

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON-PARTISAN
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARCH 12, 2024

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 one

CHRISTINA CLEMMO ☐

APRIL HIBBERD ☐

RICHARD SOUTHWELL ☐

☐

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

two-year term ☐ vote for not
more than one

MARY LOU KRAMBEER ☐

☐

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

three-year term ☐ vote for not
more than two

GERALD BLANCHARD ☐

SALLY FITZGERALD ☐

ALECIA LOVELESS ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT

one-year term ☐ Vote for not
more than one

ANDREW BARTZ ☐

PAMELA HESS-NEWMAN ☐

JOSHUA LIEBERMAN ☐

☐

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT

three-year term ☐ Vote for not
more than two

RUTH HEINTZ ☐

ANDREA BRYANT ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUND

two-year term ☐ Vote for not
more than one

GERALD BLANCHARD ☐

☐

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUND

three-year term ☐ Vote for not
more than one

PAMELA HESS-NEWMAN ☐

☐

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term ☐ vote for not
more than three

CHRISTINA CLEMMO ☐

DAWN FERRINGO ☐

CAROLE HAMMARBERG ☐

ALISON MALTZ ☐

DANIEL J. MURPHY ☐

RICHARD E. ROBIE JR. ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term ☐ vote for not
more than three

TANA LECLAIR ☐

RICHARD NEWMAN ☐

SARA PLUMBLEY ☐

NORA F. CLARK ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)


(Write-in)

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BALLOT 1 OF 2

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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 Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to reduce the required parking from 2 spaces to 1 space for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) that are no larger than 1,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area and which have no more than two bedrooms.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to allow a single-family home to have one detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU) up to 1,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area with two bedrooms as a Permitted Use in Districts II, III, and IV and by Special Exception in District I Main Street and District I.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to define "Residential Conversions" and allow the conversion of existing residential structures and those structures previously used for nonresidential purposes to multi-family uses as a Permitted Use in District I Main Street and District I and by Special Exception in Districts II, III, and IV.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to increase housing opportunity by allowing dwelling units above first-floor businesses as a Permitted Use in District I Main Street and District I and by Special Exception in Districts II, III, and IV; and also add a definition of "Mixed Use."

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: repeal and replace Article XII regarding Cluster Developments and allow Cluster Developments as a Permitted Use everywhere except District I Main Street and the Landfill District. Major changes to the Cluster Developments Article include the provision of additional guidance for the Planning Board when reviewing Cluster Developments, and a density bonus for developments with homes no larger than 1,200 sq. ft. gross floor area with a two-car garage.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: add a definition of and allow Short Term Rentals of single family dwellings, owner occupied two family dwellings, and ADUs to owner occupied single family dwellings as a Permitted Use in District I Main Street, District I, District II, District III and District IV; repeal the definition of "Motels, hotels, guest homes and overnight cabins"; adopt a new definition of "Public Accommodation," which includes Campgrounds; add definitions of Accessory Building or Use, Bed and Breakfast, Campground, Owner-occupied, and Transient; add Bed and Breakfast and owner occupied short term rentals to the definition of Home Business; and adopt health and safety requirements for Short Term Rentals.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to remove Article XVII Impact Fees in its entirety (has never been used), along with the Definitions in Article XXII that are only used in that section of the Zoning Ordinance.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Article 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: add a definition of Gross Floor Area as "the sum of the horizontal area of all floors of a building, measured from the exterior faces of the walls but not including unfinished cellars, attics, porches, etc."

YES ☐

NO ☐

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, totaling \$3,582,974 (Three Million Five Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,370,220 (Three Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Twenty 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 4-0). Tax Impact 6.57

YES ☐

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the SELECTMEN'S recommended amount of \$180,000 (One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars) perform structural repairs and to replace the Visitor's center roof. This amount does not cover the full cost of repairs recommended in the engineering study. (Majority vote required) (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.348

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 12: 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact .097

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Highway Truck Capital Reserve created in 1995. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required) (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 14: 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact .048

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 15: 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact .006

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Fire Department Personal Protective Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to a Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, to allow the money to be used to purchase safety equipment for the fire department in addition to personal protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. And furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 vote required) (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 17: 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.019

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 18: 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 Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact .048

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$164,000.00 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve previously established. This sum is to come from unassigned fund balance. There will be no tax impact if this article passes. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact .00000

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Public Safety Facility Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of building a Public Safety facility and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars). Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0) Tax Impact .193

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 21: 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact .050

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Tech/Computer Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact .010

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 23: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand) to be added to the Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact .077

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 24: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 that was established in 2003 to increase the amount not to exceed \$15,000 to \$100,000. There will be no tax impact if this article passes. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact .000

YES ☐
NO ☐

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article 3-1). Estimated tax impact .019

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 26: 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 3-1). Estimated tax impact .029

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,650 (Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2024. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact .019

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Bethlehem Community Power plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Bethlehem Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 29: Shall the town READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00? (Majority vote required) (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 30: Shall the town ADOPT the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required) (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 3-0-1 abstained)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 31: Shall the town MODIFY the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Bethlehem, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$100,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$150,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$200,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$40,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$100,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required) (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 32: Shall the town ADOPT the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$100,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$40,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$100,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required) (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 33: To see if the Town will adopt the proposed noise ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39, which prohibits certain loud noises likely to endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM. Several types of noises, including but not limited to emergency service are exempted from the ordinance, and the Select Board shall have the authority to issue a temporary special permit for other types of noises. Violations of the ordinance may result in penalties ranging from \$100 to \$250, depending on the number of convictions in any six-month period. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.0

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 34: We registered voters in the Town of Bethlehem present this petitioned article to be included in the 2024 Town of Bethlehem Warrant: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) 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, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 246 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$169,559.86. Petitioned Article (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.019

YES ☐
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (Four Thousand) 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 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.008

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 36: To see if the town of Bethlehem NH will vote to raise the appropriate sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) 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 also sponsors monthly low cost Spay/Neuter clinics for both dogs and cats. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.002

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 37: 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 \$5000 a year. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.005

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,121.00 (Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars) as the town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and development service needs of Bethlehem residents. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.004

YES ☐
NO ☐

12/6/05

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT