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SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
 ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 MARCH 14, 2017**

Rose M. Cambon
 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>SELECTMEN <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small></p> <p>HAROLD J. MORSE <i>613</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>CRAIG SCHUSTER <i>336</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small></p> <p>BARBARA SNICER <i>860</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small></p> <p>ROBERT (BOB) WORDEN <i>738</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>JOHN E. MACK <i>257</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>ROBERT (BOB) MALO <i>569</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>ROAD AGENT <small>Two Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small></p> <p>EDWARD A. STEWART <i>820</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small></p> <p>MARGARET (MARNIE) FINN <i>823</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small></p> <p>HARLAN R. CHENEY <i>632</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>WILLIAM HOVANASIAN <i>573</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small></p> <p>SUSAN M. KILLAM <i>849</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="checkbox"/></p>		

ARTICLES

Article #2017-2 Accessory Dwelling Units

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: *delete* the current Section 460 Accessory Uses: Extended Family Accessory Living Unit and *replace* it with the following new Section 460 Accessory Dwelling Units?

Section 460 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

- 460:1** The objectives of this section are to:
- a. Provide housing to extended family members and affording all parties the necessary privacy and living arrangements conducive to harmonious habitation in a single family residence;
 - b. Provide dwelling units to meet the needs of smaller households, both young and old;
 - c. Provide dwelling units in single-family neighborhoods that are appropriate for different housing needs;
 - d. Preserve the intent of single-family housing by placing strict physical limitations on size and access to the accessory dwelling unit.
 - e. Protect the single family residential character of a neighborhood by ensuring that the accessory dwelling unit is permitted only in an owner-occupied residence and under such conditions as to protect the property values and the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood and the public.
- 460:2** An "accessory dwelling unit" (or "ADU") is a residential living unit that is 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.
- 460:3** An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be allowed in all zoning districts where single family dwellings are permitted. Pursuant to RSA 674:21.II Conditional Use Permit may be granted by the Planning Board upon finding that the proposal complies with all of the following criteria a-k.

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- a. The accessory dwelling unit shall be subject to the standards and conditions for as set forth in the Town of Atkinson Zoning Ordinance.
- b. No more than one accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed per single-family dwelling. The accessory living unit shall be within or attached to the single-family dwelling and shall not be permitted within detached accessory structures located on the same lot as the single-family dwelling.
- c. The combination of a single-family dwelling and accessory dwelling unit shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the existing single-family dwelling.
- d. The single-family dwelling unit or the accessory dwelling unit shall be owner-occupied, and both dwelling units shall remain in common ownership by the primary resident.
- e. Accessory dwelling units will not be allowed as part of duplex housing or multi-family housing.
- f. The accessory dwelling unit, and any related changes to the property, shall be designed so that the appearance remains that of a single family residence and is consistent with the single family character of other residences in the neighborhood.
- g. The accessory dwelling unit shall have convenient and direct access to the principal dwelling unit through an interior door between the principal dwelling and accessory dwelling unit. The accessory dwelling unit shall have independent means of ingress and egress.
- h. The accessory dwelling unit shall be no more than 1,000 square feet in size, and shall be clearly accessory to the principal dwelling unit. The accessory dwelling unit shall have no more than 2 bedrooms.
- i. Two parking spaces shall be provided for the accessory dwelling unit.
- j. Any and all construction shall be in accordance with the building standards of the Town of Atkinson in effect at the time of construction.
- 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 single-family dwelling and the accessory living unit. Proof of adequacy of these facilities shall include: an existing septic plan approved by the NH DES and a site inspection by a NH licensed septic designer verifying the proper function of the existing system; or a new replacement septic plan approved by the NH DES.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

822
YES
NO
157

Article #2017-3 Signs

Shall the Town vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance Section 470 Signs as shown below?

