the original building/structure stays the same or smaller; any nonconforming buildings/structures that have been destroyed in whole or in part by fire, by other natural disaster, or by voluntary demolition may be replaced within one year of the damage or demolition in the same or smaller footprint and with the same or smaller cubic ~~contents~~ *footage*.
2. The relocation on a lot of a structure that does not comply with the setback provisions is allowed provided the new location complies with the setback provisions.
3. *Existing legally nonconforming buildings or structures that have nonconforming setbacks may be enlarged or changed provided that the expansion does not further encroach into a setback, subject to the following:*
  - a. *In no case shall the expansion be closer to a property line or right-of-way line than 1/2 (one-half) of any setback distance requirement for the Zoning District that the property is located in.*

YES – 562 VOTES

NO – 271 VOTES

**Article 3** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,950,000) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, and constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Fire Station at Town owned property located at 321 Old Homestead Highway; Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) to be raised by general taxation, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) from the Undesignated Fund Balance, and Three Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto? (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN – 3/5 Ballot Vote Required)

YES – 478 VOTES

NO – 395 VOTES

**Article 4** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including 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 ~~\$6,303,000~~ **\$6,330,000**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,072,735, 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.  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 526 VOTES

NO – 333 VOTES

**Article 5** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 by general taxation to be placed in the following expendable trust and capital reserve accounts of the Town:

Expendable Trust Funds	Amount	Capital Reserve Funds	Amount
Revaluations & Updates	\$20,000	Fire Trucks	\$5,000
Police IMS	\$3,000	Recreation Facilities Improvements	\$10,000
Police Facilities	\$3,000	Police Cruisers	\$40,000
Emergency Communications	\$5,000		
Fire Ponds	\$25,000		
Fire Tools & Equipment	\$20,000		
Town Hall IMS	\$15,000		
Mt. Caesar Union Library	\$3,000		
Stratton Library	\$1,000		

or take any action thereon?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 626 VOTES

NO – 248 VOTES

**Article 6** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375,000 by general taxation to be placed in the following expendable trust and capital reserve accounts of the Town:

Expendable Trust Funds	Amount	Capital Reserve Funds	Amount
Road Rehab. & Reconstruction	\$150,000	Town Bridges	\$40,000
Winter Maintenance	\$10,000	Highway & Cemetery Equipment	\$160,000
		Town-owned Dams	\$10,000
		Covered Bridges	\$5,000

or take any action thereon?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 679 VOTES

NO – 199 VOTES

**Article 7** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000 for an update of the Town’s tax maps and to purchase and install GIS (Geographic information system) mapping software with such sum to be raised from the undesignated fund balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until **project is completed or** December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner?  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 529 VOTES

NO – 334 VOTES

**Article 8** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$800,000 for construction and construction engineering for the replacement of the Christian Hill Road Bridge over the Ashuelot Rail Trail (NHDOT Bridge No. 098/122), a Town-owned and maintained bridge, which has been closed due to critical deficiencies. The Town will be reimbursed 80% in the amount of \$640,000 by the NH Department of

Transportation Bridge Aid and \$160,000 from the Town Bridges (Other than Covered) Capital Reserve Fund. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner?  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 521 VOTES

NO – 354 VOTES

**Article 9** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$815,000 for improvements to the Cheshire and Ashuelot Rail Trails. The Town will be reimbursed 80% in the amount of \$652,000 by the NH Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternatives Program and \$163,000 from the undesignated fund balance or other grants and fundraising. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 595 VOTES

NO – 284 VOTES

**Article 10** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000, such sum representing six months funding of a school resource officer and to be offset by \$27,000 from the Monadnock Regional School District and \$3,000 from the undesignated fund balance. If approved, full year funding for this position estimated at \$60,000 shall be included in the 2021 operating and default budgets?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 562 VOTES

NO – 298 VOTES

**Article 11** Shall the Town vote to adopt, pursuant to RSA 72:81, a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in RSA 72:80)? The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and county taxes are excluded from the exemption. The exemption shall be granted for a maximum of 50 percent of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements, and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of 10 years. If adopted, the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a per case basis based on the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town’s tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. If approved this exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for a maximum of 5 tax years.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 489 VOTES

NO – 363 VOTES

**Article 12** Shall the Town vote to discontinue absolutely, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the Class VI portion of Old Winchester Road, so-called, from its intersection with the Class V highway known as Cobble Hill Road in a southwest direction approximately 736.9 feet to a point in line with the southern property line of Map 72, Lot 93 and northern property line of Map 72, Lot 92, and which runs between the properties identified in the Town’s assessing records as Map 71, Lot 18 (currently owned by Gilbert L. and Mary E. Faulkner), Map 71, Lot 17 (currently owned by Town of Swanzey), and Map 72, Lot 93 (currently owned by Knotty Pine Antique)?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 696 VOTES

NO – 147 VOTES

**Article 13** Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 titled the “Golden Rod Grange Hall Capital Reserve Fund” for the purpose of building, property, and other

improvements to the Golden Rod Grange Hall, to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) to be placed in this fund with such sum to be raised by taxation, and further to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 493 VOTES

NO – 366 VOTES

**Article 14** Shall the Town vote pursuant to RSA 261:157-a to adopt an ordinance waiving the fee to be charged for a permit to register one motor vehicle owned by any person who: is a former prisoner of war and was captured and incarcerated for at least 30 days while serving in a qualifying war or armed conflict as defined in RSA 72:28, V, including those serving in military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and who was honorably discharged, provided that such person has furnished the town clerk with satisfactory proof of these circumstances; or was awarded the Purple Heart medal and who was honorably discharged or is still on active duty, provided that such person has furnished the town clerk with satisfactory proof of these circumstances; or Survived Pearl Harbor and was honorably discharged, provided that such person has furnished the town clerk with satisfactory proof of these circumstances?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 710 VOTES

NO – 150 VOTES

**Article 15** Shall the Town allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the town?

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

YES – 366 VOTES

NO – 499 VOTES

**Article 16** Shall the Town vote to modify the Provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$4,000 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property?

(BY PETITION)

YES – 598 VOTES

NO – 254 VOTES

**Article 17** Shall the Town vote to modify Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$250 per year to \$500?

(BY PETITION)

YES – 654 VOTES

NO – 208 VOTES

I, RONALD F FONTAINE, SWANZEY TOWN CLERK, ATTEST THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE 2020 VOTING RESULTS.

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RONALD F. FONTAINE, SWANZEY TOWN CLERK