ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2008

Lisa Waterman

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.

SELECTMAN

for three years — Vote for not more than TWO

- ALAN R. SHERWOOD 512 ●
- ALLAN D. BALD 284 ○
- PATRICIA M. FULLER 459 ●
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for three years — Vote for not more than ONE

- JAMES C. WASHBURN 597 ●
- (Write-in) ○

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for three years — Vote for not more than ONE

- SHIRLEY G. COPELAND 434 ●
- LINDA HESS 216 ○
- (Write-in) ○

MODERATOR

for two years — Vote for not more than ONE

- MARK A. NORTHRIDGE 651 ●
- (Write-in) ○

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for three years — Vote for not more than ONE

- [redacted] ○
- KAREN POOR 31 (Write-in) ●

WATER COMMISSIONER

for three years — Vote for not more than ONE

- JOHN T. CONBOY 600 ●
- (Write-in) ○

BUDGET COMMITTEE

for three years — Vote for not more than ONE

- STEPHEN P. MILLER 537 ●
- (Write-in) ○

PLANNING BOARD

for three years — Vote for not more than TWO

- CYNTHIA M. BALCIUS 498 ●
- BRUCE HOLMES 542 ●
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

PLANNING BOARD

for two years — Vote for not more than ONE

- TIM ROY 592 ●
- (Write-in) ○

PLANNING BOARD

for one year — Vote for not more than ONE

- DAVID R. HUSSEY 570 ●
- (Write-in) ○

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for six years — Vote for not more than ONE

- MARYBEE LONGABAUGH 611 ●
- (Write-in) ○

ZONING BOARD

for three years — Vote for not more than TWO

- TIMOTHY KINNON 550 ●
- PAUL M. MONZIONE 523 ●
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

ZONING BOARD

for two years — Vote for not more than ONE

- DAVID G. SCHAEFFNER 580 ●
- (Write-in) ○

788 VOTES CAST
3,828
7 NEW VOTERS
~~3,835 TOTAL VOTERS~~
ON CHECKLIST

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: Amendment # 2 The Planning Board proposes to amend Definition:
"Frontage, Street: The distance along the front lot line or right-of-way line of a Class V Highway or better *(To Include: lawfully existing in the Town of Alton, or as approved by the Planning Board)*" measured in feet. The minimum frontage shall be contiguous. Each lot shall meet frontage requirements on the street through which beneficial access is achieved. *(To Exclude:* ~~"For lots located on a cul de sac or hammerhead turn around frontage shall be the average of the distances, measured in feet, along the cul de sac or hammerhead and along a straight line drawn between the boundary points at the side lines of the lot~~

- YES ● 432
- NO ○ 144

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTCLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 3: Many people in the Town of Alton have expressed concern that the trend to electronic signs changes the look of our unique lakeside New England community. We, the following registered voters in the Town of Alton, do hereby respectfully submit the following question to be acted upon by the voters of said town at the next annual election.

To see if the town will vote to amend and clarify Section 340 of Alton's Zoning Ordinance the present paragraph "C" (dealing with flashing and illuminated signs) and substitute the following wording which would apply to all outdoor signs in the town:

"Signs which are animated, flashing or with scrolling intermittent illumination are expressly prohibited. Included are technological signs that give the impression of flashing, or contain traveling lights, display video images like TV or plasma screens, digital flat screens, LED screens, holographs and liquid display signs or fiber optic signs. This includes prohibition on neon tubes or neon like illumination. Illuminated signs shall be shielded so as to produce no glare, undue distraction, confusion or hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic of the surrounding area. Time and Temperature signs should abide by the above rules, and have letters and numbers in only one color with lighting with the sign shielded. The size of the overall sign size, and the numbers should not exceed 25% of the overall sign size, and the numbers should remain static until responding to a change in the time or temperature at a regular and relevant interval.

Temporary signs used for the express purpose of public safety and or traffic control are exempted."

(This article is recommended by the Planning Board)

YES ● 518
NO ○ 239

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($30,100.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police patrol vehicle SUV 4WD which will replace an existing vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES ● 394
NO ○ 365

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy Thousand Dollars ($70,000.00)** to be placed in the Police Building Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. This fund has already been established as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen. The Budget Committee recommends $30,000.00] (A majority vote is required)

YES ○ 295
NO ● 466

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES ● 624
NO ○ 131

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be added to the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES ● 539
NO ○ 217

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00)** to be added to the Building and Site Improvements Capital Reserve Fund for the transfer station which also includes the EPA storm water management implementation requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES ● 488
NO ○ 267

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and installation of sidewalks. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES ● 467
NO ○ 289

ARTICLE 10: To see if the municipality will vote to change the purpose of an existing Beach Capital Reserve Fund to the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund and Selectmen shall continue as agents to expend. (A 2/3 majority vote is required)

YES ○ 376
NO ● 369

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($34,400.00)** for the purpose of purchasing a new One Ton vehicle for use by the Building & Grounds department which will replace a prior existing vehicle. The sum of ($34,400.00) to come from fund balance (surplus) and no funds to be raised from general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES ● 419
NO ○ 340

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Thousand Dollars ($12,000.00)** to be added to the Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing grounds and/or snow removal maintenance equipment. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES ● 471
NO ○ 289

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town 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 **Five Million Nine Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars ($5,973,360.00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Million Eight Hundred Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars ($5,864,158.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alton 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. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	404 362
ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars ($139,000.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the $139,000.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of the ambulance lease payment, ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	617 150
ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00)** to be added to the Alton Fire Station Capital Reserve Fund which was established for the purpose of improving and expanding the fire stations. This fund has already been established as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	465 303
ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty One Dollars ($50,421.00)** for the lease payment on the Fire Rescue Vehicle. The sum of $50,421.00 to come from fund balance (surplus) and no funds to be raised from general taxation. This is the fourth payment on the lease/purchase of a five-year agreement, which was approved in the 2004 Town Meeting and the vehicle was received in 2005. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	576 194
ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($30,100.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new Fire SUV Command vehicle to replace the existing 1998 SUV vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ○ NO ●	379 390
ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($750,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be $159,052.83. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	544 223
ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Dollars ($172,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a 10 wheel dump truck for use by the highway department for reconstruction and maintenance of the town roads; with $60,000 to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve, the sum of $60,000.00 to come from fund balance (surplus) and the balance of $52,000 to be raised by taxation. This truck will be replacing an existing truck, which will be auctioned or sold. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	408 360
ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	568 197
ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Four Thousand Dollars ($34,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a pickup truck for use by the highway department for reconstruction and maintenance of the town roads. This truck will be replacing a prior existing truck. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ○ NO ●	273 489

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will amend the Town's Conflict of Interest Ordinance adopted by the Annual Town Meeting in 1998 and amended at the Annual Town Meeting in 2007, by striking out the provisions of Article XII and in its place adding the following new language:

"Any person who is elected or appointed to a Town Board as a regular or alternate member who owns or is employed by a business that represents clients before the same Town Board may continue to hold his or her position on the Board and from time to time represent his or her clients before the Board provided the following conditions are met:

a. A written public disclosure of the members ownership and or employment with an explanation of the possible representation is provided to the Board and to the Board of Selectmen, which disclosure is to be made part of the public record, and;

b. The member when actually representing a client before the Board shall step down from the board after first publicly declaring the reason for his or her stepping down, and;

c. The member shall at all times adhere to all other provisions of this ordinance and RSA 673:14, and;

d. The member when he or she knows or should know that he or she is or will be representing a client before the Board shall not have any meetings or discussions with the Board's staff or other Town employees about the clients business without first disclosing to the staff member or employee in writing his or her representation of that client and the member during any meeting or discussion that does take place under this subsection shall not discuss any other board business with the staff or employees . All meetings and discussions that take place under this subsection shall be attended by at least two Town employees. Official notes of the meetings shall at all times be kept by a staff member or Town employee in attendance and made part of the official record of the Board.

YES 532
NO 195

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the first **$20,000** plus 50% of any additional amount of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2008, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (Majority vote required) (Currently the amount is 50% up to a $20,000 maximum. A priority will be given to preservation of those portions of the Belknap Mountain Range within Alton). [Recommended by the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen].

YES 465
NO 277

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will adopt RSA 32:5V-a which will require that all votes by the Governing Body (Selectmen) and the Budget Committee relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded, and the numerical tally of any such vote be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article.

YES 638
NO 104

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars ($8,568.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES 622
NO 127

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Thousand One Hundred Twenty Four Dollars ($12,124.00)** for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES 628
NO 122

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars ($5000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Youth Services Bureau, which provides alternatives to court involvement for juvenile offenders, parent/child mediation, intervention and education programs. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES 466
NO 276

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($5,100.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES 624
NO 124

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four Dollars ($2,264.00)** for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provide disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)

YES 568
NO 181

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities, housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	628 136
ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Twenty Four Dollars ($424.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	606 158
ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operate a shelter and provide counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	586 171
ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	538 218
ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	666 98
ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)** for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	628 130
ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	464 293
ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)	YES ● NO ○	455 298
ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to grant an easement for the benefit of property owned by Robert and Kathleen Bielawa to construct and maintain a septic system to the area of land known as Route 11D between the edge of the improved and traveled roadway and the property of said Bielawa. The Selectmen are authorized to reserve such public rights in the easement area as they determine necessary.	YES ● NO ○	482 265
ARTICLE 39: To see if the town will vote to ratify the long term lease between the Town of Alton (lessor) and David & Amy Shibley (lessee) DBA Shibley's at the Pier Inc. (lessee) for the land at the bay as described in the lease for a period of seven years based on an agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the Shibley's at the Pier Inc. The first year rent being $7,087.50 with a 5% increase each year of the lease with all land and building taxes to be paid by the lessee. (A copy of the lease is available for review at the town clerk's office)	YES ● NO ○	452 317

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 40: We, the following undersigned registered voters of the Town of Alton, do hereby respectfully submit the following Petition Warrant Article to be acted upon by the Town at the next Town Election.

"To see if the Town will vote to direct that the Board of Selectmen, consistent with funding and personnel availability, expand the practice of videotaping public proceedings to include the proceedings of all Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, specifically including - but not limited to - the Budget Committee, for the purpose of making those proceedings more readily available to the widest possible audience of Town residents through broadcasting the proceedings on the public access cablevision channel."

YES ●	568
NO ○	175

ARTICLE 41: We the undersigned, voters in the Town of Alton, hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to place the following articles on the 2008 town warrant.

Shall the Town adopt the following ordinance: To promote openness in the conduct of public Business all Alton Public Proceedings as defined by RSA 91-A: 1-a, except in the event of Emergency circumstances shall be held in Alton owned public facilities.

YES ●	646
NO ○	103

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING