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OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2023

Jillanna 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.

SELECTMEN <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> BOB WORDEN <u>915</u> <input type="radio"/> <u>Write in 99</u> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>	PLANNING BOARD <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> PAUL WAINWRIGHT <u>782</u> <input type="radio"/> SUSAN KILLAM <u>772</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>	LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> MARNIE FINN <u>400</u> <input type="radio"/> CHRISTINE LATINO <u>280</u> <input type="radio"/> GENE RIZZO <u>90</u> <input type="radio"/> CHRISTINE DUERR <u>161</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>
SELECTMEN <small>Two Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> DAVE PAQUETTE <u>823</u> <input type="radio"/> <u>111</u> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>	PLANNING BOARD <small>Two Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> JOHN OTTOW <u>599</u> <input type="radio"/> HANNAH RIZZO <u>468</u> <input type="radio"/> MICHAEL TURELL <u>587</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>	LIBRARY TRUSTEE <small>Two Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> PAMELA BORISKO <u>440</u> <input type="radio"/> SUNAINA CHAWLA <u>348</u> <input type="radio"/> MARION STANLEY <u>135</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>
MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> TAYLOR HASELTON <u>512</u> <input type="radio"/> BOB MALO <u>497</u> <input type="radio"/> JOHN OTTOW <u>483</u> <input type="radio"/> DEBORAH CORNISH <u>466</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>	PLANNING BOARD <small>One Year</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> EDWARD STEWART <u>778</u> <input type="radio"/> HEIDI MAHONEY <u>617</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>	CEMETERY TRUSTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> SUSAN KILLAM <u>880</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>
	TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> HANNAH RIZZO <u>803</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>	CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE <small>Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> JULIE MARSHALL <u>610</u> <input type="radio"/> DAVID PANCOAST <u>449</u> <input type="radio"/> CHAD M. PERRY <u>211</u> <input type="radio"/> LEON ARTUS <u>269</u> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small> <input type="radio"/> <small>(Write-in)</small>

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Total Voters - 1138 - 817 live
includes 321 Absentee Ballots
20.3% turnout

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ARTICLES

Article #2023-02 Amend Zoning Articles III Definitions & Article V Section 530 Area, Yard, Coverage, Height & General Requirements.

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following zoning amendments to the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance – Article III and Article V as proposed by the Planning Board?

The following terms shall be added to Zoning Ordinance Article III Definitions

Lot Coverage

- Lot Coverage area is unlimited with provision of the following site design elements and excluding them from the development area. The development area shall include: all impervious surfaces; areas occupied by stormwater management infrastructure; and non-buildable areas regulated by state and local requirements, utility setbacks and other site development restrictions. Not less than 10% of total lot area shall be set aside for open space, including required buffer areas, in the form of naturally vegetated areas and/or managed landscape areas.

Development Area

- That portion of a lot where required state and local requirements, utility setbacks, buffers and other portions restricted from development are defined and removed from the remaining lot area calculated for development.

Impervious Surface

- Any surface or structure that prevents the infiltration of water into the land surface, underlying soils and earth materials.

Building Lot:

- An area of land with suitable size to accommodate land development either residential and non-residential and that meets all required local and state requirements for such development including provision of septic facilities and drinking water.

Amend the following chart reference and footnote description in Article V Section 530

	TR2	TC	C-I	C	C-P
i. Lot Coverage	Footnote #5	Footnote #5	Footnote #5	Footnote #5	Footnote #5

5 – Lot Coverage calculations to be based on development area. Refer to definition of the following terms in Zoning Ordinance Article III Definitions.

- Lot Coverage
- Development Area
- Impervious Surface
- Building Lot

560
YES ☐
NO ☐
442

Article #2023-03 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance (By Petition)

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments to the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance by Petition of the voters of the Town?

Amend Article V. Section 510 – (table of Permitted Uses) as follows:

**(This amendment includes adding Long Term Care facility as a permitted use in the RR2/SCR Zone)
Add a new Permitted use:**

00. Long Term Care Facilities

- Add new use Long Term Care Facilities and Note "Y" for Yes in the RR2/SCR column, with footnote "4" to designate Site Plan approval required.

Amend Article VI, Rural Cluster, Residential Development Section 620 Golf and Sports Complex/Residential Sub-district by adding a new Section as follows:

(This Amendment adds a new provision under section 620 which allows for Long Term Care Facilities to be constructed within the RR2/SCR sub district. Adds definitions in subparagraph "a" Accommodations in subparagraph "b" dwelling types in subparagraph "c" associated services in subparagraph "d" the requirement for site plan review by the planning board in subparagraph "e" and specific criteria for a approval in subparagraph "f".)

620:12 Long Term Care Facilities

a. Definitions

Assisted Living Provides supportive care for persons who require assistance with activities of daily living along with supportive services and care for persons who require assistance with activities of daily living but do not require skilled nursing and medical care provided in a nursing home or other residential care facility.

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Congregate Living Accommodations for persons with separate apartments, shared services and common areas where communal dining facilities and services such as housekeeping, organized social and recreational activities, transportation services, and other support services appropriate for the residents are provided pursuant to NH RSA 151:9, VII(a) and He-P 814.3 or as amended.

Continuing Care A tiered approach to providing care through the aging process.

Long Term Care Facilities A continuum of housing including assisted living, skilled nursing, respite care, rehabilitation and hospice services.

Medical Rehabilitation Provides follow up care and rehabilitation services for patients following illness, injury, or surgery.

Nursing Home Means a place which provides for 2 or more person's basic domiciliary services, including board, room, and laundry, continuing health supervision under competent professional medical and nursing direction, and continuous nursing care as may be individually required. Per NH Administrative Rules, He-P 803.03 Definitions, as amended.

b. **Accommodations for Long Term Care Facilities are planned to:**

- 1) Provide a continuum of housing choices and care options for persons which include congregate living, assisted living, and skilled nursing, and may include respite care, rehabilitation and hospice services.
- 2) Allow for provision of associated services routinely used by persons whose health condition requires specific care.
- 3) Provide structural, building and site designs and layouts that are uniquely adapted to the needs of health challenged persons.

c. Dwelling types allowed under this section may contain combinations of the following and a single development may include multiple structures.

- 1) Congregate Living structures that provide efficiency apartments with kitchenette, 1 or 2 bedrooms, sitting area, full bath along with the following communal areas: dining, indoor and outdoor recreation, social interaction and entertainment.
- 2) Assisted Living, distinctly not hospital or nursing home, where assistance with activities of daily living is routinely provided.
- 3) Nursing Home, only as licensed by the State of NH Department of Health and Human Services.

d. Associated Services allowed under Section 620:12 may consist of any of the following (specifically for residents, guests and workers at these facilities):

- 1) Dining rooms, cafeterias, coffee shops, with related preparation and serving
- 2) Social areas, game rooms, meeting rooms, recreational and exercise areas
- 3) Administrative offices
- 4) Mail service and package delivery facilities
- 5) Minor retail services (e.g., gift shops, convenience stores, barbers and salons)
- 6) Rehabilitation and physical therapy centers, medical offices,
- 7) Banking options
- 8) Cleaning services
- 9) Other services incidental to the daily living of elderly residents

e. Long Term Care Facilities under this chapter shall be reviewed by the Atkinson Planning Board under the Site Plan Review Regulations.

f. **Criteria for approval**

- 1) Accommodations under Section 620:12 shall adhere to all provisions of the Atkinson Zoning Ordinance unless specifically exempted within Section 620.
- 2) The number of bedrooms shall be based on the number of bedrooms allowed under RSA 485-A and associated Administrative Rules.
- 3) Distance between structures including any projections (e.g., decks, steps, bulkheads) shall be a minimum of 25 feet.

348
YES ☐

NO ☐

756

Approved by the Planning Board by a Vote of 4 to 2

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Article #2023-04 Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,501,500? Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be \$6,127,979, 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.

