

**SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF HAMPDEN, MAINE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

- ◆ To vote for your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

For Directors RSU No. 22 Three-Year Term Vote for TWO	For Trustee Hampden Water District Three-Year Term Vote for ONE	
<input type="radio"/> Jean-Jacques, Tania 8 Foster Avenue, Hampden	<input type="radio"/> Swalec, Lauren 445 Main Road North, Hampden	
<input type="radio"/> Smith, Robin R. 350 Main Road South, Hampden	<input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in, if any)	
<input type="radio"/> Haskell, Stacey 100 Sidney Blvd, Hampden		
<input type="radio"/> Liberatore, Anthony 33 Liberty Avenue, Hampden		
<input type="radio"/> Sargent, Shelley 291 Meadow Road, Hampden		
<input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in, if any)		
<input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in, if any)		

TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

**SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF HAMPDEN
MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

◆ Vote "yes" or "no" by filling in the oval ● of your choice at the left of each article.

Yes **ARTICLE 1. Shall the Municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted below?**

No The Town of Hampden hereby ordains that the following amendment to the Town Charter be enacted:

Deletions in strikeout
Additions underlined

Sec. 203 Compensation - The Town Council may determine the annual salary of the chairman and councilors by ordinance, but no ordinance increasing such salary shall become effective until the commencement of the terms of councilors elected at the next regular election. Salaries of councilors shall be paid on a quarterly basis for services performed in the preceding quarter. Councilors elected in a special election shall be paid on a pro rata basis for the time they shall actually serve. Initially annual salaries shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per meeting for each councilor and town counselor and twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per meeting for council mayer. The guiding document for compensation shall be the Town Council Compensation ordinance, adopted September 19, 2005, an amended from time to time.

Effective Date: This Charter Amendment shall take effect upon adoption by the voters.

Summary: The purpose of this amendment is to refine the Council compensation procedure in order to enumerate compensation within the Ordinance which may be amended more easily.

Yes **ARTICLE 2. Shall the Municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted below?**

No The Town of Hampden hereby ordains that the following amendment to the Town Charter be enacted:

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Sec. 204 Mayor Chair and Deputy Mayor Vice Chair - At the ~~first~~ second council meeting in ~~January~~ November of each year the town's attorney shall, after the swearing of council members, preside over the town council's election of one of its members as mayer chair for the ensuing year. The mayer chair shall preside at the meetings of the council and may vote on all matters that come before the council. The mayer chair shall represent the interests of his/her constituency in all matters before the council. The mayer chair shall be recognized as the head of the town government for all ceremonial purposes and by the Governor for the purposes of military law, but shall have no regular administrative duties. A newly elected mayer's chair's first official act shall be to preside over the council's election of one of its members as a deputy mayer vice chair for the ensuing year. The deputy mayer vice chair shall exercise all the powers of the mayer chair during the temporary absence or temporary disability of the mayer chair. The mayer chair and/or the deputy mayer vice chair may resign, with or without explanation and with or without the consent of the council, their respective positions at any time. Should the office of mayer chair become vacant at any time other than as prescribed above, the town's attorney shall, as the next order of council business preside over the election of a mayer chair. Should the deputy mayer vice chair become vacant, the mayer chair shall, as the next order of council business preside over the election of a deputy mayer vice chair.

Effective Date: This Charter Amendment shall take effect upon adoption by the voters.

Summary: The purpose of this amendment is that the office of Mayor is typically the Chief Executive Officer elected by the voters and with the power to Veto. A chair is the presiding officer for the Council and is elected from within the Council.

CONTINUE VOTING ON BALLOT 2

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BALLOT 2 OF 2

Town Clerk

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Yes **ARTICLE 3. Shall the Municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted below?**

No The Town of Hampden hereby ordains that the following amendment to the Town Charter be enacted:

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Sec. 209 Induction of Council Into Office - The town council shall meet at the usual time and place for holding meetings on the ~~first~~ second regularly scheduled meeting in ~~January~~ November and at said meeting councilors-elect shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties by the town clerk or by the town counselor. For any person elected at a special election to fill a vacancy, the councilor-elect shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the councilor-elect's duties by the town clerk or by the town counselor at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the town council after certification of the election results.

Effective Date: This Charter Amendment shall take effect upon adoption by the voters.

Summary: The purpose of this amendment is to seat a newly elected Councilor right after the Election and eliminating a sort of lame duck Councilor by waiting until January.

Yes **ARTICLE 4. Shall the Municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted below?**

No The Town of Hampden hereby ordains that the following amendment to the Town Charter be enacted:

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Sec. 215 Authentication and Recording; Codification; and Printing

~~(b) Codification—Within three years after adoption of this charter and at least every ten years thereafter, the council shall provide for the preparation of a general codification of all ordinances and resolutions having the force and effect of law. The general codification shall be adopted by the council by ordinance and shall be printed promptly in bound or loose leaf form, together with this charter and any amendments thereto, pertinent provisions of the Constitution and other laws of the State of Maine and such codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations as the council may specify. Any codification ordinance may be published by title. This compilation shall be known as the Hampden Code. Copies of the code shall be furnished to officials, placed in libraries and public offices for free public reference and made available for purchase by the public at a reasonable price fixed by the council.~~

Effective Date: This Charter Amendment shall take effect upon adoption by the voters.

Summary: The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate codification from the Charter which in addition to cost savings, allows greater flexibility for Ordinance adoption, amendment or repeal by the Municipal Officers.

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Yes **ARTICLE 5. Shall the Municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted below?**

No The Town of Hampden hereby ordains that the following amendment to the Town Charter be enacted:

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Sec. 804 Ordering Candidate Surnames - When two or more candidates have been nominated for any office, the names of said candidates shall appear on the ballot in the order determined by ~~let the provisions of Title 21-A. The municipal clerk shall determine, by let the order that said candidates' names shall appear on the ballot, provided the proceedings shall be public and the candidates shall be given an opportunity to be present.~~

Effective Date: This Charter Amendment shall take effect upon adoption by the voters.

Summary: The purpose of this amendment is to simplify the elections process. Elections for the Town of Hampden are governed by the charter or Title 21-A of the Maine Statutes. Title 21-A §601-2-B. references that the ballot must contain the legal name of each candidate, arranged alphabetically with the last name first, under the proper office designation.

Yes **ARTICLE 6. Shall the Municipality approve the charter amendment reprinted below?**

No The Town of Hampden hereby ordains that the following amendment to the Town Charter be enacted:

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Sec. 1002.A Forfeiture of Office by Council Decision - Any person serving on any town board or committee shall forfeit that person's seat if that person (1) lacks at any time during the term of office any qualification for the office prescribed by this charter or by law, (2) violates any express prohibition of this charter, (3) is convicted of a crime or offense which is, during the term, reasonably related to that person's ability to serve or (4) fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings or no more than a maximum of six (6) regular meetings per year of the board without being excused by said board. Upon approval from the chair, a Councilor may attend no more than six meetings by remote method described in the Town of Hampden Remote Meeting Participation Policy.

Effective Date: This Charter Amendment shall take effect upon adoption by the voters.

Summary: The purpose of this amendment is to define the number of remote meetings that a Councilor can have on a rolling yearly basis.

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