

**OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MARCH 10, 2015**

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE II ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 204.4 "R-A" Residential & Agricultural

Amend existing section 204.4 to include a prohibition on backlots on non-connecting streets, as follows:

Areas and Dimensions

Minimum Lot Size Frontage Minimum Yard Dimensions

Lot Area Width Front Each Side Rear

Backlot 5 acres 50'**** -- 20' 20'

******Backlots are prohibited along non-connecting streets.*

YES 397

NO 211

Article 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE II ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 204.6 Wetlands Conservation and Stream Corridor District

Amend Section 204.6 E.3.1 l. to delete reference to Site Specific Soils Maps, as follows:

1. Soils information for design purposes from a National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS) soil series map, ~~or a Site Specific Soils Map prepared in accordance with Section V T of the Subdivision Regulations.~~

YES 425

NO 175

Article 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE II ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 204.6 Wetlands Conservation and Stream Corridor District

Amend Section 204.6 E 5.d. to allow partial bond releases for work performed, as follows:

- d. In the event that conditions precedent or subsequent are a condition of final approval, no bonds or other security shall be released until all conditions precedent or subsequent have been met, and, a Conditional Use Permit

Compliance Statement has been received, or, if required under Section 204.6.E.6, a compliance hearing is held. ***Provided, however, that the Planning Board shall partially release said bonds or other security to the extent reasonably calculated to reflect the value of completed improvements or installations as phases or portions of the secured improvements or installations are completed and approved by the Planning Board or its designee.***

YES 407

NO 178

Article 5. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE II ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 206 Special Exceptions

Amend Section 206.1, General Provisions, sub-section B. Expiration, to change the time period for initiating a Special Exception from one year to two years per NH RSA 674:33, as follows:

- B. Expiration. A permit for a special exception shall be deemed to authorize only one particular use category and shall expire if the use shall cease for more than one (1) year for any reason, or if the use is not initiated within ***two (2) years from the date of final approval or as extended by the Board of Adjustment for good cause*** ~~one (1) year~~, and a new application shall be submitted for continuance for such special exception.

YES 443

NO 143

Article 6. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 318 Signs

Amend Section 318.2, Definitions, sub-section 318.2, Sign, D., to include signs directing traffic to a business or other location up to 6 square feet as a sign not requiring a permit, as follows:

The following shall not be included in the application of the regulation herein:

- D. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property, but bearing no advertising, warning signs such as "No Hunting", and "No Trespassing". ***Signs directing traffic to a business or other location, with only a location or business name, up to six (6) square feet.***

YES 424

NO 169

Article 7. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS

Add a new section, Section 322, Destruction of Property, to require removal and/or repair of destroyed property within one year of destruction, as follows:

Section 322 Destruction of Property

Any structure which is partially (more than 50%) or totally destroyed by reason of obsolescence, condemnation, fire or an act of God, shall be removed to grade and/or repaired/rebuilt/replaced within one year of destruction, or the use for which the structure was utilized and the corresponding right to construct the structure will be deemed to have been abandoned. At the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer's discretion this one year period may be extended not to exceed six months on a showing that the owner was unaware of the destruction or had no intention of abandoning the structure or corresponding use of the property but was prevented from repairing or otherwise replacing the structure for reasons beyond the owner's control.

YES 389

NO 212

Article 8. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE IV SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 401 Open Space Development Standards

Amend Section 401.4, General Requirements, sub-section 401.4 B. Permitted Uses, to delete two family dwellings from Open Space Developments, as follows:

B. Permitted Uses - An Open Space Development shall only include, single ~~and two~~ family dwellings, accessory structures, incidental recreational uses, and home occupations as defined in this ordinance.

YES 375

NO 223

Article 9. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE IV SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 401 Open Space Development Standards

Amend Section 401.4, General Requirements, sub-section 401.4 C. Permitted Density, to include a new sub-section, Permitted Density on Non-Connecting Streets, as follows:

Permitted Density on Non-Connecting Streets - No more than 12 lots shall be permitted on a non-connecting street of the maximum 1,000 feet. For non-connecting streets shorter than the maximum 1,000 feet, the number of lots shall be prorated based on frontage and all other ordinance and regulation requirements. Fractions of lots shall be rounded down to the nearest whole lot.

YES 431

NO 160

Article 10. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE IV SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 404 Accessory Dwelling Units

Amend Section 404.3, Requirements/Limitations, to make clear that accessory dwelling units are not permitted in Open Space Developments, as follows:

1. Accessory dwelling units are permitted in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District, ***except in Open Space Developments.***

YES 384

NO 208

Article 11. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE V DEFINITIONS

Section 602 Term Definitions

Amend the definition of Lot, Back (backlot), to include the prohibition of backlots on non-connecting streets, as follows:

Lot, Back (backlot): A lot using backland, thereby, being behind a road frontage lot, and having 50' of road frontage on a Class V or better road. ***Backlots are prohibited along non-connecting streets.***

YES 389

NO 202

Article 12. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE V DEFINITIONS

Section 602 Term Definitions

Amend the definition of Sawmill to add the word "Commercial" in the first sentence and to delete the second sentence in its entirety, as follows:

Sawmill: ***Commercial*** Sawmill operations or forest products manufactured in structures provided they are not within 200 feet of any property line and provided that outdoor storage shall not be located within the required front yard or within 50 feet of any property line. ~~Portable sawmills shall be allowed in any zone for a maximum two (2) year period with the required permit issued by the Town.~~

YES 431

NO 159

Article 13. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE VII DEFINITIONS

Section 602 Term Definitions

Add a definition of Street, Non-Connecting, as follows:

Street, Non-Connecting: A Class V or better street that connects to a Class V or better street only at one end, such as a cul-de-sac street or loop road.

YES 459

NO 127

Article 14. Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

ARTICLE VII ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 706 Variance

Amend Section 706.1, to refer to NH RSA 674:33 regarding variance criteria and time limits, as follows:

Section 706.1

The Board of Adjustment may, on an appeal, grant a variance from the provisions of this Ordinance ***only after it finds that the variance criteria of NH RSA 674:33, I(b), as amended, are met.*** ~~if all the following facts are found by the Board of Adjustment and such finding is specified in its decision:~~

- ~~A. That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions including irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot, size or shape or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property, and that unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions and not the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the Ordinance in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.~~
- ~~B. That because of such physical circumstances or conditions there is no possibility that the property can be used in strict conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance for a permitted use of the applicant's choice and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable reasonable use of the property.~~
- ~~C. That the variance if authorized will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property nor be detrimental to the public welfare.~~
- ~~D. That the variance if authorized will represent the minimum variance that will afford reasonable relief; and,~~
- ~~E. That the spirit of the Ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done.~~

In authorizing a variance, the Board of Adjustment may attach such conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary to protect the neighborhood and the community;

~~including but not limited to, a time limit when the variance will expire if not utilized.~~
Variances shall be valid if exercised within two years from the date of final approval or as extended by the Board of Adjustment for good cause.

YES 407

NO 173

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000)** for the purchase of land Map 8, Lot 110-2 (approx. 3.25 acres). The sum of **two hundred five thousand (\$205,000)** to come from the fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority Vote Required.) (Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend 6 -1 abstained)

YES 380

NO 239

Article 16. To see if the Town will 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 **four million six hundred nine thousand six hundred sixty dollars (\$4,609,660)** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **four million five hundred twenty nine thousand seven hundred seventy four dollars (\$4,529,774)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston 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. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other articles. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 6 -1 abstained)

YES 363

NO 253

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00)** for the purpose of completing the road improvements on Old Coach Road to include reconstruction of surface, drainage repairs, engineering and other necessary construction related to this project, the sum of **three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00)** to come from fund balance with no amount to be raised from taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 441

NO 177

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00)** to be placed in the Town Hall Renovation Capital Reserve Fund already established. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 406

NO 208

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ninety one thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars (\$91,216)** for the purpose of completing the town hall renovation (primarily for the completion of the cellar insulation, flooring and other proposed

energy saving repairs) and furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of **ninety one thousand two hundred sixteen dollars (\$91,216)** from the Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. This article is contingent on the passage of Article 18. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 413

NO 203

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)**, to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 421

NO 200

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 389

NO 225

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** for the purchase of one pre-owned six wheel dump truck for the New Boston Highway Department, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 427

NO 192

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 378

NO 223

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of improvements on **Bedford Road.** This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 382

NO 232

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 441

NO 180

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** to be used for the 2016 town wide revaluation update. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 373

NO 242

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one thousand thirty seven dollars (\$1,037.00)** to be added to the expendable trust fund established in 2014 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of police ‘detail’ coverage incurred by New Boston non-profits when they sponsor public events in New Boston that require security. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

YES 414

NO 207

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty four thousand five hundred dollars (\$24,500.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and installing new wall mount heat pump air conditioning and heating units in the town hall offices. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 6-1)

YES 319

NO 295

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000)** to design and construct a footbridge over the Piscataquog River connecting Mill Pond Conservation area (owned by the Town of New Boston) with property owned by the Town of New Boston (Library), allowing public access to the businesses located in the post office section of town, of which **two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000)** is to be fundraised by the New Boston Foot Traffic Safety Committee. This will not have any effect on the tax rate. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES 345

NO 279

Article 30. To propose to retain the Town Veteran Tax Credit at \$500.00 as allowed by state law: Credit to be applied to New Boston Veteran Home Owner’s property tax as a tribute for their Sacrifice and Service for our country. (Submitted by Petition)

YES 533

NO 82

Article 31. To see if the Town will add a new section on the semi-annual tax bill to provide a way for taxpayers to donate an additional dollar amount to be dedicated specifically to the New

Boston Central School. The new section will allow taxpayers to allocate donations to one of the following areas:

- Technology upgrades
- Purchase of musical instruments or art supplies
- Playground facility upgrades
- Any of the above

Donations received will be held in separate accounts administered by the School Board. Any costs to track and distribute these funds will be deducted from the total and reimbursed back to the Town.

As a show of appreciation, the names of those who donated and wish to be known will be reported at least once per year in an advertisement placed in the local newspaper or other town-wide publication. (Submitted by Petition)

YES 388

NO 228