

(1-year terms) Christine E. Morin (Ward-1)
Murry McCormick, Ward 3
Vacant, Ward 2
Vacant, Ward 3

Ward 2 Supervisor of Checklist (2) Vacant

Ward 2 Ward Clerk Vacant

Ward 3 Supervisor of Checklist (1) Cinda Mersel

Ward 3 Ward Clerk Marie McCormick

Supervisor of the Checklist:
(2-year term) Vacant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the Charter Amendment #1 be accepted as follows: To Amend the City Charter Article 6, Financial Manager C605 Budget Procedure to include a limit on annual budget increases in the amount to be raised by taxes in the City as presented in today's agenda packet.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the results of the Ballot Question be accepted as follows related to KENO as presented in today's agenda packet, PASSED FOR PROHIBITION.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the results of the Ballot Question be accepted as follows: for Social Districts as presented in today's agenda packet PASSED.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that the results of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment be accepted as follows: For Zoning Amendment #1, as presented in today's agenda packet, PASSED. Seconded by Councilor McNamara.*

City Clerk Ewing noted there were a number of write ins so for the open positions where there were vacancies, the Clerk's Office will send a formal letter to the candidates that received the most write-in vote to see if they are interested in filling that vacancy. If not, they will go to the next individual who received the 2nd most votes until we are able to fill those positions. If there are not able to, we may have individuals that are interested who have worked the polls.

**The Vote on the Canvas-of-Vote Meeting was approved among the members present (6-0).*

Adjournment
Councilor McNamara Motioned to adjourn.
Seconded by Councilor Simon

The Canvas of Vote meeting adjourned at 8:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dona E. Gibson
Recording Secretary

CANVASS OF THE MARCH 10, 2026, VOTE

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that voting results of the March 10, 2026, City Election, as presented by the City Clerk, be accepted as printed and that the following persons be declared elected to serve as:

Ward Councilors:

(2-year terms) Andrew Faunce, Ward 1
Eric R. Cole, Ward 2
Lori Key, Ward 3

Councilors At Large:

(2-year term) Timothy J. McNamara
Kellen Appleton

Library Board of Trustees:

(3-year terms) Francis Oscadal
Kim Rheinlander
Ann Sharfstein

Ward Moderator:

(1-year terms) Catheryn Hembree, Ward 2

Ward Clerks:

(1-year terms) Christine E. Morin, Ward 1
Vacant, Ward 2
Marie McCormick, Ward 3

Ward Supervisor of the Checklist:

(1-year term) (2) Vacant, Ward 2
Cinda Mersel, Ward 3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the Charter #1 amendment be accepted as follows:

Amend the Lebanon City Charter, Article VI, Financial Management, §C6.05 Budget Procedure, to include a limit on annual budget increases in the amount to be raised by taxes in the City, as follows:

A. Limitation on budget increase.

1. Recognizing that final tax rates for the City of Lebanon are set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration pursuant to RSA 21-J:35,1, the Manager of the City of Lebanon shall develop an annual budget proposal and the Mayor and City Council shall act upon such proposal in accordance with the mandates of this section.

2. Override Provision: Budgetary restrictions described in any part of this §C6.05 may be overridden upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the councilors elected. Such override expires following adoption of the annual budget. Subsequent budgets or supplemental appropriations require additional two-thirds (2/3) override votes, or the limitations expressed in this section will apply.

3. In the Manager's proposed budget submitted to the Mayor and City Council, the estimated amount of local taxes to be raised for the fiscal year shall not exceed the local taxes raised for the prior year, subject to adjustment as provided herein.

(a) If the local taxes raised for the prior year were reduced by any fund balance brought forward from previous years, the amount of such reduction shall be added back and included in the amount of taxes raised for the prior year.

(b) The estimated amount of local taxes to be raised for the fiscal year shall be increased to account for inflation and changes in the City's population, according to the following formula: This year's base= (Last year's base) x (1 + CPI-avg). "Base" means the local taxes raised for the year. "CPI-avg" means the rolling three-year average of the annual percentage change of the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of October 1 preceding the date of the budget adoption.

4. The mayor and city councilors shall assume estimated local tax revenue only in an amount not to exceed the local tax revenue due to be collected during the prior fiscal year, increased by the rolling three-year average of the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of October 1 preceding the date of the budget adoption. If the CPI-avg is negative, then there shall be no assumed increase in local tax revenue.

B. Total budgeted expenditures. Total budgeted expenditures for any given budget year shall not exceed the adjusted estimated amount of local taxes pursuant to Paragraph A.3. herein, increased by the other revenues generated by the City, subject to the Paragraph A.2. override provision. Supplemental appropriations following adoption of the annual budget shall be per §C6.08

Per RSA 49-8:6, IV, if approved by a majority of voters at the March 10, 2026, municipal election, this charter amendment shall become effective on the first day of the next succeeding municipal year (January 1, 2027).

	WARD 1	WARD2	WARD3	TOTALS
YES	328	440	387	1155
NO	262	297	295	854

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the ballot question be accepted as follows:

In 2017, state legislation went into effect authorizing municipalities to allow the operation of Keno games in their community and Keno was only permitted in communities that had expressly voted to allow it. Keno is a game where a player purchases a ticket and selects up to 20 numbers from a field of 80 numbers. A random number generator chooses 20 numbers at random and the player is paid out depending on the number of matches of the selected numbers. A drawing occurs every five minutes daily.

In 2025, the State legislature amended RSA 284:41 - 51-a, which now provides that Keno games will be allowed in every municipality as of June 1, 2027, except for those municipalities which have voted to expressly prohibit such games.

This question asks whether voters want to prohibit the operation of Keno games in the City of Lebanon.

A "yes" vote to this question signifies that the voter is in favor of prohibiting the operation of Keno games in the City.

A "no" vote to this question signifies that the voter is in favor of allowing the operation of Keno games in the City.

Regardless of the outcome, the City may choose to reconsider this issue at any future municipal election.

Should the majority of voters vote 'yes' to the question, the City will inform the Lottery Commission that the game has been prohibited in the City of Lebanon, and no Keno licenses may be issued to retailers within the City.

Should the majority of voters vote 'no' to the question, lottery retailers in the City will be eligible to apply for and receive a license to operate Keno games beginning on June 1, 2027.

	WARD I	WARD2	WARD3	TOTALS
YES	421	489	463	1373
NO	189	287	233	709

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the ballot question be accepted as follows:

The State of New Hampshire recently passed legislation, NH RSA 178:33-38, legalizing social districts within the State subject to local voter approval. A social district is a defined outdoor area in which a person may consume alcoholic beverages sold by a liquor licensee located within or contiguous to the district. This would be a public outdoor area beyond the premises of the bar, restaurant, or property of the liquor licensee where people could consume alcoholic beverages purchased at a licensee's establishment in clearly labeled containers that are specific to the licensee and the district. Individuals would not be permitted to bring outside alcohol into these districts and may not carry alcohol outside of the district.

This question asks whether voters would like to authorize the Lebanon City Council to establish "social districts" within the City. The ballot question would not have the effect of immediately establishing any such district.

A 'yes' vote to this question signifies that the voter wishes to authorize the City Council to establish one or more social districts within the City.

A 'no' vote to this question signifies that the voter wishes to prohibit the City Council from establishing any social districts within the City.

Regardless of the outcome, the City may reconsider this issue at any future municipal election.

If a majority of voters vote 'yes' to this question, then the City Council will have the authority, but not a requirement, to establish one or more social districts by creating the boundaries of the district(s), identifying the days and hours of operation for the district(s), and adopting and publishing a plan to manage and maintain the district(s). The operation of any social district must conform to all legal requirements under NH RSA 178:33-38, and any administrative rules adopted by the New Hampshire Liquor Commission.

	WARD I	WARD2	WARD3	TOTALS
YES	338	456	414	1208
NO	265	323	280	868

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the results of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments be
2 accepted as follows:

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4 **VOTING RESULTS RE: Zoning Amendment #1 -**

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6 To remove and replace the Care and Treatment of Animals with more specific use
7 codes for the Use Tables under Allowed by Special Exception in the Rural Lands -1
8 (RL-1), Rural Lands -2 (RL-2), and Rural Lands -3 (RL-3) zoning districts. Then add
9 the following more specific uses to the Rural Lands - I (RL-1), and Rural Lands -2
10 (RL-2), zoning district use tables to be allowed
11 by Special Exception: Animal Clinic, Animal Hospital or Veterinary Office, Animal
12 Boarding Facility, Kennels, Horse Stables, and Riding Facility. Then add the
13 following more specific uses to the Rural Lands -3 (RL-3) zoning district use table by
14 Special Exception: Riding Facility, Horse Stable, and Kennels. (Zoning Ordinance
15 Sections 312.2, 313.2 and 314.2)

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	WARD 1	WARD2	WARD3	TOTALS
YES	482	579	558	1137
NO	101	173	112	285

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