

# SAMPLE BALLOT

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2013**

*Rose M. Cavalera*  
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><b>SELECTMAN</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>WILLIAM M. BALDWIN 680 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>FRED J. CHILDS JR. 278 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CRAIG G. SCHUSTER 148 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANK 44 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>SUSAN CARROLL 746 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>HARLAN CHENEY 316 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BILL SMITH 706 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 539 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Two Years</p> <p>JEAN C. SANDERS 512 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOYCE LAFRANCE 375 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 260 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>One Year</p> <p>ADELE H. DILLON 881 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANK 269 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>JEAN C. SANDERS 485 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KATHLEEN FRIEL 520 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 150 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>One Year</p> <p>JOYCE LAFRANCE 68 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>ROAD AGENT</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Two Years</p> <p>EDWARD A. STEWART 776 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BRIAN KLIMASZEWSKI 313 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 66 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>JEAN MACMILLAN-FOLEY 617 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RAYMOND FOURNIER 659 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 1025 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>JAMES C. COBB 561 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TIM DZIECHOWSKI 388 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ALAN J. PHAIR 490 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 869 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>(Write-in)</p>
<p><b>TREASURER</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>MICHAEL C. TURELL 898 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 252 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>Registered voters - 5279                  New Registered voters - 9                  Polls Closed Registered voters - 5288                  TOTAL Votes Cast 1157                  TURNOUT 21.9%</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</b></p> <p>Vote for not more than One</p> <p>Three Years</p> <p>HELEN KAY GALLOWAY 830 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BLANKS 306 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><i>Jane M. Galloway</i> Moderator</p> <p><i>Rose M. Cavalera</i> Town Clerk</p>

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## ARTICLES

### Article 2013-2 Incentives for Enhanced Conservation of Land (March 12, 2013 only)

Are you in favor of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which will create incentives for enhanced conservation of land for public use and conservation of energy resources? Proposed changes are:

Add 2 definitions to Article 3 of Zoning:

*Commercial Conservation Development* - An optional commercial development which provides public access to dedicated open space and features energy efficient construction.

*Residential Conservation Development* - An optional residential development which provides public access to dedicated open space and features energy efficient construction.

Change Section 600:6 c to be as follows (to update soils based lot size reference):

c. Cluster subdivisions which are specifically designed to preserve scenic vistas and pronounced landscapes (as designated in the Community Facilities Chapter of the Atkinson Master Plan) shall be entitled to compute the number of allowed units utilizing soil based lot sizing as defined by the Society of Soils Scientists of Northern New England (SSSNNE) Special Publication #4, "Soil Based Lot Sizing", Version 1 (September 2003, as revised), using the method implemented by the planning board under the Land Subdivision Control Regulations. Protection of said vistas and landscapes is to be accomplished by not allowing them to be developed nor be obstructed in view through protective or conservation easements. This provision does not apply to low-moderate developments, where the low-moderate incentive is utilized. (See Section 505:2) (1998) (2013)

Add new section to 600:6:

d. Conservation subdivisions which are specifically designed to save energy and preserve public access open space, shall be entitled to compute the maximum number of dwelling units utilizing soil based lot sizing as defined by the Society of Soils Scientists of Northern New England (SSSNNE) Special Publication #4 "Soil Based Lot Sizing", Version 1 (September 2003, as revised), using the method implemented by the planning board under Land Subdivision Control Regulations or Site Development Plan Regulations, as applicable.

Change start of Section 600:16 from "Such" to "Except for residential conservation subdivisions, such"

Change start of Section 600:17 from "Open" to "Except for residential conservation subdivisions, open"

Add Section 640

### Section 640 - Residential Conservation Developments

#### 640:1 Purpose and Requirements

The purpose of this article is to encourage and provide incentives for conservation oriented development. The requirements for a project to be considered as a residential conservation development are:

- a. The development must be eligible for review as a Rural Cluster Residential Development as provided in Article VI, Section 600, and
- b. The development must feature energy efficient construction, and
- c. The development must have dedicated open space which guarantees public access and use of the open space.

#### 640:2 Authority

This innovative land use control article is adopted under the authority of RSA 674:21.

Notwithstanding other provisions of Atkinson's Zoning Ordinance, authority is hereby granted to the Planning Board, as allowed under RSA 674:21, II, to issue a special use permit to modify the requirements for conservation developments to accommodate energy certification and site specific circumstances of the parcel being developed.

