

SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 1 OF 3

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2020

Juliana 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>SELECTMEN Vote for not more than One Three Years</p> <p>BETH CACCIOTTI 444 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KENNETH R. GRANT 139 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT "BOB" WORDEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>902 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One Three Years</p> <p>MARGARET "MARNIE" FINN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>1275 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST Vote for not more than Two Three Years</p> <p>CHRISTINE DUERR 1061 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAVID PANCOAST 903 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE Vote for not more than One Three Years</p> <p>SUSAN M. KILLAM 890 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT P. PATUTO 412 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE Vote for not more than Two Three Years</p> <p>SAMUEL C. BUTLER, JR. 622 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT MALO 805 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARK SAKAKEENY 646 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>MODERATOR Vote for not more than One Two Years</p> <p>JAMES M. GARRITY 1348 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST Vote for not more than One Two Years</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND Vote for not more than One Three Years</p> <p>Bill Innes 68 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST Vote for not more than One Six Years</p> <p>ADELE H. DILLON 1264 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST Vote for not more than One One Year</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

ARTICLES

Article #2020-2 Amend Article VI: Rural Cluster Residential Development, Sections 600:11, 600:14 and 600:15

EXISTING SECTION 600:11

600:11 Buffers Requirements:

- a. A multi-family townhouse cluster development shall have a one hundred (100) foot landscaped buffer around the entire parcel and along existing town roads to provide an adequate division of transition from abutting land uses and existing town roads.
- b. Single family residential cluster shall be subject to the following landscaped buffer requirement:
 - Fee simple lot ownership subdivision50'
 - Condominium ownership100'

The landscaped buffer shall extend around the perimeter of the entire parcel and along existing town roads to provide adequate transition between abutting land uses. Wherever possible, natural vegetation shall be retained. No construction, excepting primary access roads shall be permitted in the buffer. Septic systems, parking areas, and service roads shall be excluded from the landscaped buffer. No portion of the buffer area shall encroach onto any lot defined for construction of a dwelling within the single-family residential cluster development. (2001)

ARTICLE 2020-2 CONTINUED ON BACK OF BALLOT

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

*Signed official results
Jesse M. Gentry
3/10/2020*

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE #2020-2 CONTINUED

The Planning Board proposes to delete the existing Section 600:11 and replace with the following revised text.

PROPOSED SECTION 600:11

600:11 Perimeter Buffer Requirements

- a. The perimeter buffer serves to provide separation from and transition between abutting land uses (e.g. residential, non-residential, conservation lands) and existing town roads. Trees and other vegetation shall be retained. Trees, vegetation or invasive species deemed a hazard by the Atkinson Tree Warden may be removed on an individual basis or identified as part of a buffer management plan.
- b. The perimeter buffer shall comprise the following and any combination of the following:
 - i. Natural forest or landscape features or densely planted with trees and understory along the road frontage. A buffer management plan shall be provided as part of the application; or
 - ii. Managed forest or a combination of managed forest and other natural landscape features. A buffer management plan shall be provided as part of the application; or
 - iii. Restored buffer through replanting of trees and understory vegetation. A buffer management plan shall be provided as part of the application; or
 - iv. Natural forest or other vegetation, meadow or other landscape features such as wetlands that do not require active management to maintain.
- c. Rural Cluster Residential Developments shall be subject to the following perimeter buffer requirements:
 - i. Multi-family cluster developments 100 feet width
 - ii. Fee simple ownership subdivision 50 feet width
 - iii. Condominium ownership 100 feet width
- d. The perimeter buffer shall extend around the perimeter of the entire parcel being developed and along existing town roads. No grading, land disturbance or construction (e.g. structure or common facility such as playground, gazebo, pavilion, clubhouse), excepting for primary access roads, utility crossings and trails for non-motorized recreation, shall be permitted in the perimeter buffer.
- e. No portion of the perimeter buffer shall be included as part of any lot defined for construction of a dwelling.
- f. All building envelopes defined for construction of a dwelling shall have a 20-foot setback from the perimeter buffer.

EXISTING SECTION 600:14

At least fifty percent (50%) of the total land area, exclusive of roads, public or private, parking and essential services, shall be set aside as common land covenanted to be maintained as "permanent open space". (1990)

PROPOSED SECTION 600:14

At least fifty percent (50%) of the total land area, exclusive of roads, public or private, parking and essential services including stormwater management practices, shall be set aside as common land covenanted to be maintained as "permanent open space". For the purposes of this Article, permanent open space is defined as lands used for active agriculture or forestry guided by a forest management plan, natural landscapes that are actively maintained, and lands permanently protected from development (e.g. structures, construction activity, stormwater management) and uses permitted under Section 600:15.

PROPOSED SECTION 600:15

Such common land shall be restricted to open space recreational uses such as tot lot, park, swimming pool, tennis courts, playground, playfield, or conservation.

DELETE THE DEFINITION O4 OPEN SPACE FROM ARTICLE III DEFINITIONS.

Recommended by the Planning Board by a vote of 5 to 0

1268 YES
214 NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 2 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2020**

Jilliana C. Hale
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2020-3 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Atkinson and the Teamsters Local 633, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year 2021	Estimated Increase \$ 14,482	Fiscal Year 2022	Estimated Increase \$ 13,725
Fiscal Year 2023	Estimated Increase \$ 14,050	Fiscal Year 2024	Estimated Increase \$ 14,415

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,382 for the current 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 current staffing levels?

1153
YES
NO
371

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

Article #2020-4 Authorization for Special Meeting on Defeated or Amended Collective Bargaining Article (CBA)

Shall the Town, if Article #2020-3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one Special Meeting, at its option, to address Article #2020-3 cost items only?

1175
YES
NO
330

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

Article #2020-5 Operating Budget

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 Five Million Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seven-Five Dollars (\$5,238,875)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Five Million Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$5,063,669), 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.

1174
YES
NO
351

*Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0 with two absent
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 0*

Article #2020-6 Fire Department Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) 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 #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

1169
YES
NO
369

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

Article #2020-7 Fire Department Staffing

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) for the purpose of developing a long-term staffing proposal for the Fire Department? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until these projects are complete, or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

941
YES
NO
596

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

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2020-8 Building Maintenance Designs

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used to further develop the recommendations of the Building Assessment Survey currently underway? This would include but not be limited to preliminary architectural services, feasibility studies, cost estimating, land surveying, in-depth testing, specialized consultants. These services will be enlisted by recommendation of the Building Needs Committee and decision by the Selectmen to accurately create the 1, 5, 10- and 20-year Capital Improvement Budget and Plan for the Town of Atkinson and all of its Physical Assets including buildings and land. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until these projects are complete, or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2020-5 the Operating Budget.

729
YES
NO
752

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

Article #2020-9 Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of funding ongoing maintenance and improvement issues with Town facilities; to appoint the Board of Selectmen as Agents to Expend these funds and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to begin this trust? It is the intention to request Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) per year, to maintain a total of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for this Trust. This is in addition to Article #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

769
YES
NO
715

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

Article #2020-10 Highway Shim and Overlay

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eight Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$408,080) for the purpose of shimming and overlaying the following roads: Millstream Drive, Woodlock Park Lane, Rose Lane, Salem Road, Fieldstone Lane, Sunny Meadow Road, Stonewall Terrace, Oakridge Drive, Deer Run Road, Abbey Lane and Brushwood Drive? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the project is complete, or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

1174
YES
NO
326

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

Article #2020-11 Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Highway Department, according to the Highway Department's Capital Improvement Plan; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be deposited in this fund? This is in addition to Article #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

801
YES
NO
682

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

Article #2020-12 Road Agent Position

Shall the Town establish that the position of Road Agent be converted to that of an appointed, full-time, town employee in 2023?

925
YES
NO
541

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0

Article #2020-13 Mosquito Control Expendable Trust

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500) for the purpose of insect control, such funds to go to the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund, established March 14, 2006 (Article #2006-11) for that purpose? As of December 31, 2019, there were Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$616) in the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

1313
YES
NO
198

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

Article #2020-14 Control Invasive Plants on Town Conservation Land

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000) to hire one or more qualified, professional contractors to control invasive plants in the Town Forest, with said funds to come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, the work to be performed under the direction and control of the Atkinson Conservation Commission? Such funds to come from the Forest Maintenance Fund established in 1991 pursuant to RSA 31:113 for the purpose of maintaining the health of the town's Town Forest. As of December 31, 2019, there were Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$31,657) in the Forest Maintenance Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the project is complete, or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

1170
YES
NO
341

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

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



BALLOT 3 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2020**

Julianna C. Hale
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2020-15 Town Hall Generator

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$47,800) to purchase and install a generator at the Town Hall? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the project is complete, or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2020-5, the Operating Budget.

481
YES
NO
1054

*Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 0*

Article #2020-16 Amend the Solar Energy Exemption

Shall the Town vote to amend the Solar Energy Exemption of 2009 (Article 2009-22) from:

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for an exemption for property tax purposes from the assessed value of real property with a solar energy system for the purpose of heating, cooling or providing electricity, which exemption shall be in the amount of the equipment plus installation?”
to:

1057
YES
NO
444

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 for an exemption for property tax purposes from the assessed value of real property with a solar energy system for the purpose of heating, cooling or providing electricity, which exemption shall be in the amount of the assessed value of the system since 2009?”

Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0

Article #2020-17 Keno 603

Shall the Town vote to allow the operation of Keno 603 within the Town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:51?

615
YES
NO
856

Article #2020-18 SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth (by Petition)

On petition of 30 registered voters, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,015 (one dollar for each member of the Town population) to support the services of the SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth? The SoRock Coalition is a non-profit organization designed to promote wellness and nurture resiliency for the children, youth and families of Atkinson as well as surrounding communities with the goals of preventing substance misuse and reducing the stigma related to mental health issues. SoRock does this through coordinating community education, programming & resources and collaborating with federal and state agencies to help direct additional resources to the towns they serve.

765
YES
NO
752

*Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 0*

Article #2020-19 Library Parking Lot (by Petition)

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) to expand the Kimball Library parking area for an additional 34 spaces to a total of 71? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the project is complete, or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2020-05, the Operating Budget

541
YES
NO
1009

*Not Recommended by the Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 1
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 0*

Article #2020-20 Create Town Clerk-Tax Collector Position (by Petition)

Is the Town in favor of creating a volunteer study committee appointed by the Selectmen to study the impact of combining the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office?

961
YES
NO
551

Article #2020-21 Acceptance of Reports

Shall the Town accept the reports of agents, auditors and committees as written in the 2019 Annual Report?

1371
YES
NO
102

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT