

1,687
Total Votes
Cast

Total Requested
Votes
5,436

Turnout
31⁹/₁₀

SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 3

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015

Rose M. Cambar
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</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than Two <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CRAIG G. SCHUSTER 619 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LEON B. ARTUS 157 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PHILIP V. CONSENTINO 893 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>RAYMOND J. FOURNIER 232 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JASON B. GROSKY 919 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write ins 7 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 547 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than One <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DEBRA L. DESIMONE 1417 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 11 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 259 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TOWN CLERK</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than One <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROSE M. CAVALEAR 1444 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 11 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 222 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than One <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ROBERT P. PATUTO 1329 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 2 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 356 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than One <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SUSAN B. COPPETA 1306 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 1 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 381 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> | <p>MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than Two <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DENNIS E. WINSETT 572 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WENDY M. BARKER 876 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>PETER E. TOROSIAN 818 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 9 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 1087 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than One <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARYBETH TOROSIAN <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 26 1168 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 47 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</p> <p>Two Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than One <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WILLIAM N. HOVANASIAN <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 2 1147 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 527 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p>Three Years <input type="radio"/> Vote for not more than Two <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ANNA P. WINSETT 777 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>WENDY DOUGHTY 687 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>LINDA S. JETTE 1143 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Write in 3 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blanks 844 (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> |
|---|--|--|

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES

Article #2015-2 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

Shall the Town of Atkinson 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 | Estimated Increase | Fiscal Year | Estimated Increase |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 2015 | \$7,238.00 | 2018 | \$6,822.00 |
| 2016 | \$6,427.00 | 2019 | \$7,010.00 |
| 2017 | \$6,614.00 | | |

976 YES ☒
601 NO ☐
Blanks 110

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-eight Dollars (\$7,238.00) 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?

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

Article #2015-3 Authorization for Special Meeting on Defeated Collective Bargaining Article (CBA)

If Article #2015-2 is defeated, shall the Town of Atkinson authorize the governing body to call one Special Meeting, at its option to address Article #2015-2 cost items only?

Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 1, Abstain 0

930
YES ☒
NO ☐
600
Blanks 157

Article #2015-4 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 Three Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Three Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$4,326,343.00)? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Four Million Two Hundred Forty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$4,248,422.00), 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.

953
YES ☒
NO ☐
581
Blanks 153

Article #2015-5 Video Playback Server

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a video playback server, associated network-attached storage and other related equipment and accessories for Atkinson Community Television, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund established March 12, 1994 for this purpose? As of December 31, 2014, there were Two Hundred Seventy-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-nine and 16/100 Dollars (\$279,829.16) in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. No new tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

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

939
YES ☒
NO ☐
657
Blanks 91

Article #2015-6 Robotic Video Cameras

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and installing tripod-mountable, robotic video cameras and related equipment and accessories in Town Hall for Atkinson Community Television, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund, established March 12, 1994 for this purpose? As of December 31, 2014, there were Two Hundred Seventy-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-nine and 16/100 Dollars (\$279,829.16) in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. No new tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

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

901
YES ☒
NO ☐
700
Blanks 86

Article #2015-7 Cemetery Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to establish a Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of developing an additional section in the Atkinson Cemetery; to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend; and, to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose? This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 4, No 1, Abstain 2

1044
YES ☒
NO ☐
539
Blanks 104

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 2 OF 3

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015

Rose M. Carleton
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2015-8 Land Swap

Shall the Town vote to approve the exchange of Tax Map 20 Lot 15 [One (1) acre of Conservation Land] for a parcel on Tax Map 16 Lot 9 which contains the Hall Farm Pond Prime Wetland plus a One Hundred Fifty-foot (150') buffer around it [Thirteen (13) acres, more or less]? If passed, this exchange will also require the approval of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DoT) pending approval of State and Local Authorities. There is no cost to the Town for this exchange.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0

1234
YES ☒
NO ☐
332
Blanks 121

Article #2015-9 Lean-to Shed

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to construct a 12' by 30' lean-to shed on the North side of the Town Salt Shed, to be used by the Conservation Commission and Road Agent for storage of small equipment? This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 1, Abstain 0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 1, No 5, Abstain 1

663
YES ☐
NO ☒
921
Blanks 103

Article #2015-10 Elder Services' Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to establish an Elder Services' Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of replacing vehicles and equipment, and to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for this purpose? This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 0, Abstain 0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 1, No 4, Abstain 2

734
YES ☐
NO ☒
876
Blanks 77

Article #2015-11 Purchase Fire Pumper

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Four Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$431,500.00) to purchase a new Pumper and associated equipment for the Fire Department, of which Three Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$345,000.00) to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, as modified March 14, 2000, and established for this purpose, and the Eighty-six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$86,500.00) to be raised by taxes, and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the 1982 Mack Fire Pumper by trade, sale or bid? This purchase is to replace the 1982 Pumper, and is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first and is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

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

1139
YES ☒
NO ☐
488
Blanks 60

Article #2015-12 Fire Department Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, as modified March 14, 2000 for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles, as outlined by the Board of Engineers' Capital Improvement Plan if and only if Article #2015-11 to purchase a new Pumper fails to pass?

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

1124
YES ☒
NO ☐
492
Blanks 71

Article #2015-13 Replace SCBA Gear

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of One Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-six Dollars (\$131,976.00) for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and associated equipment for the Fire Department, if and only if Ninety-five Percent (95%) of which comes from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Funds (FEMA) and the remaining Five Percent (5%) to be raised by taxes? This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the purchase is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

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

1244
YES ☒
NO ☐
370
Blanks 73

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2015-14 Shim and Overlay Roads

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$355,322.00) to shim and overlay the following roads: Orchid Springs Drive, Linebrook Road, Waters' Edge, Stickney Road, Hemlock Heights Road, Hemlock Shore Drive, Palmer Road, Ledge Road, Chase Island Road, Boulder Cove Road and a portion of Meditation Lane, using 4,873 Tons of DoT-approved asphalt? All work is to be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

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

1179
YES ☒
NO ☐
409
Blanks 99

Article #2015-15 Highway Department Truck

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease purchase agreement, subject to annual funding, in the amount of Ninety-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$99,950.00) for the purchase of a Ford F-550 dump truck to include the wing and plow, or equivalent, and accessories, for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the first year's payment? This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

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

990
YES ☒
NO ☐
592
Blanks 115

Article #2015-16 Highway Department Contract Labor

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) to be added to the Highway Department's Snow and Ice Control's Contract Labor and Equipment/Winter (A/C #40,43125.890.000) if and only if Article #2015-15 to purchase a Highway Department truck fails to pass? This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0

1095
YES ☒
NO ☐
476
Blanks 116

Article #2015-17 Purchase a Loader/Backhoe

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement, subject to annual funding, in the amount of Ninety-two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$92,950.00) for a Fourteen-Foot Class Loader/Backhoe and accessories for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$19,340.00) for the first year's payment? This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 6, No 1, Abstain 0

794
YES ☒
NO ☐
762
Blanks 131

Article #2015-18 Winter Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Winter Capital Reserve Fund, to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? As of December 31, 2014, there were Thirty-five Thousand Sixty and 33/100 Dollars (\$35,060.33) in the Winter Capital Reserve Fund. No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

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

1242
YES ☒
NO ☐
342
Blanks 103

Article #2015-19 Kimball House Shutters

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to purchase and install vinyl shutters on the Kimball House? This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the purchase is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 2, No 4, Abstain 1

621
YES ☐
NO ☒
962
Blanks 104

Article #2015-20 Mosquito Control

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$49,390.00) for the purpose of insect control, such funds to be put into the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2006 for that purpose and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend this money? As of December 31, 2014, there were Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-six Dollars and 16/100 Dollars (\$2,936.16) in the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 4, No 1, Abstain 1

1272
YES ☒
NO ☐
334
Blanks 81

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 3 OF 3

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015

Rose M. Carleton
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2015-21 Radar Message Sign

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to purchase a new Speed Alert Radar Message Sign as recommended by the Highway Safety Committee? This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the purchase is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

543
YES ☐

NO ☒

1065
Blanks 79
Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 1, Abstain 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 0

Article #2015-22 Playground Repairs

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for repairs to Tyke Towers, such funds to come from the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund, established March 9, 2004 for the purpose of acquisition, design, renovation and development of recreation areas? As of December 31, 2014, there were Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-three and 65/100 Dollars (\$6,823.65) in the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. This is a non-lapsing article and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

1144
YES ☒

NO ☐

471
Blanks 72
Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0

Article #2015-23 Recreation Capital Reserve

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund, established March 9, 2004 for the purpose of acquisition, design, renovation and development of recreation areas? This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

687
YES ☐

NO ☒

903
Blanks 97
Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 2, No 4, Abstain 0

Article #2015-24 Tax Collector's Salary Increase

Shall the Town Vote to increase the Tax Collector's annual salary from Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$27,785.00) to Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$31,785.00) effective April 1, 2015, continuing with benefits as identified in the original contractual agreement dated 8/9/1999 relating to the Atkinson Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty dollars (\$3,230.00) to increase the 2015 Operating Budget for this purpose, including FICA and Medicare? This is within the average range of Tax Collector's salaries in towns of similar in size to Atkinson in New Hampshire. This Article is in addition to #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

721
YES ☐

NO ☒

877
Blanks 89
Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 1, Abstain 0

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

Article #2015-25 Deputy Tax Collector's Hours

Shall the Town Vote to increase the Deputy Tax Collector's Hours from a maximum of 250 hours annually to a maximum of 300 hours annually, effective April 1, 2015; and to raise and appropriate Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$775.00) to increase the 2015 Operating Budget for this purpose, including FICA and Medicare? This increase reflects an increase of 50 hours annually. This article is in addition to Article 2015-4, the Operating Budget.

601
YES ☐

NO ☒

986
Blanks 100
Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 1, Abstain 0

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 2, No 4, Abstain 0

Article #2015-26 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to be added to the 250th Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund, established March 11, 2014 for the purpose of celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Atkinson's Incorporation, in 2017, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

1075
YES ☒

NO ☐

512
Blanks 100
Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 1, Abstain 0

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 1

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #2015-27 Town Hall Generator

Shall the Town Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), in addition to Article #2013-22 for \$35,000.00, to purchase and install a stand-by generator which will provide enough electricity to power Town Hall in an emergency situation, allowing Town Hall to remain operational during a power outage, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 3, No 0, Abstain 0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 2, No 4, Abstain 0

564
YES ☐
NO ☒
1029
Blanks 94

Article #2015-28 Town Clerk's Salary Increase

Shall the Town vote to increase the Town Clerk's salary from Forty-six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-four Dollars (\$46,654.00) to Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$50,592.00) effective April 1, 2015, continuing with the Full-time benefits as identified in the Atkinson Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook; and to raise and appropriate Three Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$3,510.00) to increase the 2015 Operating Budget for this purpose, including FICA, Medicare and Retirement benefits? This increase is the mid-range for the Clerk's salary in towns of our size in New Hampshire. This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 1, Abstain 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 4, No 1, Abstain 1

776
YES ☐
NO ☒
811
Blanks 100

Article #2015-29 Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer Stipend Increase

Shall the Town vote to increase the Treasurer's and Deputy Treasurer's stipends as follows: Treasurer from Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (2,500.00) per year; Deputy Treasurer from One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) to One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,750.00) per year, effective April 1, 2015; and to raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to increase the 2015 Operating Budget for this purpose? This article is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

Board of Selectmen: Yes 2, No 0, Abstain 1
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 4, No 1, Abstain 1

774
YES ☐
NO ☒
787
Blanks 126

Article #2015-30 Funding State Education Needs

Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive, meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. Shall the Town vote to ask our governor and our State legislators to reform State Funding for Education, with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes? The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the governor and State legislators informing of the instructions from their constituents within Thirty (30) days of the vote.

1029
YES ☒
NO ☐
486
Blanks 172

Article #2015-31 Study Withdrawal from Timberlane by Petition, L. Artus et al

Shall the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire direct the Timberlane Regional School Board to conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of Atkinson from the Timberlane Regional School District and to be completed before October 1, 2015 as per the provisions of RSA 195:25? (Majority vote required)

460
YES ☐
NO ☒
1102
Blanks 125

Article #2015-32 Conflict of Interest Amendment

Shall the Town vote to amend the Conflict of Interest Ordinance by adding the underlined wording in Section I. (Election of Conflict of Interest Committee) C.:

"No member of the Conflict of Interest Committee shall hold any Town, School District, Federal, State, or County elective or appointed office, board membership, commission membership or trusteeship. No member of the Committee shall be employed full or part-time by the Town of Atkinson or its School District. Family of elected or appointed town officials, town employees or contractors or their employees who provide services to the town shall not be allowed to serve on the Committee. This does not prevent a member of the Committee from volunteering unpaid services to the town, where no conflict of interest is created."

1115
YES ☒
NO ☐
379
Blanks 193

Article #2015-33 Acceptance of Unanticipated Sources of Funds

Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:95-b providing that any town, at an annual meeting, may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year?

898
YES ☒
NO ☐
538
Blanks 251

Article #2015-34 Acceptance of Reports

Shall the Town accept reports of agents, auditors and committees as written in the 2014 Annual Report?

1344
YES ☒
NO ☐
134
Blanks 209

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TIMBERLANE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015

Lorna J. Walker
Lorna 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.

| SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER | SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER | BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER |
|---|---|---|
| 2-Year Term Vote for not more than ONE | 3-Year Term Vote for not more than ONE | 3-Year Term Vote for not more than ONE |
| JACK SAPIA 760 <input checked="" type="radio"/> | GREGORY SPERO 1249 <input checked="" type="radio"/> | PETER TOROSIAN 598 <input type="radio"/> |
| AMY GENTILE-CANTONE 685 <input type="radio"/> | Write in 8 <input type="radio"/> | KATE DELFINO 796 <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Write in 3 <input type="radio"/> | Blanks 430 (Write-in) | Write in 2 <input type="radio"/> |
| Blanks 239 (Write-in) | | Blanks 291 (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 \$67,973,927? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$68,160,616 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 8-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1-1

1214
YES ☐
NO ☐
377
Blanks 96

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 the June 30, 2015 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1 of this year? This sum to come from fund balance (2014-15 budget surplus) and no amount to be raised by taxation. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-1-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-1-0

1034
YES ☐
NO ☐
544
Blanks 109

Article 4 – Sandown Central Elementary School Kitchen Renovation and Operational Costs

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$1,160,544, with \$744,299 to be used for the operational costs of Sandown Central Elementary School and \$416,245 to renovate the kitchen at Sandown Central Elementary School and to further authorize the District to withdraw the said \$416,245 from the existing School Building Construction, Reconstruction, Capital Improvements and Land Purchase Capital Reserve Fund? (Only \$744,299 shall be raised by taxation.) (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 6-2-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

316
YES ☐
NO ☐
1269
Blanks 102

Article 5 – Sandown North Elementary School Playground

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$90,000 for the expansion and upgrade to the Sandown North Elementary School playground? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 7-0-1

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1-1

399
YES ☐
NO ☐
1193
Blanks 95

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 6 – Two 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:

| Cost Distribution | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Salaries | \$82,518 | \$83,212 |
| FICA | 6,313 | 6,366 |
| New Hampshire State Retirement | 8,952 | 9,095 |
| TOTAL | \$97,783 | \$98,673 |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$97,783 for the 2015-16 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 8-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

1113

YES ☐

NO ☐

484

Blanks 90

Article 7 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District, if Article 6 is defeated, authorize the Timberlane Regional School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 6 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

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-0-0

1150

YES ☐

NO ☐

433

Blanks 104

Article 8 – General Acceptance of Reports

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District accept reports of agents, auditors, and committees as written in the 2014 Annual Report? (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-3

1342

YES ☐

NO ☐

199

Blanks 146

Article 9 – Expand Kindergarten to Non-Tuition, Full Day Program on Warrant Petition by Brian Stack et al

Shall the Timberlane Regional School District expand the current kindergarten program to a non-tuition, full day kindergarten program in each elementary school with the increase in necessary funding coming from the operating budget? (ADVISORY ONLY)(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-3

454

YES ☐

NO ☐

1135

Blanks 98

Article 10 – Amend Articles of Agreement on Warrant Petition by Shawn O’Neil et al

To see if the Timberlane Regional School District shall replace Article #5 and Article #6 from the April 30, 1964 agreement to read:

5. The operating and capital expenses of the Timberlane Regional School District payable in each fiscal year shall be apportioned at a rate so each pre-existing district pays the same local school rate of taxation based upon the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the State Tax Commission. All forms of aid and local school impact fees from each pre-existing district will be applied to reduce the operating and capital expense before apportionment.

6. Repealed

(2/3 MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 8-0-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 7-0-3

169

YES ☐

NO ☐

1415

Blanks 103

Article 11 – Continue Operation of Sandown Central on Warrant Petition by Shawn Freligh et al

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District raise and appropriate up to \$602,528 for the continuing operation of Sandown Elementary School as an elementary school? This warrant will be void if warrant article “Sandown Central Elementary School Operational Costs and Kitchen Renovation” passes. (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 7-1-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 5-0-5

262

YES ☐

NO ☐

1305

Blanks 120

Article 12 – Conduct Impact and Consolidation Plan on Warrant Petition by Shawn Freligh et al

Shall the voters of the Timberlane Regional School District require that before any District school is closed or consolidated the District School Board must conduct a complete impact and consolidation plan to determine feasibility of closing a school? The details of the study and consolidation plan will be presented to District voters at a public hearing a minimum of two-months before voting. The decision to close any district school must be placed in the school district ballot for voting. In the event the District School Board votes to close any District school for the 2015/2016 school year, that vote will be reversed and authority revoked by the voters of the District per passage of this Warrant. (ADVISORY ONLY)(MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED)

Not recommended by the School Board 7-1-0

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 5-1-4

399

YES ☐

NO ☐

1158

Blanks 130

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING