

**SAMPLE BALLOT
STATE OF MAINE
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
FOR THE TOWN OF CLIFTON
MARCH 26, 2024**

Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters:

- ◆ To vote for a candidate of your choice, complete the oval at the left of the person you want to choose, like this: ●
 - ◆ You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing the name in the proper space and completing the oval at the left
 - ◆ If you make a mistake, you may ask for a new ballot. DO NOT ERASE
- A. To vote IN FAVOR of the question, complete the oval to the left of the word YES.
B. To vote AGAINST the question, complete the oval to the left of the word NO.

<p>Article #2</p> <p>Clifton Board of Select People Vote for 2 3 Year Term</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #3</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$16,500 for MUNICIPAL BUILDING UTILITIES EXPENSES?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$16,700 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Stephen Armenia</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #4</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$203,622 for TOWN COMPENSATION?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$178,249 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> David Astbury</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #5</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$89,497 for TOWN EXPENSES?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$61,248 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Gerald Folster</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #6</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$43,300 for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$27,100 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Becky Pelkey</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #7</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$209,877 for PROTECTION?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$185,897 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> John Williams II</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #8</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$143,765 for SOLID WASTE AND DISPOSAL MSW disposal?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$128,000 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p>.....Write-in</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #9</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$149,962 for PUBLIC WORKS?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$142,458 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p>Clifton School Board Member Vote for 1 3 Year Term</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #10</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$11,034 for ORGANIZATIONS?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$10,731 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Linda Graban</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #11</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000 for GENERAL ASSISTANCE?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Last year's budget was \$1,000 (Select Board recommends Yes)</i></p>
<p>.....Write-in</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> YES Article #12</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer from UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS to help defray taxes for the ensuing year 2024-2025?</p>

YES **Article #14**

NO Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each category of the annual budget during the period of February 1st, 2025 to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #15**

NO Shall the Town fix the date when taxes shall be due as October 1, 2024 and establish a delinquency rate of 8.5% on taxes paid after that date?

*Recommended date of October 1, 2024 (State of Maine recommends 8.5%)
(Select Board recommends Yes)*

YES **Article #16**

NO Shall the Town authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of real taxes not yet committed, pursuant to 36 M.R.S § 506?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #17**

NO Shall the Town authorize a rate of 2% discount for real-estate taxes if paid in full within 30 days of commitment?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #18**

NO Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to dispose of tax acquired property via quitclaim deed by deed by either (A) offering the property to the former owner(s) or if deceased, to his/her/their heirs/devisees/personal representative for a price equal to all outstanding taxes, interest, fees and costs; or (B) using the process authorized by 30-A M.R.S. § 943-C, provided that if the former owner does not request that process or the board is unable to list or sell the property as required by § 943-C (3), the board may sell the property through a competitive sealed bid process in which a notice advertising sale of the property shall be published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. For sales other than to the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36 M.R.S. § 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #19**

NO Shall the Town authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to enter into contracts for up to five (5) years for necessary services?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #20**

NO Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$10,000 from the UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT for unexpected expenses that may occur during the fiscal year 2024-2025?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #21**

NO Shall the Town vote to accept and expend the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature: Amounts as follows: Municipal Revenue Sharing \$116,343.97, Local Road Assistance \$15,448, Homestead Exemption \$39,596, Veterans Exemption \$706, Tree Growth Exemption \$14,854 Other Local, State or Federal Funds or Grants -unknown, Civil Emergency Funds-unknown.

*(Note: Actual amounts received may be more or less than stated above)
(Select Board recommends Yes)*

YES **Article #22**

NO Shall the Town appropriate from Pisgah Mountain Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account \$60,000 for Capital Road Improvements?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #23**

NO Shall the Town appropriate from Silver Maple Wind Tax Increment Financing (TIF) account \$40,000 for fire protection?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #24**

NO Shall the Town vote to allow the Select Board to accept from Pisgah Mountain, LLC a Community Benefit of \$45,000 to go into the General Fund to reduce taxes?

(Select Board recommends Yes)

YES **Article #25**

NO Shall the Town vote to allow the Select Board to accept from Silver Maple Wind, LLC a Community Benefit of \$45,000 to go into the General Fund to reduce taxes?

(Select Board recommends Yes)