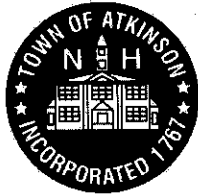


# SAMPLE BALLOT



*James M. Garrity*  
Moderator

BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 8, 2022**

*Julianna C. Hale*  
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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECTMEN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>DAVE SPERO 509 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WILLIAM M. BALDWIN 1082 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>HAROLD J. MORSE 573 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>HOLLY PATTERSON 917 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TREASURER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>MICHAEL C. TURELL 1372 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Six Years</p> <p>KAREN TRASATTI 1346 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>RICHARD GEISSER 1132 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>JILL OTTOW 1190 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Two Years</p> <p>TOM KELLEY 1318 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>WILLIAM "BILL" SMITH 725 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>SAM BUTLER 818 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>DEBORAH CORNISH 669 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVE PAQUETTE 693 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>KATHLEEN DAYOTIS 1463 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>MICHELE HOOPER 812 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>LEON ARTUS 358 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RAYMOND FOURNIER 526 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KAY GALLOWAY 1051 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Two Years</p> <p>JAMES M. GARRITY 1463 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>DAVE PAQUETTE 1337 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

### ARTICLES

Article #2022-02 Amend Zoning Article III - Definitions

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following zoning amendments to the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance - Article III: Definitions as proposed by the Planning Board?

Remove existing corresponding Article III Definitions and replace with:

**A3-Agricultural and Forest Uses -**

Uses generally associated with agriculture and forestry endeavors, specifically excluding the establishment of permanent sawmill operations, but including the keeping of livestock consistent with the requirements under RSA 21:34-a Definition of Farm, Agriculture and Farming.

**A4-Agricultural Use -**

Land containing at least (5) acres which is used for raising livestock or agricultural or forest products; including farm structures and the storage of agricultural equipment; riding and boarding stables; and, as an accessory use, sale of agricultural products. Agricultural use shall not include permanent sawmill operations, and non-residential uses shall meet the non-residential requirements of this ordinance and be consistent with requirements under RSA 21:34-a Definition of Farm, Agriculture and Farming.

ARTICLE #2022-02 CONTINUED ON BACK OF BALLOT

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

Beginning Voter Checklist 5463  
 New Voters 24  
 Final Voters on Checklist 5487  
 1667 Live Ballots Cast  
 108 Absentee Ballots Cast  
 1775 Ballots Cast = 32.3%

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ARTICLE #2022-02 CONTINUED

#### F-2 Family

One individual or a group of individuals.

#### Q1-Qualified Soils Scientist

Meaning a person qualified in soil classification and who is recommended or approved by the list of certified NH Soil Scientists provided by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

([https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_053929](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053929))

#### S4-Single Family Residence

A detached single dwelling unit means any building, structure, or portion thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more persons, family or families with living accommodations including sleeping, cooking and sanitary provisions.

Delete existing Article III Definition: **P1 - Permanent Residents**

Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6 to 0

1163  
YES   
NO   
445

### Article #2022-03 Remove Sections from Zoning

**Are you in favor of the removal of the following sections from the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?**

DELETE - Article II, Section 240:1 LOTS IN TWO ZONING DISTRICTS

DELETE - Article IV, Section 410:11 WATER FLOW MONITORING

Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6 to 0

1061  
YES   
NO   
482

### Article #2022-04 Adopt Revised Zoning Accessory Dwelling Unit Section

**Are you in favor of the adoption of the following zoning amendment to the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance - Article IV, Section 460:3 k - Accessory Dwelling Unit as proposed by the Planning Board?**

Remove existing Article IV, Section 460:3 k and replace with:

**Section 460:3.k.** In accordance with the standards of the Town and regulations adopted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) in compliance with RSA 485-A:38, the water and septic facilities, whether separate or shared, shall be adequate to service both the existing dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit. Proof of adequacy shall include a septic inspection by a licensed inspector or submission of the plan on record for the existing system indicating adequacy and proper function. If the existing septic system is not adequate, a replacement plan/design approved by NH Department of Environmental Services in the case of failure of the existing system, shall be submitted or installed.

Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6 to 0

1240  
YES   
NO   
378

### Article#2022-05 Modify General Farming and Keeping of Animals

**Are you in favor of the adoption of the following zoning amendments to the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance - Article IV, Section 440:1 General Farming and the Keeping of Animals as proposed by the Planning Board?**

Remove existing Article IV, Section 440:1 and replace with:

**Section 440:1** General farming activity and the responsible keeping of animals for other purposes shall be permitted provided the following criteria are met.