#### 640:3 Energy Efficiency Requirements

All construction in the development must meet baseline levels for energy efficient construction by using either the National Green Building Standard (NGBS ICC 700) bronze level or higher verification, or the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program's baseline or higher certification. The choice of which of these minimum standards to use is at the discretion of the developer. The Planning Board may, at its discretion, issue a special use permit to use a different energy efficient building standard providing it has provisions for independent certification.

#### 640:4 Open Space Requirements

To qualify for consideration, a development must dedicate 50% of the total parcel area as open space, and 50% of the open space must be Contiguous Public Access Open Space (CPAOS). The CPAOS must be deeded to the Town of Atkinson (under RSA 36-A:4) or placed under an easement with an appropriate conservation organization.

The Planning Board may issue a Special Use Permit to allow the CPAOS to not be contiguous due to special site conditions or compelling public purpose.

If the easement is not held by the Town of Atkinson the easement holder shall be a qualified organization within the meaning of Section 170(h)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as presently amended, and as the same may hereafter be amended or changed from time to time, which organization has among its purposes the conservation or preservation of land and water areas. The easement holder shall have the power to assign the easement to a like organization. The developer shall bear the cost of endowing the easement and easement monitoring. This cost shall be determined by the easement holder, and proof that an easement deed to a suitable organization has been filed shall be a condition of final approval for the development.

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**640:5 Open Space Design Criteria**

Areas containing the following shall be considered high priority for inclusion in the CPAOS:

- a. Prime wetlands, riparian areas, wetlands, streams, and buffers for those resources
- b. Critical or high quality wildlife habitat areas
- c. Significant stands of trees or significant individual trees
- d. Cultural and historic resources (e.g., stone walls, historic homes and structures)
- e. Existing trails, old farm roads, cart paths
- f. Areas that connect to undeveloped open space on adjacent properties
- g. Ridgetines, particularly those that continue through the parcel
- h. Viewshed areas and scenic vistas
- i. Public water supply sources and water supply protection buffers

The CPAOS must primarily consist of land which is accessible and usable by the public, or which meets some compelling public purpose. The planning board shall consult with and seek a recommendation from the conservation commission about the design of the CPAOS, and, if in the opinion of the planning board the CPAOS meets these criteria the CPAOS criteria will be satisfied when the project is implemented according to the CPAOS design.

**640:6 Open Space Uses**

Any use of the CPAOS is subject to approval of the planning board and conservation commission and shall demonstrate that such uses will not negatively impact the natural amenities preserved through the conservation subdivision design.

The following uses generally are permitted in the CPAOS, unless specifically prohibited or restricted as a condition of subdivision approval to protect important natural features or characteristics of the parcel:

- a. Forest management
- b. Agricultural cultivation and pastures
- c. Passive (non-motorized) trails and recreational uses
- d. Snowmobile trails
- e. Hunting and fishing
- f. Utility infrastructure, including community wells
- g. Parking areas for access to the CPAOS

The following uses are generally too intrusive to be permitted in either the open space or the CPAOS:

- a. Cell phone towers
- b. Water towers

**640:7 Open Space Protection**

The CPAOS shall be retained in a natural, undisturbed state, except for those activities permitted and approved as provided above, or as required for active management according to a conservation agreement and management plan written by a qualified natural resource professional.

The removal of soils, trees, and other natural features from the designated open space is prohibited, except as consistent with conservation objectives or permitted uses as provided above.

**640:8 Incentive System**

The maximum number of living units permitted shall be determined using soil based lot sizing as defined by the Society of Soils Scientists of Northern New England (SSSNE) Special Publication #4, "Soil Based Lot Sizing", Version 1 (September 2003, as revised).

- a. The development may include single family, duplex, or multi-family units with up to eight units per building.
- b. The parcel size of 20 and 30 acres for multi-family structures (section 600:9) shall be reduced to 10 acres.
- c. The requirement under 600:5-a (2) of 300 feet distance from a town road for three (3) to eight (8) townhouse structures shall be reduced to 200 feet.

**640:9 Conceptual Design Review**

All applicants considering a residential conservation development are encouraged to participate in a preliminary design review with the Planning Board and conservation commission to discuss the characteristics of the site and proposed development plan in conceptual terms.

**640:10 Conservation Development Occupancy Permit Requirements**

No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued by the Town of Atkinson for any unit in a conservation development until a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certificate, proof of National Green Building Standards (NGBS) verification, or proof of energy efficiency (if a special use permit allows a different standard) has been filed with the Planning Office.

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#### 640:11 Relationship to Other Ordinances and Regulations

No portion of this ordinance shall nullify the provisions of any other town ordinance provisions which relate to environmental protection, water supply, sanitary disposal, traffic safety, and fire and life safety protection. Where applicants propose a conservation development of single family homes or mixed single family and multi-family homes, all provisions of the subdivision and site plan regulations shall apply unless waived by the Planning Board. Where applicants propose a conservation development consisting of multi-family units or mixed commercial and multi-family units, the site plan regulations shall apply unless waived by the Planning Board.

#### 640:12 Conflict

If any provision of this ordinance is in conflict with the provisions of other ordinances, the more restrictive ordinance shall apply, except for any provision relating to lot size, setbacks, or density, in which case the provisions of this ordinance shall apply.

And to amend Section 410:7 by removing the phrase "Volume II"

And to amend Section 610:3 a by deleting existing text and inserting:

The maximum number of living units permitted shall be determined using soil based lot sizing as defined by the Society of Soils Scientists of Northern New England (SSSNE) Special Publication #4. "Soil Based Lot Sizing," Version 1 (September 2003, as revised).

Recommended by the Planning Board

688  
YES

NO

327  
BLANKS 142

### Article 2013-3 Add Wright Farm Pond to Prime Wetlands (March 12, 2013 only)

Are you in favor of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article IV Section 410:10 by adding "Wright Farm Pond" to the list of Prime Wetlands, to read:

Wright Farm Pond	46 +/- acre wetland bordered by Sawmill Road, Summit Drive, Walker Road, Merrill Drive, Meeting Rock Road, and Bittersweet Lane, primarily on tax Map 13 Lot 96
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Recommended by the Planning Board

849  
YES

NO

220  
BLANKS 88

### Article 2013-4 Energy Efficiency Certifications (March 12, 2013 only)

Are you in favor of an amendment to the Building Code Ordinance to add new Section 510:7:

No certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Town of Atkinson for any unit in a Conservation Development until a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certificate, proof of National Green Building Standards (NGBS) verification, or proof of energy efficiency (if a special use permit allows a different standard) has been filed with the Planning Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board

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YES

NO

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### Article 2013-5 Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Atkinson 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 Seventy-three Thousand One Hundred Sixty-one Dollars (\$4,073,161)?

Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Three Million Eight Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-seven Dollars (\$3,877,237), 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 or a revised Operating Budget only.

Recommended by the Planning Board

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YES

NO

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### Article 2013-6 Bow Hunting

Shall the Town vote to allow Bow Hunting in Town Forests? This would help control the size of the deer herds as recommended by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to reduce the tick population and risks of Lyme Disease? A permit from the Selectmen's Office would be required in order to bow hunt in otherwise-posted Town Forests, and would be valid only for the current year. An applicant for the permit would have to show a valid current year or lifetime New Hampshire Fish and Game Archery or Crossbow License to obtain the permit, produce the permit on demand if requested by Police or Fish and Game Officials, and comply with all New Hampshire Hunting Laws and Seasons.

Recommended by the Planning Board

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YES

NO

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**Article 2013-7 Update List of Town Forests**

Shall the Town vote to designate the following small parcels as Atkinson Town Forests, to be managed by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of RSA 31:112 II?

Map 2	Lot 53	10.2 acres	Brushwood Drive (Wattie Conservation Gift)	
Map 4	Lot 46	4.2 acres	(MacPherson Conservation Gift)	
Map 18	Lot 41	7 acres	Sawmill Swamp (1979 Tax Sale)	
Map 18	Lot 65	7 acres	Sawmill Swamp (1992 Lewis Builders Land Swap)	
Map 18	Lot 82	4 acres	Sawmill Swamp (1999 Conservation Commission Lillian Lewis Heirs Purchase)	932
Map 18	Lot 84	2.78 acres	Sawmill Swamp (1999 Conservation Commission Lillian Lewis Heirs Purchase)	YES <input type="radio"/>
Map 18	Lot 85	2.26 acres	Sawmill Swamp (2007 Conservation Commission Marilyn Matté Purchase)	NO <input type="radio"/>
Map 18	Lot 86	4 acres	Sawmill Swamp (1992 Lewis Builders Land Swap)	
Map 19	Lot 80	4.07 acres	(1989 Balazik Conservation Gift)	153

All of these parcels are classified as Conservation Land on the Atkinson Tax Maps, but were never added as Town Forests. This article also corrects an error in the 1991 Town Meeting Article #42, which did declare the Balazik parcel a Town Forest, but used the wrong map number.

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**Article 2013-8 Cable TV Equipment**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purchase and installation of studio production equipment for Atkinson Community Television to ensure secure remote access to studio equipment and to replace a character generator, such sum to be withdrawn from the Atkinson Community Television Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose? No new tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. This article will lapse at the completion of this project or on December 31, 2018, whichever comes first, and is addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

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YES   
NO   
446

Selectmen: Yes - 2, Abstain - 0, No - 1

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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**Article 2013-9 C.A.S.A.**

Shall the Town vote to support the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for 2013? CASA is a statewide, nonprofit organization that recruits, screens and trains volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in New Hampshire Courts. This is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget, but will be included in future Operating Budgets.

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YES   
NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 3, Abstain - 1, No - 2

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**Article 2013-10 Fire Department Capital Reserve**

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles, as outlined in the Board of Engineers' Capital Improvement Plan? This is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

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YES   
NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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**Article 2013-11 Fire Tanker Replacement**

Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$212,000) for the purchase of a new Fire Tanker and associated equipment, such funds to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and receive any Federal, State and/or local funds which may become available for this purpose and to authorize the sale by bid or trade of the 1986 Fire Tanker? This article will lapse at the completion of this project or on December 31, 2018, whichever comes first, and is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

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YES   
NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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**Article 2013-12 Fire Hydrants**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purchase and installation of six (6) fire hydrants, to be installed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) waterline expansion in the area of Belknap Drive, Brookside Terrace, Deer Run Road, Emery Drive and Island Pond Road, the final locations to be determined by the Fire Chief, and to apply for, accept and receive any Federal, State and/or local funds which may become available for this purpose? This article will lapse at the completion of this project or on December 31, 2018, whichever comes first, and is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

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YES   
NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 4, Abstain - 2, No - 0

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 2013-13 Heritage Commission

Shall the Town vote to establish a Heritage Commission and a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674? The Heritage Commission shall not function as an Historic District Commission and shall only have advisory powers, except for town owned property placed in the Heritage Commission's care by the authority having jurisdiction over that property, and private property placed in the Heritage Commission's care by the property owner.

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The Heritage Commission shall consist of 7 full members and up to 5 alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5. One member of the Heritage Commission shall be a selectman, two members shall be appointed from the Atkinson Historical Society, two members shall be appointed from the Atkinson Library Trustees, and the remaining two members shall be from the community at large.

YES

NO

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### Article 2013-14 Shim and Overlay

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000) to shim and overlay the paved portion of Jericho Road, Sawmill Road and Summit Drive, and to shim Meditation Lane; all work to be done under the supervision of the Road Agent? This article is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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### Article 2013-15 Reclamation and Paving

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$143,000) to reclaim and pave Summit Drive from Walker Road to Sawmill Road; all work to be done under the supervision of the Road Agent? This article is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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### Article 2013-16 Winter Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the Winter Capital Reserve Fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend such funds; this sum represents a portion of the unexpended balance of the 2012 Winter Maintenance Account, and will come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? This is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 2, Abstain - 0, No - 1

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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### Article 2013-17 Legal Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to create a Legal Capital Reserve Fund under RSA 35.1 V, for unanticipated legal expenses, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend such funds and to appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), such sum representing part of the unexpended balance of the 2012 Legal Account? This is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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### Article 2013-18 Mosquito Expendable Trust

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$47,390) for the purpose of insect control, such funds to be put into the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose, and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend this money? This is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 3, Abstain - 1, No - 2

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### Article 2013-19 Police Cruiser

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$37,292) to purchase and outfit a new police cruiser? Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance, and Thirty-four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$34,292) to be raised by taxes. One old vehicle will be disposed of in accordance with Article 2008-32. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2014, whichever comes first. This is a Special Article in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 5, Abstain - 1, No - 0

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### Article 2013-20 Recreation Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2004 for the purpose of acquisition, design, renovation and development of recreation fields and facilities? This is in addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 3, Abstain - 1, No - 2

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### Article 2013-21 Tree Warden

Shall the Town vote to establish the position of Tree Warden as authorized by RSA 231:139 revised May 2012, which shall be a three-year term, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen? The duties of the Tree Warden are listed in RSA 231:139 through 151 and shall include, but are not limited to, maintenance and protection of community trees and shrubs in town public ways, village commons, parks and other public grounds. The Tree Warden shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Conservation Commission and will assist with and advise the Commission concerning the care of Town Forests, as authorized by RSA 31:112.

YES

NO

Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 3, Abstain - 1, No - 2

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**Article 2013-22 Town Hall Generator**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to purchase and install a stand-by, self-starting propane electric generator which will provide enough electricity to power Town Hall in an emergency situation, allowing the Town Hall to remain operational during a power outage? 50% of this expense will be from Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) grants, 25% will be from in-kind services and 25% will be from taxation. This article will lapse at the completion of this project or on December 31, 2018, whichever comes first, and is addition to Article 2013-5, the Operating Budget. This project will only go forward after receipt of the FEMA Grant.

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YES   
NO   
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Selectmen: Yes - 3, Abstain - 0, No - 0  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes - 4, Abstain - 1, No - 1

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**Article 2013-23 Town Webmaster**

Shall the Selectmen study whether to establish the position of Town Webmaster, its term, method of appointment, duties and compensation?

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YES   
NO   
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**Article 2013-24 Conflict of Interest Amendments #1**

Shall the Town vote to approve an amendment to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance as follows:

To make additions/changes to Section IV:

Add - "ENTITY Any person having an interest" and

Add - "JURISDICTION The Committee is deemed to have jurisdiction when ALL of the following conditions are met:

The Petitioner is an entity with an interest

The Petitioner identifies the infraction in the Ordinance

The Respondent is a Town Member."

Change the definition of family:

FROM: "FAMILY Includes spouse, parents, stepparents, grandparents, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, brothers, stepbrothers, sisters, stepsisters, and in-laws"

692  
YES   
NO   
309

TO: "FAMILY Includes spouse, parents, stepparents, grandparents, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, brothers, stepbrothers, sisters, stepsisters, in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews. Relatives are by blood, marriage or adoption as listed within this paragraph".

To change Section VII:

FROM: "A. Any person or group may..."

TO: "A. Any entity may ..."

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**Article 2013-25 Conflict of Interest Amendments #2**

SHALL the Town vote to approve an amendment to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance by adding:

"Section IX A - As Town leaders, Selectmen, Department Heads and Committee Chairpersons are encouraged to immediately report any identified conflicts of interest.

748  
YES   
NO   
259

Section IX B - All members of Town government shall be given a copy of this ordinance within seven (7) days of date of hire, appointment or election and within thirty (30) days shall sign as received." ?

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**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2013**

*Loma J. Walker*  
Loma J. Walker, District 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.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Vote for not more than ONE

Year Term: 3 **Raymond Foulger**

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**ARTICLES**

**Article 2 – Operating Budget**

Shall 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 \$64,422,418? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$64,418,761 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)

920  
YES   
NO   
374

*Recommended by the School Board 8-0*  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1*

*BLANKS 63*

**Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$200,000 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 the June 30, 2013 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

675  
YES   
NO   
412

*(The funds for this article come from the 2012-2013 school budget surplus, not from additional taxes.)*  
*Recommended by the School Board 8-0*  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0*

*BLANKS 70*

**Article 4 – Collective Bargaining Agreement (Timberlane Teachers' Association)**

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Timberlane Teachers' Association 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:

Cost Distribution	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Salaries	\$494,737	\$589,674	\$561,794
FICA	37,847	45,110	42,977
NH State Retirement	70,055	83,498	79,550
Medical	(204,436)	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$398,203</b>	<b>\$718,281</b>	<b>\$684,321</b>

622  
YES   
NO   
471

*BLANKS 64*

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$398,203 for the 2013-14 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*  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1*

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 5 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall 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?

744  
YES

NO

(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).

Recommended by the School Board 8-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1

BLANKS 94

319

### Article 6 - Fund Balance Retention (Surplus)

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and over-expenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate, all in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

722  
YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 7-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1

BLANKS 102

333

### Article 7 - General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2012 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

891  
YES

NO

Recommended by the School Board 9-0

BLANKS 109

157

### Article 8 - SAU Budget on Warrant Petition by Donna Green et al

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District within School Administrative Unit number 55 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

597  
YES

NO

BLANKS 178

382

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING