

SAMPLE

OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON-PARTISAN
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARCH 14, 2023

Mary Jackson
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.

SELECTMAN

three-year term vote for not more than two

NANCY STRAND

MICHAEL BRUNO

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

three-year term Vote for not more than one

DAVID VAN HOUTEN

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

two-year term vote for not more than one

STEPHEN ALLEN

(Write-in)

ROAD AGENT

three-year term vote for not more than one

BRETT JACKSON

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND

three-year term Vote for not more than one

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

three-year term vote for not more than two

LINDA MOORE

SEAN GAWLIK

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than three

STEPHEN DIGNAZIO

LEONARD GRUBBS

DOUGLAS C. HARMAN

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

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ARTICLES

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 1 would make revisions throughout the Zoning Ordinance to clarify, update, and correct terminology; improve consistency; make editorial corrections; update agency references; remove redundant, unused and unneeded language; improve organization of the document; conform with state laws and court decisions such as regarding accessory dwelling units, signs, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and incorporate the stand-alone wind energy ordinance adopted in 2011. Also renumber document accordingly after making changes and incorporating any additional amendments approved by voters. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 2 would update language in Article XIV Floodplain Development and Article XXI Definitions as required for continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 3 would update language in Article II General Provisions and Article XI Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Development in order to make the parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance consistent with the requirements in the recently updated Site Plan Review Regulations. Detailed requirements would be removed from the Zoning Ordinance and the requirements contained in the Site Plan Review Regulations would be included by reference. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 4 would add a Home Business as an accessory use allowed in any dwelling in town (Articles V and XXI). Site Plan Review would continue to be required when the public or certain types of impacts are involved (Article II General Provisions). (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 5 would amend Article IV Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots to allow nonconforming lots to be developed if setbacks can be met and water and wastewater rules met and would give the Zoning Board of Adjustment the ability to grant Special Exceptions to allow expansion of nonconforming uses under certain conditions. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 6 would amend Article V Zoning Districts and Uses to bring the Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the provision of RSA 674:32 Manufactured Housing which prohibits requiring a Special Exception for manufactured homes on individual lots unless a Special Exception is also required for single family homes. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

Article 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 7 would replace existing language in Article VI Signs with language from the recently updated Site Plan Review Regulations for consistency. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

Article 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Proposed Amendment No. 8 would amend Article V – Zoning Districts and Uses to give the Zoning Board of Adjustment the ability to allow other uses similar to those listed in the Ordinance by granting Special Exceptions in Districts I-Main Street, I and IV, similar to the flexibility already allowed in Districts II and III. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this warrant)

YES
NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 10: Shall the Town 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, totalling \$3,370,220 (Three Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,174,742 (Three Million One Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Two Dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or 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 recommends this Article 5-0).

YES
NO

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.171

YES
NO

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.086

YES
NO

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.010

YES
NO

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.034

YES
NO

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.343

YES
NO

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Department Emergency Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.034

YES
NO

Article 17: To see if the town will approve entering into a Lease Purchase Agreement to acquire a new Commercial Pumper fire truck. The lease requires a \$100,000 down payment which is to be withdrawn from the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, and then 10 annual payments each in the amount of \$45,083.50 per year beginning in 2025 or after the new fire truck is delivered. Therefore, no appropriation is required for this purpose in 2023. This lease shall include an escape clause. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-1). Estimated tax impact 0.000

YES
NO

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 (Twenty Six Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Assessing Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.089

YES
NO

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (Zero Dollars) to be added to the Tech/Computer Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.0

YES
NO

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty Five Thousand) to be added to the Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.120

YES
NO

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.069

YES
NO

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.051

YES
NO

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 (Nine Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2023. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.031

YES
NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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Article 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0.00 (Zero Dollars) for the purpose of building a new structure which would be considered a new pool inside of the existing pool including the concrete walls and a new main drain. The total amount to be raised is \$0.00; \$0.00 will be paid from the Recreation revolving fund. This would allow for the current working infrastructure to remain in use. The town will require a guarantee for work completed from the construction company who is awarded the project. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 3-2). Estimated tax impact 0.000

YES
NO

Article 25: To see if the town of Bethlehem will create a Police Department special detail revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95 to be used to offset the Police Detail expenses. All revenues received from Police Special Detail will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall 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 monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only on order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0).

YES
NO

Article 26: Shall the town rename the Bethlehem Town Forest, located on Prospect Street, to the Tellman-Johnson Town Forest? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Tax impact: \$0.000

YES
NO

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to accept the road system known as Upper Valley Road and perform routine yearly maintenance including winter clearings. Understand that the road has been approved by the Bethlehem Planning Board, that it meets both Town and State specifications, that it has been inspected by a certified engineer. Understand that there are eight homes located on the road, including nine Town of Bethlehem residents. Understand that the road surface is asphalt, approximately 800 yards in length, and has been consistently maintained. If this article is approved, the operating budget will increase by an unknown amount. Petitioned Article. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0).

YES
NO

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of supporting Hospice, Home Health, Palliative and Long-Term Care services provided by North Country Home Health & Hospice. Petitioned Article. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.014

YES
NO

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provides primary preventative health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 951 current BETHLEHEM patients, as well as reach more of those in need. Petitioned Article. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.021

YES
NO

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,968.00 (Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars) for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Bethlehem: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, and Tamworth Dental Center. Petition Article. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.017

YES
NO

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in providing a healthy, safe, and productive after school and vacation camp environment for children from Bethlehem and the local community. The Club provides busing from the school to the Club for the afterschool program, which alone costs \$5,000 a year. Petitioned Article (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.009

YES
NO

Article 32: We registered voters in the Town of Bethlehem present this petitioned article to be included in the 2023 Town of Bethlehem Warrant: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Bethlehem residents in 2023. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 70 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$132,360.80. Petitioned Article (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.029

YES
NO

Article 33: To see if the Town of Bethlehem, NH will vote to raise and appropriate sum of \$1000.00 for the Second Chance Animal Rescue. Second Chance Animal Rescue is a nonprofit that provides care and shelter for abused and abandoned cats and kittens. Second Chance Animal Rescue sponsors monthly low cost Spray/Neuter clinics for both dogs and cats, as well as shot clinics in the Spring. Petitioned Article (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.003

YES
NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT