SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016

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

for 3 years — Vote for not more than ONE

ROBERT A. WADLEIGH ⬭

(Write-in) ⬭

TREASURER

for 1 year — Vote for not more than ONE

MICHAEL A. SCHWOTZER ⬭

(Write-in) ⬭

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

for 3 years — Vote for not more than ONE

HOLLY McCANN ⬭

(Write-in) ⬭

TAX COLLECTOR

for 1 year — Vote for not more than ONE

CARLENE WIGGIN ⬭

(Write-in) ⬭

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

for 3 years — Vote for not more than ONE

JOHN D. HERNEY ⬭

(Write-in) ⬭

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for 3 years — Vote for not more than ONE

RICHARD E. BATES ⬭

(Write-in) ⬭

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for 1 year — Vote for not more than ONE

DAWN FROST ⬭

(Write-in) ⬭

ARTICLES

Article 02: Amend Zoning Ordinance

The Board of Selectmen propose and support the following amendment to Article VIII Building Permit Ordinance.

Are you in favor of amending Article VIII: Building Ordinance; Section 8.1 Building Permit with the following changes to A and B:

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

Article VIII: BUILDING ORDINANCE
SECTION 8.1 BUILDING PERMIT (03/09/1971; 03/16/1978) (Amended 03/1994; 03/1997; 03/13/2001; 12/17/2015) A building permit is required to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the community.

A. A permit is required for:
   1. A new structure, addition, decks, remodeling, or manufactured building when the value exceeds $2,000. The value shall be based on labor costs - (including the value of self-provided labor), material costs, and other costs, excluding land;
   2. The demolition of a structure; and
   3. Any swimming pool, except those that are dismantled each season.
   4. A free standing structure exceeding 120 square feet, as measured from outside.
   5. Wheelchair ramps.

B. A permit is not required for:
   1. Minor alterations, repairs and general upkeep of existing buildings under $2000
   2. Replacement of in-kind roofing, windows and siding.

DEFINITION of In Kind
- **in the same way; with something similar:**

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 03: Amending zoning ordinance

The Planning Board propose and support the following addition to Article IV.

Are you in favor of amending Article IV General Regulations, by adding Section 4.4 Non-Conforming Uses, Structures and Lots.

YES ◯
NO ◯

SECTION 4.4 NON-CONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES AND LOTS

Section 4.4.1 Non-Conforming Uses and Structures

A. **Continuance:** Any lawful non-conforming use, structure or building that exists at the effective date or adoption of this ordinance may continue as long as it remains otherwise lawful and subject to other applicable provisions of the zoning ordinance.

B. **Reconstruction:** In the event of the damage or destruction by natural hazard of any use, structure or building not conforming to the regulations in this ordinance, said structure or building may be rebuilt or refurbished for its former non-conforming condition in the same manner and extent, provided such construction is started within one year of its damage or destruction and is complete within two years. The provisions of the Town of Kensington Building Code, as amended, shall apply to any reconstruction.

C. **Expansion:** Expansion of a non-conforming use or structure for a purpose or in a manner which is substantially different from the use to which it was put before the alteration is prohibited except by variance granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The non-conforming use or structure, if granted a variance by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, may be physically extended, reconstructed, enlarged or structurally altered but only in conformity with the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

D. **Discontinuance:** In the event a non-conforming use is discontinued for a period of more than two years, it shall not be permitted to recommence; thereafter the property shall only be in conformity with this ordinance unless permission is granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The marketing and physical maintenance of a building or premises for the continuation of an existing non-conforming use shall be deemed as evidence of intent to continue the use.

Section 4.4.2 Non-Conforming Lots

A. A lot of record which met the requirements of the zoning ordinance for area, frontage and dimensions at the time of its approval and is shown on an approved subdivision plan, if undeveloped, may be developed providing such development meets all of other town and state requirements, and the lot has sufficient and practical frontage to access the property.

B. A lot of record which met the requirements of the zoning ordinance for area, frontage and dimensions at the time of its approval and is shown on an approved subdivision plan, and is developed, may be further developed providing such new development or redevelopment meets all of other town and state requirements, and the lot has sufficient and practical frontage to access the property. Existing non-conforming structures and buildings on such developed lots of record may only be expanded by variance granted from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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 $1,621,391 (one million six hundred twenty one thousand three hundred and ninety one dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $1,623,858.00 (one million six hundred twenty three thousand eight hundred 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.

YES ◯
NO ◯

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approve this appropriation.

The proposed operating budget is a decrease of $2,770 from the budget adopted last year of $1,624,161. The net estimated impact is negative $(0.009) per thousand dollars of valuation. (negative nine tenths of a cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 05: Lease Payment #4 for Fire Truck

To see if the Municipality will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into the fourth 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 fourth 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.

YES ◯
NO ◯

The board of selectmen unanimously approve this article

The tax impact of this article will be $0.203 per $1,000 valuation (twenty point three cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

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Article 06: Purchase Person & Car Cameras Police Department

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty nine thousand, one hundred and fifty two dollars ($29,152.00) for the purpose of purchasing seven (7) Watch Guard VISTA body-worn cameras and three (3) Watch Guard 4RE in-car camera systems. This sum will also include the upgrading of the police department's server and related infrastructure required to support the implementation of the camera systems, which will allow for the safe and proper management of the videos as required by legislation and rules of evidence.

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approve this article.

The tax impact of this appropriation is $0.097 per $1,000 valuation (nine point seven cents per $1,000 of valuation)

Article 07: Social Services: Richie McFarland Program

We, the residents of the Town of Kensington, petition to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($2,400.00) 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 eight (8) children.

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

The Board of Selectmen unanimously support this article.

The net estimated tax impact of this appropriation is $.008 per $1,000 valuation (eight tenths of a cent per thousand dollars of valuation.)

Article 08: Social Services: Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels

We, the undersigned residents of Kensington, Petition the Town of Kensington to support the Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program by appropriating the funds requested in the amount of six hundred ninety six dollars ($696), to enable Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program to continue to provide the meal service to elder, homebound, and disabled Kensington Residents.

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approve this appropriation.

The tax impact of this article will be $0.002 per $1,000 valuation (two tenths of a cent per thousand dollar valuation).

Article 09: Social Services: Rockingham Community Action

To request the Town 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.

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

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)

Article 10: Road Reconstruction

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) for town road reconstruction. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation as per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2017. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 6, the operating budget article.

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approve this warrant article.

The tax impact of this article will be $0.667 per $1,000 valuation. (sixty six point seven cents per thousand dollars of valuation)

Article 11: Trustee of Trust Funds to pay services from capital reserves

To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for the capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

The article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

There is no tax impact associated with this article.

Article 12: Fire Chief appointed yearly- correction of 2012 article

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 154:5 I., effective immediately, to define the fire chief appointment term not previously defined in the Town 2012 Warrant Article and designate that the position of Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a definite term of one-year, which shall end on June 30th and commence on July 1st, with no limit to the number of reappointment terms, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

YES ⬭
NO ⬭

Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen.

The article will have no tax impact.

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