Section 470 SIGNS

- 470:1 Purpose.** These regulations have been created to permit signage for the following uses: Commercial, Commercial-Industrial, Commercial Professional, Municipal, Residential, reference, directional, temporary, and traffic. While recognizing that esthetics and design quality are difficult to legislate, it is the intent and purpose of this section to preserve the rural beauty of the town as well as the safety and well-being of the inhabitants and, at the same time, allow reasonable signage by regulating their type, number, location, color, illumination and size.
- 470:2 Definitions**
- S1 Sign:** Any device, fixture, placard or structure that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol or writing to advertise, announce the purpose of, or identify the purpose of a person or entity or to communicate information of any kind to the public.
- T1 Temporary Sign:** Any sign that is used only for a limited time, and is not permanently mounted.
- 470:3 Permit required.** No sign identifying or advertising a business shall be erected, hung, altered or replaced without a sign permit. Temporary signs are excluded from this provision. Permit approval is obtained from the Building Inspector. The applicant or his agent must submit a set of plans, to scale, showing the sign, its dimensions, location and method of illumination, as well as the materials and colors to be used in its construction. Upon approval, said permit shall be issued by the Building Inspector after the application fee is paid. Permit fee is determined by the Board of Selectmen. (1994)
- 470:4 Government Exception.** Provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to conventional directional and identification signs and markers erected by federal, state or local government agencies.
- 470:5 Compliance. DELETED 1993.**
- 470:6 General Provisions**
- a. Only one sign shall be permitted on the immediate premises, except where specifically allowed within this Ordinance.

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- b. No signs advertising a business shall be permitted off the premises.
- c. No scrolling, blinking, moving, reflective, inflating, noise producing, odor or vapor producing signs are allowed.
- d. Banners and portable signs are not to be used as permanent signage.
- e. All signs may be illuminated by exterior light sources provided such lighting is shielded to protect adjacent properties and vehicular traffic. Internally lit signs are permitted only in C, CI, and CP zones.
- f. No neon, flashing or moving lights are allowed to be visible from the exterior of buildings.
- g. Commercial grade materials such as plexiglass, vinyl, stone and wood are preferred. (1994)
- h. Colors are limited to a total of three per sign/structure, with one being the background. Bright reflective colors are not allowed. White is not considered a color. (1994)
- i. All signs may have a maximum of two faces with the exception of signs in the C, CI and CP zones.
- j. Letters affixed to buildings are considered signs.
- k. **DELETED 1994**
- l. No sign shall be placed within any public right-of-way.

470:7 Temporary Signs. Temporary signs identifying an upcoming event are permitted to be displayed not more than four (4) weeks before the event and shall be removed within ten (10) days following the event. Temporary signs include but are not limited to flags, banners, portable signs, for rent, sale and yard sale signs. National, state and municipal flags are allowed.

470:8 Signs in Residential Zone. The following signs are permitted when located on the lot:

- a. Home business signs no larger than five (5) square feet per face with no more than two faces and for as long as the business is permitted per Article IV Section 450 Accessory Uses: Home Occupations.
- b. Name plates. Non-commercial signs showing property numbers, names of occupants of the premises, or other identification.
- c. Temporary Signs (e.g. for sale, lease, rental, construction, improvement of property) are permitted for the duration of the activity. Area of each face of the sign may not exceed five (5) square feet and shall be allowed for the duration of these activities.
- d. Permanent subdivision identification signs. One ground sign per main entrance into a development with a maximum of two per development. Signs shall be set back from vehicle or pedestrian traffic and beyond the highway right-of-way. The area of each face of the sign shall not exceed twenty (20) square feet.
- e. Non-residential signs. One sign identifying a non-residential use in a residential zone is permitted by Special Exception from the Board of Adjustment. The sign shall be limited to the following square area:
 - 1) five (5) square feet per face in a conventional residential development.
 - 2) one (1) square foot per face in a rural cluster residential development of detached single-family dwellings.

470:9 Signs in the C, CI and CP zones, Commercial Area in Cluster Recreational Developments and Town Center District. Each business shall be allowed one identification sign. (1994)

- a. In buildings that have more than one permitted business, the following signs are allowed when located on the lot:
 - 1) one sign with a maximum height of (12) feet not to exceed fifteen (15) square feet per face.
 - 2) individual signs which shall not exceed ten (10) square feet with a maximum of two surfaces.

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- b. In buildings that have one permitted business, the following signs are allowed when located on the lot:
- 1) one sign not exceeding fifteen (15) square feet per face with a maximum of two faces and a maximum height of twelve (12) feet.
- c. Non-residential signs. One sign per non-residential use in a residential zone is permitted by Special Exception from the Board of Adjustment. The sign shall be limited to five (5) square feet.

470:10 Signs in Commercial Industrial and Commercial/Professional Zones. Every commercial park shall be allowed to have one sign to be located at or near the main entrance.

