

SAMPLE BALLOT



587 VOTERS

BALLOT 1 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017

Dawn Frost
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.

SELECTMEN Vote for not more than ONE for 3 years NORMAN DeBOISBRIAND 450 ☒ 13 ☐ (Write-in)	MODERATOR Vote for not more than ONE for 2 years HAROLD BRAGG 474 ☒ 7 ☐ (Write-in)	GRANGE HALL TRUSTEE Vote for not more than ONE for 2 years CAROL BEERS WITHERELL 450 ☒ 0 ☐ (Write-in)
TAX COLLECTOR Vote for not more than ONE for 1 year CARLENE WIGGIN 523 ☒ 0 ☐ (Write-in)	LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than ONE for 3 years HEATHER RITTER 458 ☒ 1 ☐ (Write-in)	TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Vote for not more than ONE for 3 years JAMES WEBBER 488 ☒ 2 ☐ (Write-in)
TOWN CLERK Vote for not more than ONE for 1 year DAWN FROST 515 ☒ 4 ☐ (Write-in)	GRANGE HALL TRUSTEE Vote for not more than ONE for 3 years HOLLY McCANN 455 ☒ 2 ☐ (Write-in)	CEMETERY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than ONE for 3 years JOAN W. WEBBER 490 ☒ 1 ☐ (Write-in)
TREASURER Vote for not more than ONE for 1 year MICHAEL A. SCHWOTZER 409 ☒ 0 ☐ (Write-in)		

ARTICLES

Article 02: Amend Signs Zoning Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Kensington planning board for the Kensington zoning ordinance, Article IV, Section 4.1, Signs. This amendment is needed to bring Kensington's Sign Ordinance into compliance with a landmark US Supreme Court decision Reed v. The Town of Gilbert, AZ dealing with local regulation of signs. The amendment eliminates references to sign messages to preserve free speech rights and instead restricts signs based entirely on the zone in which they are to be used and to the size, physical type of sign, etc.

Recommended by the Planning Board

This warrant article has no tax impact.

434 YES ☐
127 NO ☐

Article 03: Amending ADU zoning ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Kensington planning board for the Kensington zoning ordinance, Article III, Section 3.2.3 Accessory Dwelling Unit. This proposed amendment inserts language to comply with a new state law, RSA 674:71-73 (effective June 1, 2017) that eliminates certain restriction within the current Kensington In-Law Apartment ordinance. The new ordinance allows, consistent with state law, accessory dwelling units attached to the primary dwelling, requires either the primary or accessory dwelling unit to be owner occupied, limited the accessory dwelling unit to 900 sq. ft. of living space, addresses proper septic system standards for both units and proper building and utility code compliance and requires 2 off street parking spaces per dwelling unit.

Delete the definition of "In-Law" Apartment.

The Planning Board recommends this zoning article.

This warrant article has no tax impact.

352 YES ☐
215 NO ☐

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Article 04: Amend Zoning of ADU-Detached

To amend the current In Law Apartment ordinance. Citizen's petition
PETITION FOR AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO THE SELECTMEN OF KENSINGTON,
NEW HAMPSHIRE:

The undersigned legal voters of the Town request that the zoning ordinance of the Town be amended by adding the following provision(s) and deleting any provisions inconsistent therewith:

To amend the Kensington Zoning Ordinance by Deleting Article II, Section F Special Exception for "In-Law Apartment" and insert the following text as Article III, Section 3.2.3 Accessory Dwelling Units:

F. Conditional Use Permit for Accessory Dwelling Units (Adopted _____)

1. Authority: This section is enacted in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:71 – 73 and RSA 674:21.

2. Purpose

The purposes of the accessory dwelling unit ordinance are to:

- Increase the supply of affordable housing without the need for more infrastructure or further land development.
- Provide flexible housing options for residents and their families.
- Integrate affordable housing into the community with minimal negative impact.
- Provide elderly citizens with the opportunity to retain their homes and age in place.
- Maintain the rural character of neighborhoods and the town.

3. Definition:

An "accessory dwelling unit" means a residential living unit that maybe detached, within or attached to a single-family dwelling and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies.

4. Conditional Use Permit:

Pursuant to RSA 674:21 the Planning Board is hereby authorized to grant a Conditional Use Permit to allow for accessory dwelling units in the RA Zone in accordance with the restrictions and requirements of this section. In granting a Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board must find that the accessory dwelling unit application complies with all of the following criteria a-h.

a. The primary dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit may, but are not required to, share water and septic facilities, electrical services, or telecommunications services.

b. The accessory dwelling unit maybe detached, within or attached to the primary dwelling unit, must have separate cooking, sleeping, eating, sanitation facilities, and within or attached units must have an interior door between it and the principal dwelling unit.

c. No single-family dwelling unit shall have more than one accessory dwelling unit.

d. The owner of the property shall occupy one of the dwelling units as the owner's primary residence, and retain ownership of both the primary and accessory dwelling units. Condominium form of ownership of either the primary or accessory dwelling unit is not permitted.

e. The living area of the accessory dwelling unit shall not be more than 900 square feet. The number of bedrooms in an accessory dwelling unit shall be two or less.

f. Prior to any renovations or construction, the property owner shall provide evidence to the Planning Board that septic facilities are properly functioning to serve the two dwelling units with the number of bedrooms contained therein. The applicant shall provide a septic system replacement plan designed by a NH certified septic designer and approved by the NH Department of Environmental Services. In order to determine if the existing septic system is properly functioning, the property owner shall have the system inspected by a NH licensed septic inspector and provide a report of the inspection results. If the existing system is found to be improperly functioning, the replacement septic system shall be installed according to the approved plan before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Building Inspector.

g. The accessory dwelling unit shall conform to all applicable electrical, structural, water and sanitary standards for residential buildings.

h. Two off-street parking spaces must be provided for each dwelling unit.

5. Certificate of Occupancy and Recording:

Accessory dwelling units shall be required to have a Certificate of Occupancy before occupancy. A copy of the Planning Board's Notice of Decision authorizing a Conditional Use Permit shall be recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, indexed under the name of the property owner and evidence thereof shall be presented to the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy an accessory dwelling unit.

6. Severability: The invalidity of any provision of this Section shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Submitted by Citizen's Petition.

The Planning Board does not recommend this petitioned zoning article.

This warrant article has no tax impact.

234 YES ☐
318 NO ☐

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Article 05:

To amend the Kensington Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning of the portion North of the power lines on property identified as Tax Map 3 Lot 9 from Residential/Agricultural Zoning District to the Commercial Zoning District. Submitted by Citizen's petition.

The Planning Board does not recommend this petitioned zoning article.

This article has no tax impact.

170 YES ☐
405 NO ☐

Article 06: 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 \$1,608,887 (one million six hundred eight thousand eight hundred and eighty seven dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,611,058.00 (one million six hundred eleven thousand and fifty-eight 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 Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this appropriation.

The proposed operating budget is a decrease of \$12,505 from the budget adopted last year of \$1,621,392. The net estimated impact is negative \$(0.04) per thousand dollars of valuation. (negative four cents per thousand dollars of valuation.)

509 YES ☐
63 NO ☐

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 maintenance. The sum will be used to upgrade fire ponds that have fallen in disrepair and excavate ponds to hold additional water to be used in fire protection. This has become a safety issue and is need to maintain adequate fire protection. This article is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of the is warrant article will be an increase of \$.08 (eight cents) per thousand-dollar valuation.

495 YES ☐
80 NO ☐

Article 08: Lease Payment #5 for Fire Truck

To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into the fifth year of a seven year lease agreement for three hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000), for the purpose of leasing a new fire truck and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand seven hundred and forty dollars (\$60,740.00) for the fifth year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause (majority vote required). In subsequent years, if the annual appropriation is not approved, the lease terminates and the truck will be returned. If this lease is approved for each of the seven years, a warrant article will be set forth to expend nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) from the fire department equipment capital reserve fund to offset the final payment only.

The board of selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.20 per \$1,000 valuation (twenty cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

475 YES ☐
100 NO ☐

Article 09: 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 other projects. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32.7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2018. This is in addition to the operating budget article.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.667 per \$1,000 valuation. (sixty-six cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

420 YES ☐
151 NO ☐

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Article 10: Part time Fire Chief

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) to be added to the fire department budget. This \$17,000 will be added to the Salary line item. Also, the current administration support line item of \$1,000 will be transferred to the Salary line item, changing its total from fifty thousand (\$50,000) to sixty-eight thousand (\$68,000). Out of this total the Part-Time Fire Chief will be paid the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) annually, with no benefits or participation in the retirement system. The remaining forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) to be distributed to the remaining active members of the fire department as a stipend. Submitted by citizen petition.

The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be an increase of \$0.06 per \$1,000 valuation (six cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 11: Social Services Rockingham Community Action

To request the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (1500.00) to Rockingham Community Action for the purpose of providing financial assistance, budgeting education & support to Kensington residents in crisis and move them toward self-sufficiency. Submitted by citizen petition.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommend this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be \$0.005 per \$1,000 valuation. (five tenths of a cent per thousand dollars of valuation)

468

YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 12: Richie McFarland Program - Social Services

WE, the residents of the Town of Kensington, petition to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700.00) 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. 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 nine (9) children.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously support this article.

The net estimated tax impact of this appropriation is \$0.008 per \$1,000 valuation (eight tenths of a cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

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