- Large animals (all hooved animals) shall not be kept on lots of less than one acre.
- Per each full acre of lot size, one hooved animal shall be allowed.
- Housing and fencing must be appropriate for safe containment of animals on the property. At no time will animals or poultry be allowed to wander onto a roadway or abutting property, nor shall they be allowed to inflict damage to neighboring properties and infrastructure or landscape features, people or animals. Barns and stables and shelters of all kinds shall be a minimum of 15 feet from property lines. Fences shall be a minimum of 5 feet from property lines.
- Waste matter (manure, wasted feed) must be managed according to the NH Department of Agriculture Best Management Practices so that unsanitary conditions do not develop that can be harmful to the environment. Obnoxious odors or infestations of insects or rodents shall not be allowed to develop.
- Beekeeping shall be allowed on any lot. Hive structures will be a minimum of 50 feet from property lines.

Any proposed keeping of animals that does not meet the above stated criteria will require a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 6 to 0

1762  
YES   
NO   
947

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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TOWN CLERK

### ARTICLES CONTINUED

#### Article #2022-06 Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to 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 Five Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-three Dollars (\$5,860,973)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Five Million Five Hundred Twenty-three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$5,523,420), 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.

1000  
YES ●  
NO ○  
722

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 to 1

#### Article #2022-07 Master Plan Update

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to contract for professional services for the completion of a comprehensive update of the Town of Atkinson's Master Plan, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars are required. This update will be conducted with the assistance of qualified professional consultant(s) and will include a robust public participation process. It is anticipated that this update will take 18 months to complete. This is a non-lapsing Article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

925  
YES ●  
NO ○  
780

RSA 674:3 recommends that Master Plans are revised every 5-10 years. The Town of Atkinson completed its first Master Plan in 1980 and has updated this periodically since that time. The most recent Master Plan Community Survey was conducted in 2012, and the Master Plan was adopted in 2015 with updates and revisions to the Vision (2015), Future Land Use (2014) and Community Facilities (2012) sections. RSA 674:2 requires that the Master Plan include the Vision and Future Land Use sections.

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 1

#### Article #2022-08 Additional Police Personnel

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars (\$32,238) to hire an additional full-time Police Officer effective August 1, 2022? This amount covers 5 months' cost. This position will become part of the Police Department's Operating Budget at an initial annual rate of approximately \$83,752 beginning in 2023. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

969  
YES ●  
NO ○  
759

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 2

#### Article #2022-09 Library Siding

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to remove and replace the siding at the Kimball Library, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars are required. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

1227  
YES ●  
NO ○  
499

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 0

#### Article #2022-10 Fire Department Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, as modified March 14, 2000 (Article #2000-28) for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles, as outlined by the Board of Engineers' Capital Improvement Plan? This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

1337  
YES ●  
NO ○  
394

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 0

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article #2022-11 Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1) for the purchase of ten (10) sets of Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)? This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner. Funding will come from Federal grants. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

1505  
YES   
NO   
193

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 to 1

### Article #2022-12 Establish a Rural Firefighting Water Supply Program

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to hire a consultant to assist the Fire Department in the evaluation of the current rural water supply system and creating a long-term Rural Water Supply Plan for the entire Town? This was a recommendation of the November 2020 Fire Department assessment and review by Municipal Resources, Inc. (MRI Report). This evaluation will aid in the Fire Department's move toward an improved International Standards' Organization (ISO\*) rating of 5. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

988  
YES   
NO   
704

\*The International Organization for Standardization is an international standard-setting body composed of representatives from various national standards organizations. Founded on 23 February 1947, the organization develops and publishes worldwide technical, industrial, and commercial standards.

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4 to 3

### Article #2022-13 Fire Department Equipment Upgrade

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$26,392) to be used to update equipment which is currently beyond its service life or is not effective with current buildings and emergency response within the Town of Atkinson. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

1412  
YES   
NO   
286

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4 to 2

### Article #2022-14 Hazardous Materials District

Shall the Town vote to rejoin the Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District (SENHHMMAD\*\*), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$11,544) in 2022? After 2023, the annual dues amount, as determined by the Board of Directors per the governing by-laws, will become part of the Fire Department's Operating Budget.

\*\*The Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District operates a Technical Emergency Response Team, which maintains a readiness posture permitting it to deploy an appropriate response to a District community's request for help involving an unplanned release of potentially dangerous chemicals. The services provided by SENHHMMAD are not available from commercial environmental solutions companies such as Triumvirate Environmental or Clean Harbors. The Atkinson Fire Department does not have the capabilities in either technical training or equipment to handle this responsibility.

1300  
YES   
NO   
370

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4 to 2

### Article #2022-15 Shim and Overlay Town Roads

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Forty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$448,900) to shim and overlay the following Town roads: Providence Hill Road, Butler Road, Twin Oaks Drive, Windmill Lane, Moccasin Path, Pheasant Lane, Bluebird Lane, Geary Lane, Spickett Valley Drive, Atkinson Farm Road, Little Rob Road, Carriage Chase Lane, and Jasmine Drive? This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

1080  
YES   
NO   
617

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 0

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

# SAMPLE BALLOT



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*Julliana C. Hale*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article #2022-16 Highway Department Truck**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a three-quarter-ton truck with a plow, and a utility trailer, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars are required. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the purchase is complete or December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

1388  
YES ●  
NO ○  
334

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 0

**Article #2022-17 Update List of Town Forest Parcels**

Shall the Town vote to designate the following parcel as Atkinson Town Forest, to be managed by the Conservation Commission, under the provisions of RSA 31:112: Map 20 Lot 37-1, a 9-acre forested parcel on Boulder Cove Road, donated to the Town as Conservation Land December 2021? This parcel abuts the Marshall Town Forest.

1541  
YES ●  
NO ○  
155

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1

**Article #2022-18 Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund, as established March 9, 2020 Article #2020-8, for the purpose of funding ongoing maintenance and improvement issues with Town facilities, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars are required. This is in addition to Article #2022-06, the Operating Budget.

1354  
YES ●  
NO ○  
335

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 0

**Article #2022-19 Elder Exemption Benefit**

Shall the Town vote to increase the Elder Exemption benefit for those who meet all income and asset guidelines beginning April 1, 2022, as follows:

Age 65-74	From: \$100,000	To: \$150,000
Age 75-79	From: \$150,000	To: \$225,000
Age 80+	From: \$200,000	To: \$300,000?

1363  
YES ●  
NO ○  
323

This benefit is a fixed amount deducted from the assessed value of the applicant's home. The fixed amount of this deduction has not been adjusted to the increasing value of property in the Town of Atkinson since March 9, 2004. In 2021, the town's assessments have increased approximately 50%, diminishing the value of this benefit for seniors. This adjustment will add approximately \$21,630 to the amount to be raised by taxes.

**Article #2022-20 Elder Asset Limit (by Petition)**

Shall the Town vote to raise the elderly single asset limit from One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000), and the elderly married asset limit from One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000), per RSA 72:39-AB?

1141  
YES ●  
NO ○  
482

**Article #2022-21 Veterans' Tax Credit (by Petition)**

Shall the Town vote to increase the Veterans' credit from Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) annually to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) annually, per RSA 72:28-B?

1478  
YES ●  
NO ○  
222

**Article #2022-22 Isaiah 58 NH Funding (By Petition)**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of supporting the non-profit 501(c)3 Isaiah 58 NH in its continuing service to the citizens of Rockingham County and Atkinson in obtaining stable housing?

566  
YES ○  
NO ●

Not Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote 4 to 1  
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote 6 to 0

1097

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article #2022-23 Elect Planning Board Members (By Petition)**

Shall the Town vote to elect the members of the Planning Board? The Planning Board shall consist of seven (7) members per RSA 673:2,II,(b),(1). Two members shall be elected for three-year term, two members shall be elected for two-year term, two members shall be elected for one-year term. Thereafter, members shall be elected for the term provided in RSA 673:5,II.

1035  
YES   
NO   
591

**Article #2022-24 Adopt Partisan Official Ballot System (By Petition)**

Shall the Town vote to study whether to adopt the partisan official ballot system? RSA Chapter 669, Section 669:12. This article shall apply to all Officers who shall be elected by official ballot, section 669:15 and all Officers the Town has specified to be elected by ballot. Section 669:17.

581  
YES   
NO   
987

**Article #2022-25 Conflict of Interest Legal Line (By Petition)**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Zero Dollars (\$0.00) for the purpose of allowing the committee to access legal advice when necessary for investigations? This is in addition to Article #2022-6, the Operating Budget.

Not Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote 5 to 0  
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4 to 0 to 3

431  
YES   
NO   
1180

**Article #2022-26 Modify Conflict of Interest Ordinance (By Petition)**

Shall the Town vote to amend the Conflict of Interest Ordinance with the following language:

Strike Section VII. F. and H. in their entirety, and include the following language to replace F:

Findings related to the **CENSURE** of an appointed or elected member shall be forwarded to the respondent and Board of Selectmen. Findings shall include supporting evidence.

Findings related to the **REMOVAL** of an appointed or elected member shall be forwarded to the respondent and Board of Selectmen with supporting evidence for referral to the Rockingham Superior Court. The Rockingham Superior Court shall have jurisdiction over any removal proceedings instituted under and Ordinance adopted under this section as per RSA 31:39-a.

This proposed language change will include re-lettering point I as H; point J as I; and point K as J.

831  
YES   
NO   
436

**Article #2022-27 Acceptance of Reports**

Shall the Town accept the reports of agents, auditors and committees as written in the 2021 Annual Report?

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0

1532  
YES   
NO   
90

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**