- a. Maximum height of twenty (20) feet (15 feet if within 200 feet of a residential zone) and maximum width of eight (8) feet. No single surface can be more than one hundred and twelve (112) square feet and the total square footage is not to exceed two hundred twenty-four (224) square feet,
- b. One sign per business not to exceed fifteen (15) square feet per face.

470:11 Agricultural Signs. For the purpose of agriculture, multiple signs (e.g. for advertising the farm name, location and items for sale) are allowed on the immediate premises. Signage shall not exceed a total of fifteen (15) square feet.

470:12 Existing signs.

Removing or reconstructing signs. Grandfathered and/or non-conforming signs. Signs that exist at the time of passage of this ordinance may remain in use in the same location. If for any reason, replacement or reconstruction becomes necessary, a sign permit shall be required. Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the ordinary maintenance and repair of non-conforming signs. (1994)

Relocating signs. Any sign that is moved to another location on the same or other premises shall be considered a new sign and a permit shall be secured for any work performed in connection therewith when required by this article.

470:13 Obsolete signs. Any sign now or hereafter existing which no longer advertises a bona fide business conducted, product sold, or activity or campaign being conducted shall be removed by the owner, agent, or person having the beneficial use of the building, structure, or lot upon which such sign may be found within ten (10) days after written notification from the Code Enforcement Officer. Failure to comply with such notice constitutes a violation of terms of this Ordinance. (1992)

470:14 Political Advertising: Political signs and political advertising signs are permitted consistent with the requirements of RSA 664:17 Political Advertising.

470:15 Severability. The invalidity of any provision of this Section shall not affect the validity of any other provision.

Recommended by the Planning Board: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

812
YES
NO
179

Article #2017-4 Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Atkinson raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Article 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 Four Million Five Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$4,554,354)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Four Million Four Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$4,471,763), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Atkinson 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.

716
YES
NO
268

Article #2017-5 Field Production Cameras

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) for the purpose of purchasing four (4) UHD-ready video camcorders, including all appropriate accessories, including, but not limited to: Tripods, Dollies and Travel Cases for Atkinson Community Television, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund established March 12, 1994, for this purpose; and to dispose of five (5) cameras by sale, bid or trade? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-three and 34/100 Dollars (\$239,623.34) remaining in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the purchases are complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

698
YES
NO
298

Article #2017-6 Control Room HVAC

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of purchasing an HVAC system to be used in the Atkinson Community Television Control Room/Office, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund, established March 12, 1994 for this purpose? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-three and 34/100 Dollars (\$239,623.34) remaining in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the purchases are complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

740
YES
NO
254

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Article #2017-7 Cemetery Capital Reserve

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 (Article #2015-7) for the purpose of developing an additional section in the Atkinson Cemetery? As of December 31, 2016, there were Thirty-one Thousand Six Hundred Six and 75/100 Dollars (\$31,606.75) remaining in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain*

700 ✓
YES
NO
301

Article #2017-8 Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund, established March 8, 2016 (Article #2016-5) for the purpose of replacing Elder Services' vehicles and equipment? As of December 31, 2016, there were Five Thousand Twenty-two and 02/100 Dollars (\$5,022.02) in the Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 3 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstain*

734 ✓
YES
NO
268

Article #2017-9 Fire Department Capital Reserve

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) 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? As of December 31, 2016, there were Ninety-one Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three and 23/100 Dollars (\$91,193.23) in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

748 ✓
YES
NO
255

Article #2017-10 Shim and Overlay Roads

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$335,286) to shim and overlay the following roads with approximately 5,588 tons of New Hampshire Department of Transportation-approved asphalt: Brookside Terrace, Belknap Drive, Emery Drive, Commerce Drive, Industrial Way, Island Pond Road from Main Street to Brookside Terrace, Conley Road, Hall Farm Road and Westside Drive (shim only from Island Pond Road to Oakridge Drive and spot-shim to Town line)? All work is to be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this work is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

815 ✓
YES
NO
191

Article #2017-11 Highway Department Truck

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease-purchase agreement in the amount of Eighty-four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-one Dollars (\$84,371) subject to annual funding, for the purchase of a Ford F-550 or equivalent, to include a wing, plow and accessories for the Highway Department; to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars (\$18,308) which is the first of 5 annual payments; and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the 2008 Ford F-550 by trade, sale or bid? This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain*

694 ✓
YES
NO
306

Article #2017-12 Winter Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Winter Expendable Trust Fund established March 9, 2010 (Article #2010-15) for the purpose of funding additional costs, in excess of the annual Operating Budget, for plowing and removal of snow and winter weather management, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Forty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight and 65/100 Dollars (\$40,298.65) in the Winter Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 3 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain*

600 ✓
YES
NO
425

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2017-13 Facilities' Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Facilities' Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of providing funding for unanticipated maintenance expenses for Town facilities; to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500); such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance; and name the Selectmen to be the Agents-to-Expend these Funds? This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: 2 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain

419
YES
NO
550

Article #2017-14 Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$49,390) for the purpose of insect control, such funds to be put into the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund, established March 14, 2006 (Article #2006-11) for that purpose? As of December 31, 2016, there were Three Thousand Thirty-six and 95/100 Dollars (\$3,036.95) in the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

832
YES
NO
156

Article #2017-15 Police Department Computers

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to purchase five (5) specialized Patrol Tablet Computers and associated equipment for the Police Department, if and only if Fifty percent (50%) of which comes from the New Hampshire Department of Highway Safety and the balance to be raised by taxes? This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget. Should this article fail to pass, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) will be used from the Computer Technology Operating Budget to replace the 5-year old laptops currently in use.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

764
YES
NO
217

Article #2017-16 Police Vehicle

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$36,600) to purchase and equip a new Police Utility Vehicle; and to allow one of the Town's cruisers to be transferred to the Elder Services' Department, or to be disposed of by trade, sale or bid? This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

728
YES
NO
260

Article #2017-17 All Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town of Atkinson vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain
Recommended by the Budget Committee: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

889
YES
NO
100

Article #2017-18 Acceptance of Reports

Shall the Town accept reports of agents, auditors and committees as written in the 2016 Annual Report?

890
YES
NO
36

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

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Honey Louise
 SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

3-Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

BRIAN J. BOYLE **511**

AMY GENTILE-CANTONE **478**

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

3-Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

MICHAEL FEDERICO **271**

JULIE HAMMOND **565**

(Write-in)

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

3-Year Term Vote for not more than ONE

STEVEN RANLETT **759**

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 2 – Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District 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 **\$71,328,092**? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$71,559,011** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Timberlane Regional School District 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. Note: Warrant Article 2 (the operating budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other warrant articles. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

832
 YES
 NO
166

Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to **\$250,000** to be placed in the School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvement and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996, with such amount to be transferred from those funds in the June 30, 2017 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1 of this year which were apportioned as Capital Expenses in 2016-2017 in accordance with Article 6 of the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement? No amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-1-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

713
 YES
 NO
296

[Intent: This article puts money aside for future capital improvements. Money is only put into this Capital Reserve Fund if it is available at the end of the fiscal year. Capital expense appropriations are calculated in accordance with the Timberlane Regional School District Articles of Agreement (Article 6) apportionment formula as follows:

“The capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission.”]

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

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Article 4 – Three Year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Support Staff Union)

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Support Staff Union and the Timberlane Regional School Board, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Estimated Increase	\$181,323	\$177,907	\$181,864
	3-Year Total		\$541,094

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$181,323** for the 2017-18 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-1-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

[Intent: This article will allow the school district to enter into a successor three-year contract with the Timberlane Support Staff Union. The proposed contract ratified by the union and the school board represents a 2% increase in wages and overall costs in year one, a 2.5% increase in year two, and a 2.5% increase in year three.]

718
 YES
 NO
 282

Article 5 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District, if Article 4 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 4 cost items only? *(Without this Article the District would have to petition Superior Court for a Special School District Meeting. This saves the District the expense of attorney fees and court costs).* (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

[Intent: This article is suggested by the NH Department of Revenue Administration as a cost saving measure.]

812
 YES
 NO
 178

Article 6 – General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2016 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

911
 YES
 NO
 75

Article 7 – Change Auditing Firms on Warrant Petition by Donna Green et al

Shall the Timberlane Regional School Board continue to select an auditing firm as needed for its annual audit? This article is advisory and nonbinding.

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

783
 YES
 NO
 178

Article 8 – Vote of Confidence in Timberlane Regional School District Superintendent on Warrant Petition by Shawn O’Neil et al

Do the citizens of the Timberlane Regional School District have confidence that the Superintendent of Schools will continue to advance the school district’s core values of rigor, accountability, evaluation and support as he has over the last five years? This article is advisory and nonbinding. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-0

588
 YES
 NO
 265

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT