

SAMPLE BALLOT



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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2019

Carol Beers Witherell
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

for 3 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
ROBERT GUSTAFSON ☐
JOE PACE ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

TAX COLLECTOR

for 1 year ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
CARLENE WIGGIN ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

TOWN CLERK

for 1 year ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
CAROL BEERS-WITHERELL ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

TREASURER

for 1 year ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
SARA BELISLE ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

for 2 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
VANESSA ROZIER ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

MODERATOR

for 2 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
HAROLD BRAGG ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for 3 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
JOHN HERNEY ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

GRANGE HALL TRUSTEE

for 3 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
CAROL BEERS - WITHERELL ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

for 1 year ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
PETER GRAVES ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for 3 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
HOLLY McCANN ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for 3 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
 (Write-in) ☐

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

for 6 years ☐ Vote for not more than ONE
PAMELA SCHWOTZER ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

Article 02 Zoning Article on Accessory Dwelling Units

Are you in favor of amending the current Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2.3 Accessory Dwelling Units to incorporate the detached Accessory Dwelling Unit Petition Warrant Article 2, which was approved by voters at March 2018 town meeting?

YES ☐

The planning board is in favor of this article.

NO ☐

This article has no tax impact.

Article 03 Zoning Article on Wetland Setbacks

Are you in favor of amending Article VI Natural Resource Protection Regulations, Section 6.1.6 from the existing wording to the proposed as stated below.

Existing:

6.1.6.C No Structures of any kind shall be constructed within 100 feet of Hydric A soils with the exception of structures no greater than 400 square feet.

6.1.6.D No structure of any kind shall be constructed within 50 feet of Hydric B soils with the exception of structures no greater than 400 square feet.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Proposed:

6.1.6.C. No structure greater than 400 square feet shall be constructed within 100 feet of Hydric A soils. Structures of 400 square feet or less may be constructed within 25 feet of Hydric A soils.

6.1.6.D. No structure greater than 400 square feet shall be constructed within 50 feet of Hydric B soils. Structures of 400 square feet or less may be constructed within 25 feet of Hydric A soils.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

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Article 04 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 \$1,788,415 (one million seven hundred eighty-eight thousand four hundred and fifteen dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,751,150 (one million seven hundred fifty one thousand one hundred and fifty 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.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Board of Selectmen recommend the appropriation.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$143,618 from the budget adopted last year of \$1,644,797. The net estimated impact is \$.371 per thousand dollars of valuation. (thirty-seven point one cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 05 Adopt Park Agreement

To see if the Town of Kensington will vote to authorize the Town, through its Selectmen, to enter into a thirty (30) year agreement among the Kensington Leadership Center Trust ("KLCT"), the Sawyer/Kensington Trust ("Trust"), and the Town of Kensington ("Town") so that Sawyer Park continues to be managed and maintained for park and recreational purposes for the benefit of Town residents and the general public, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the first year's payment to the Sawyer/Kensington Trust for that purpose. This agreement contains a nonappropriation clause.

The agreement provides that the Trust will manage and maintain Sawyer Park for park and recreational purposes for the benefit of Town residents and the general public, and KLCT will fund the internal operating costs of the Trust. KLCT will also hire a Park Manager to serve and assist the Trust in the maintenance and management of Sawyer Park. Additionally, the agreement provides that the Town will provide \$30,000 annually to the Trust for the duration of the agreement. These funds will be raised through and included in the Town's annual operating budget. If the Town legislative body, through Town inhabitants qualified to vote in Town affairs, fails to pass appropriation of funds to be paid by the Town to the Trust as contemplated by the agreement, the agreement shall terminate. KLCT agrees to provide all remaining funds necessary to maintain Sawyer Park. All permit fees shall be remitted to the Trust. The agreement also provides that the Trust will consist of five (5) trustees; three (3) elected at Town Meetings and the other two (2) will be appointed by KLCT. Four (4) Trustees constitute a quorum and four votes are needed to take any action on behalf of the Trust. Upon approval of this warrant article, the Selectmen will enter into the proposed agreement amongst the parties.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Board of Selectmen support this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.00 per \$1,000 valuation (zero cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Article 06 Election of Town Representative to Sawyer/Kensington

To see if the Town will create and elect trustee positions ("Trustee positions") to represent the Town on the Sawyer/Kensington Trust. Initial Trustee positions shall be for one, two, and three years, respectively, so that only one Trustee position is generally subject to reelection in any year. Thereafter, Trustees, upon being elected by the Town legislative body, shall serve three-year terms. The election of the initial Trustee positions shall occur at the next Town meeting in 2020 and, upon expiration of a Trustee's term, elections for a Trustee position shall occur at Town meetings thereafter. These elected trustees will replace the Town-appointed trustees serving on the Sawyer/Kensington Trust. In the event of a vacancy of a Trustee position or in the event that a Trustee position is not filled by election at a Town meeting, the Selectmen shall appoint an individual, within 45 days of the date of the position's vacancy or the position's failure to be filled, to serve until the next Town meeting.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The board of selectmen recommend this article. This article has no tax impact.

Article 07 Fire Pond Maintenance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for fire pond and cisterns maintenance or replacement, where needed. The sum will be used to upgrade or replace fire ponds and cisterns that have fallen in disrepair. This will be a non lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2020. This has become a safety issue and is needed to maintain adequate fire protection. This article is in addition to the operating budget article.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.065 per \$1,000 valuation. (six point five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 08 Final Lease Payment for Fire Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$60,740) for the final payment of the seven-year lease/purchase agreement for a fire truck, approved by the voters in 2012 and to authorize the withdrawal of nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) from the fire department equipment capital reserve fund with the rest to come from taxation. If this article is not approved, the fire truck will have to be returned.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be \$0.108 per \$1,000 valuation (ten point eight cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

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Article 09 Road Reconstruction

To see if the Town of Kensington 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, 2020. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.517 per \$1,000 valuation. (fifty-one point seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 10 Tax Collector Salary Increase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,768.00 (three thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars) to increase the Tax Collector's annual salary from \$14,500 to \$18,000 plus the applicable payroll taxes. This pay increase would be effective January 1, 2019. This article is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.01 per \$1,000 valuation. (one cent per thousand dollars of valuation)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 11 Town Clerk Salary Increase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,230.00 (three thousand two hundred thirty dollars) to increase the Town Clerk's annual salary from \$15,000 to \$18,000 plus payroll taxes of \$230.00. These increases would be effective January 1, 2019. This article is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.008 per \$1,000 valuation. (0 point 8 cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 12 Make Deputy Town Clerk Town Office clerk's full position

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,675 (thirty-nine thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars) to increase the Deputy Town Clerk's hours to full-time (36-40 hours per week), assign additional duties in the Assessing Clerk office, and pay an annual salary consistent with the Town's administrative assistant payscale, plus full-time benefits and applicable taxes.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.108 per \$1,000 valuation. (10 point 8 cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 13 Add to Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,300 (six thousand three hundred dollars) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. This is the first of five years additions which will be used to pay the assessor's cost for the State of NH required revaluation due next in 2023. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.016 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 14 Adopt All Veteran's Credit

Article 14: Expand Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town of Kensington vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00 (five hundred dollars), the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Kensington under RSA 72:28.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article is not known.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 15 To Discontinue Ambulance Fund

To see if the Town will rescind the provisions of RSA 31:95c that restricts 100% of the revenues from billable ambulance services to expenditures for the purpose of providing for the future replacement purchase of a new ambulance, associated equipment and maintenance of existing equipment. Such revenues and expenditures are accounted for in a special revenue fund known as the Kensington Ambulance Special Revenue Fund, separate from the General Fund.

YES ☐

NO ☐

If approved, the amount in that fund, including interest to the date of closing, will be transferred into the General Fund.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Article 16 Authority to Establish or Amend Fees per RSA 41:9-a

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen the authority to establish or amend fees (excluding building permit fees previously authorized by the 2014 town meeting) at any time without further vote of the town pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. Before establishing or amending a fee, there is a requirement for public notice and a public hearing. Once in place, the authorization remains until rescinded at a future town meeting.

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation. This Article has no tax impact.

Article 17 Amendment to Noise Ordinance-Selectmen's Ordinance

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Noise Ordinance to the following, by adding the second paragraph (marked in bold face for reference, only):

NOISE ORDINANCE

No person, group, firm or corporation shall, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., make or cause to make any noise that will create a public nuisance. Public works and public safety equipment required for effective delivery of public services shall be exempt from the provisions of this section. The term "Unnecessary Noise" shall be defined for all practical purposes as such: Any unreasonable volume of sound, which may be heard in continuance from the immediate or surrounding area with no indication of relief.

Noise generated by recreational detonation of explosive devices shall be prohibited at all times. This is not intended to apply to target shooting, blasting or controlled demolition by licensed contractors or public works providers, or fireworks.

Upon involvement of the Kensington Police Department, the responding police officer will have reserved the right to use (his or her) discretion and define the word unreasonable. Upon (his or her) assessment, a verbal and or written warning may be issued to remedy the complaint. Failure to comply with the police officers' reasonable alternatives will constitute a violation, punishable by a penalty of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 per occurrence.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Validity - If any section or part of a section or paragraph of this Article is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this article.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

This article has no tax impact.

Article 18 Citizen's Petition to appropriate money to Rockingham Community Action

The undersigned voters of the Town of Kensington request you to insert in the warrant for the 2019 town meeting, the following article.

To request the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 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. Submitted by petition.

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.004 per \$1000 valuation. (cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 19 Citizen's Petition to appropriate money to Richie McFarland Children's Center

We, the residents of the Town of Kensington, petition to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the Richie McFarland Children's Center's (RMCC) early intervention program that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families.

YES ☐

NO ☐

This investment will support the cost of providing early childhood special education, pediatric therapies and family support services to Kensington residents. RMCC bases the request on three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per child served which is less than five percent (5%) of the annual cost for weekly home-based therapies. This past year RMCC served seven (7) children.

The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.005 per \$1,000 valuation. (cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

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TOWN CLERK

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Article 20 Citizen's Petition to Establish Heritage Commission

We, the undersigned legal voters of the Town of Kensington, New Hampshire, as provided by RSA 39:3, hereby petition the Selectmen of the Town of Kensington to include the following article in the Warrant for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting:

To see if the town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint three or five or seven citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint up to five additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto.

YES ☐

NO ☐

The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant article.

This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

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