
Article 01 Elect Officials

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing

Article 02 Amend definition of non-buildable lots

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:

Add the following definition to Article II: DEFINITIONS, after the definition of Motor Vehicle Junkyard:

Non-Buildable Lot - As part of subdivision approval, the Kensington Planning Board may, but is not obligated to approve lots not meeting minimum zoning requirements provided such lots are used in perpetuity only as open spaces, buffer zones, reserve spaces, parks, recreation areas, or similar uses, subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as the Planning Board may require.

Article 03 Delete definition of frontage in Article II

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:

Delete the current definition for frontage found in Article II.

Article 04 Amend Article IV, 4.2 Driveways- sight distance

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 IV, 4.2 Driveways and Other Accesses to the Public Way, 4.2.4.A.2, to read

Unless all season safe sight distance of 200 feet in both directions along the road can be obtained, the Planning Board shall not permit more than one access to a single parcel of land, and this access shall be at the location which the Road Agent determines to be safest. The Planning Board shall not give final approval for use of any additional access unless it has been proven that the 200 foot all season safe sight distance has been provided.

Article 05 Amend Article III Section 3.5B Definitions

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 III Section 3.5, B. Definitions by adding the following language to become the final line of the definition for Open Space Subdivision:

The project density may exceed the maximum density allowed by current zoning only for the provision of affordable housing as provided for in Section 3.5, H. below.

Article 06 Amend Article III Section 3.5G

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 III Section 3.5, G. by adding the following language to become the final line of the section:

The project density may exceed the maximum density allowed by current zoning only for the provision of affordable housing as provided for in Section 3.5, H. below.

Article 07 Amend Article VII, Section 7.1 B Septic Reserve Area

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Kensington zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII, Section 7.1, B. Definitions by changing the definition of Septic Reserve area to read as follows:

Septic reserve area - is defined as that portion of a lot containing a land area of 4,000 square feet as required by state regulation for leach system sizing, reserved exclusively for the location and operation of a septic system, and the duplicate area for replacement.

Article 08 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 \$2,327,010 (two million three hundred twenty-seven thousand and ten dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,239,260 (two million two hundred thirty-nine thousand two hundred and sixty 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.

The proposed operating budget is an increase of \$182,093 from the budget adopted last year of \$2,144,917. The net estimated impact is \$.454 per thousand dollars of valuation. (forty-five point-four cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 09 Establish Wildlife Mitigation Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,500 (ten thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed into a Wildlife Mitigation Revolving Fund under the provisions of RSA 35-B:2 II for purchase WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT items and related services. This will be funded by appropriations of monies by warrant article and private donations. The balance of the funds will be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. This fund shall be for the mitigation of wildlife encroachment within the Town of Kensington. Significant increased activity by native wildlife, including but not limited to Beavers, Bears, Bobcats and Coyotes, has presented situations where mitigation may be required for maintaining public safety and property protection. These funds will be earmarked for control and management of wildlife to prevent situations where safety of town residents or residents' property are threatened within the Town of Kensington.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.026 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point twenty-six cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 10 Amend Percentage of LUCT to Conservation Fund

To see if the town will vote to authorize 100% (one hundred percent) of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1st, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (Majority vote required)

There is no tax impact for this article.

Article 11 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, 2023. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.499 per \$1,000 valuation. (forty-nine point nine cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 12 Initial Payment from EMS Fund for a New Ambulance

To see if the voters of Kensington will raise and appropriate \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) as a partial payment for the purchase of a new ambulance with said funds to come from the KENSINGTON EMS FUND created for that purpose. The Kensington EMS Fund is a revolving fund that was created in 2018 that allows the accumulation of money from ambulance billing and can be used for ambulance acquisition. Any expenditure over \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) out of this fund requires a majority vote by the legislative body. The remaining funds of up to \$175,000 (one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars) are to come from grant funding and appropriations from the legislative body. These funds will not lapse and shall be available for the purchase of a new ambulance until December 31, 2024.

This appropriation will not affect the tax rate.

Article 13 Appropriate funds for Fire and Emergency Services

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 will be earmarked 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.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.125 per \$1,000 valuation. (one point twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 14 Appropriate to Fire and Emergency Services CRF

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand Dollars) to be placed in the Fire and Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund. These funds are earmarked to be used for upkeep, installation, and repair of hydrants and cisterns used for fire suppression activities in Kensington.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.062 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point sixty-two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 15 Grange Hall Maintenance and Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$11,000 (eleven thousand dollars) to do maintenance on the Grange Hall. The funds will be used for, but not limited to, replacing the shingles on the shed roof, doing annual heating system maintenance, exterior painting, carpentry needed to replace rotten boards, exterior foundation work to improve pest control, and addressing any items cited in annual Safety Inspection Report in 2022.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.027 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point twenty-seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 16 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 fourth of five annual installments, 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 tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.015 per \$1,000 valuation. (zero point fifteen cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 17 Appropriation to Fire and Emergency Services CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1425 (One thousand four hundred and twenty-five 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 2021. These funds will be earmarked for the purchase, repair, upgrade, overhaul and/or retrofit of fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and related services.

This article has no tax impact.

Article 18 Voting Machine Use-Citizen Petitioned Warrant Article

To see if the town will vote to ban the use of voting machines in local, state and federal elections.

This article has no tax impact.

Article 19 Social Services Request for Richie McFarland Child

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100 (Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars) 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. 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 is a special warrant article.

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

Article 20 Social Services - 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.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.003 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point zero three cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 21 Social Service Request for Meals on Wheels

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$967 (nine hundred sixty-seven dollars) to Meals on Wheels for the purpose of providing meals and safety services to qualified Kensington residents. This is a special warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$.002 per \$1000 valuation. (zero point zero two cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

