

# SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**TOWN OF KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 12, 2024**

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TOWN CLERK

### 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.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Vote for not more than ONE **3/9**  
**ROBERT E. GUSTAFSON** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### TOWN TREASURER

Vote for not more than ONE **3/9**  
**SARA BELISLE** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### TAX COLLECTOR

Vote for not more than ONE **3/7**  
**CARLENE WIGGIN** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### TOWN CLERK

Vote for not more than ONE **3/9**  
**SARAH WIGGIN** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not more than ONE **3/1**  
**SUSAN CANNON** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Vote for not more than ONE **2/3**  
**MARY JANE SOLOMON** ●  
**VALERIE WATKINS** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### SAWYER KENSINGTON TRUST

Vote for not more than ONE **3/4**  
**DONNA CARTER** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Vote for not more than ONE **3/8**  
**JACQUELINE BENSON** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### GRANGE HALL TRUSTEE

Vote for not more than ONE **3/1**  
**FRANK WHITTEMORE** ●  
(Write-in) ○

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Vote for not more than ONE **3/6**  
**AMANDA MORRILL** ●  
(Write-in) ○

### ARTICLES

#### Article 02: AMEND BUILDING ORDINANCE SECTION 8.1.A.1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Kensington zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VIII, Building Ordinance, Section 8.1, Building (Permits, A.1) to read:

A new structure, addition, decks, remodeling, or manufactured building when the value exceeds \$3000. The value shall be based on labor costs (including the value of self-provided labor), material costs, and other costs, excluding land; the remainder of the section remains unchanged.

This article has no tax impact.

**213**  
YES ●  
NO ○  
**160**

#### Article 03: AMEND BUILDING ORDINANCE SECTION 8.1.B.1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Kensington zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VIII, Building Ordinance, Section 8.1 Building (Permits, B. 1). To read:

1. Minor alterations, repairs and general upkeep of existing buildings under \$3000.  
Delete line 2 of the section in its entirety. Line 2 reads: Replacement of in-kind roofing, windows and siding.

There is no tax impact with this article.

**240**  
YES ●  
NO ○  
**135**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 04: AMEND THE FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE ARTICLE V SECTION

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Kensington zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Special Use Standards, Section 5.3 (Floodplain Management Ordinance):

The planning Board must make amendments to the existing ordinance to add, among other items, language regarding newly defined AE zones in town, and to remove language that has been deleted from the federal model ordinance over the years.

This article has no tax impact.

281  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
80

### Article 05: AMEND DEFINITION OF LIVING AREA

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Kensington zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Definitions, by adding the following:

Living Area: Interior space that is used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, bathing, washing, or sanitation purposes. Living Area is measured from the interior face of the exterior walls of the dwelling unit. Specifically:

- With respect to stand-alone dwelling units (including detached Accessory Dwelling Units), Living Area is measured from the interior face of the structure's exterior walls.
- With respect to dwelling units that have one or more shared walls (including attached Accessory Dwelling Units and multi-family apartments), Living Area is measured from the interior face of the walls that define the dwelling unit, whether those walls are exterior walls or shared walls.

This article has no tax impact.

263  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
97

### Article 06: AMEND DEFINITION OF CONDOMINIUM

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Kensington zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article II, Definitions, by adding the following:

Condominium: A fee interest in land or buildings owned by a unit owner, together with an undivided interest in the common areas of facilities. Condominiums can include single-family or multi-family dwellings and a condominium unit owners' association shall govern the operation of the condominium. The creation of a condominium shall be considered a subdivision entitled to regulation by the town under RSA 356-B:5.

This article has no tax impact.

238  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
125

### Article 07: MODIFY THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION CRITERIA

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Kensington, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$175,000 for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$200,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$220,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years.

In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$42,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$63,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$300,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact on this article is unknown.

294  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
81

### Article 08: MODIFY VETERAN'S CREDIT

Shall the town modify the Veteran's Tax and All Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, from its current tax credit of \$500 (five hundred dollars) per year to \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars)? (Majority vote required)

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact is unknown on this article.

334  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
51

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**Article 09: MODIFY SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY**

Shall the town modify the Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:35, from its current tax credit of \$700 (seven hundred dollars) per year to \$1400 (fourteen hundred dollars)? (Majority vote required)

287  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
84

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact is unknown on this article.

**Article 10: OPERATING BUDGET**

Shall the Town of Kensington 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 \$2,603,198 (two million six hundred three thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,463,083 (two million four hundred sixty-three thousand and eighty-three dollars). 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. (Majority Vote Required.)

192  
YES ☐  
NO ☒  
196

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$138,627 from the budget adopted last year of \$2,464,571. The net estimated impact is \$.20 per thousand dollars of valuation. (twenty cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

**Article 11: COMMUNITY POWER PLAN ADOPTION**

Should the Town adopt the Kensington Community Power Plan, authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the Plan, and take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E? The Kensington Community Power Plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The Plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.

329  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
56

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

Tax Impact: None

**Article 12: ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) for road reconstruction and maintenance of town roads. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2025. This is in addition to the operating budget article. (Majority Vote Required.)

244  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
142

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.294 per \$1,000 valuation. (twenty-nine point four cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

**Article 13: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CRF**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. These funds to be used for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services. This is in addition to the operating budget article. (Majority Vote Required.)

258  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
129

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$.070 per \$1,000 valuation. (seven point zero cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 14: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE POLICE SAFETY REVOLVING FUND

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed into the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund. These funds to be used for specialty training, training instructor incentives, tuition reimbursement and educational incentives for Kensington Police Department employees. (Majority Vote Required.)

183

YES ☐

NO ☒

188

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$ .022 per \$1,000 valuation. (two point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

### Article 15: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE POLICE SAFETY REVOLVING FUND

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed into the Police Public Safety Revolving Fund for the purchase of police department items and related services. (Majority Vote Required.)

165

YES ☐

NO ☒

200

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.022 per \$1000 valuation. (two point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

### Article 16: ADD FUNDS TO REVALUATION CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,907 (nine thousand nine hundred and seven dollars) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to come from the unassigned fund balance. This is the first of five annual installments, which will be used to pay the assessor's cost for the State of NH required revaluation due next in 2028, estimated at \$47,628. This is in addition to the operating budget article. (Majority Vote Required.)

234

YES ☒

NO ☐

131

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

There is no tax impact.

### Article 17: TO ACCEPT GIFT OF LAND FROM KACZMAREK

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept a gift of land, identified in the Lot Line Adjustment plan of Elaine H Kaczmarek and Town of Kensington dated JULY 2023 that is composed of a portion of Map 8 Lot 13 and would convey .267 acres to Map 8 Lot 14 (Grange Hall parcel). Upon acceptance by the Town, the current owner of such land shall donate .267 acres, or 11,645 square feet, more or less, to the Town's Grange Hall parcel. The Town's intended use of the land is for public parking behind the Grange Hall for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

286

YES ☒

NO ☐

88

Further, to raise and appropriate \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) to offset the cost of the ownership transfer.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.009 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

### Article 18: GRANGE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to do annual maintenance on the Grange Hall. The funds will be used for annual maintenance such as pest control, heating system maintenance, cleaning, and water testing, and for any unforeseen repairs needed as the structure is repaired. (Majority Vote Required.)

259

YES ☒

NO ☐

115

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.006 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

### Article 19: ADD TO FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$950 (nine hundred fifty dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. This amount is to come from Unassigned Fund Balance and represents the total of all permit fees and inspections received by Kensington Fire Rescue throughout 2023. These funds will be used for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services. (Majority Vote Required.)

279

YES ☒

NO ☐

74

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

This article has no tax impact.

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 20: SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR WAYPOINT**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 (two thousand one hundred dollars) for Waypoint's youth and family support. Waypoint (Previously Richie McFarland Children's Center) provides early intervention programs that serve children from birth to three years of age and their families, services for youth experiencing homelessness, support for families with children with a chronic illness, and family and children programming. This investment will increase family stability, promote socialization in families, enhance child development, and provide concrete support in times of crisis to youth and families in Kensington. This is a special warrant article. (Majority Vote Required.)

296  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
94

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article is \$0.003 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

**Article 21: SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY ACTION**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to Rockingham Community Action for the purpose of providing financial assistance, budgeting education & support to Kensington residents in crisis to move them toward self-sufficiency. This is a special warrant article. (Majority Vote Required.)

286  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
101

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.002 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

**Article 22: SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST MEALS ON WHEELS**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) to Meals on Wheels for the purpose of providing meals and safety services to qualified Kensington residents. Our services helped 4 (four) Kensington residents and provided them with 892 meals and wellness checks. The town support makes a difference. This is a special warrant article. (Majority Vote Required.)

328  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
59

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.001 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

**Article 23: SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST ONE SKY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 (seven hundred dollars) to One Sky Community Services Inc. to address those critical client needs that are currently not funded and will not be funded in the future, for items like medical supplies, clothing, food, dental care, temporary housing, home modifications, and emergency assistance. All monies that are raised yearly through our fundraising efforts go directly to One Sky Community Services Inc. Our mission is to enable every person we serve to grow and enhance their abilities to live as independent, valued, participating members of their community. This is a special warrant article. (Majority Vote Required.)

279  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
102

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.001 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

**Article 24: ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY DONATED**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the municipality for any public purposes. This authorization, in accordance with RSA 31:95-e, shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting.

298  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
P3

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**