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 5 to 2

763
YES ☐
NO ☐
328

Article #2023-05 Fire Department Engine (Pumper) Replacement

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$830,000) for the replacement of a 1991 Fire Department pumper and any associated equipment and allow the replaced pumper to be disposed of by trade, sale, or bid? The funding shall be Six Hundred Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$614,225) from the Atkinson Fire Department Capitol Reserve Fund and the remaining Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$215,775) to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. No additional tax dollars are required. This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2028, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 7 to 0

884
YES ☐
NO ☐
212

Article #2023-06 Police Vehicle Purchase

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to purchase and equip two new Police Vehicles with Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) coming from the Police Outside Detail Revolving Fund and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be raised by taxes and allow two current Police Vehicles to be disposed of by trade, sale or bid?

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 7 to 0

803
YES ☐
NO ☐
295

Article #2023-07 Highway Shim & Overlay

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$568,200) to shim and overlay the following Town roads: Knightland Road, Huckleberry Lane, Farview Hill Road, Woodside Way, Stewart Farm Road, Pope Road, Whippoorwill Lane, Stone Pound Lane, Bittersweet Lane, Page's Lane, Stage Road, Rocking Chair Lane, Cottontail Lane, Pebble Brook Road, Washington Road, and Jasmine Drive? This is a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the project is complete, or by December 31, 2028, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2023-04, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 7 to 0

895
YES ☐
NO ☐
194

Article #2023-08 Network Upgrades for Atkinson Community Television

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the purchase and configuration of networking equipment to be installed at the Atkinson Community Center and Kimball Library for Atkinson Community Television with the purpose of creating a robust wired and wireless network capable of handling the Audio and Visual operations of current broadcast equipment? Such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund established March 20, 1993, for this purpose. No additional tax dollars are required. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the project is complete, or until December 31, 2028, whichever is sooner. This is in addition to Article #2023-04, the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 7 to 0

842
YES ☐
NO ☐
254

Article #2023-09 Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund, as established March 9, 2020, Article #2020-8, for the purpose of funding ongoing maintenance and improvement issues with Town facilities, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance? No additional tax dollars are required. This is in addition to Article #2023-04 the Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0
Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 6 to 1

793
YES ☐
NO ☐
301

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Article #2023-10 Emergency Management Communication and Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the purchase and replacement of Town Emergency Management Communication and Information Systems; to appoint the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend these funds and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to begin this trust? It is the intention to request Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) per year, to maintain a total of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for this trust. This is in addition to Article #2023-04 the Operating Budget.

641
YES ☐

NO ☐

*Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 5 to 2*

Article #2023-11 Adopt Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28, II)

Shall the Town readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$750? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and continues to serve or was honorably discharged. Readoption required due to House Bill 1667 amending RSA 72:28 to change eligibility to include serving members.

1006
YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0

Article #2023-12 Adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b)

Shall the Town readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall equal the same amount as the optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and continues to serve or was honorably discharged. Readoption required due to House Bill 1667 amending RSA 72:28-b to change eligibility to include serving members.

997
YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0

Article #2023-13 Discontinue the Technology Committee

Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Technology Committee, established March 9, 2010, Article #2010-35? This Committee was established for the purpose of managing the Information Technology (IT) infrastructure and IT budget for the Town. These tasks have been adopted by administrative staff and contracted support services.

981
YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0

Article #2023-14 Center School Lease and Occupancy

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter a five (5) year lease agreement, per RSA 41:11-a, III, beginning in 2023, with the Atkinson Historical Society for the use of the building located at 16 Academy Avenue for the purpose of a museum as the original one room schoolhouse, formerly known as the Center School and the Family Mediation Facility?

924
YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0

Article #2023-15 Modify the Conflict of Interest Ordinance

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendments as proposed by the Conflict of Interest Committee for the town Conflict of Interest ordinance last revised March 17, 2022, summarized as follows?: The goals for the revision included the following main objectives: 1) Provide a table of contents to make content easier to find. 2) Eliminate all out-of-date provisions and ensure that all content accurately reflects current RSAs. 3) Ensure the writing style is clear and concise. For added clarity, we also updated the definitions and capitalized specially-defined terms throughout the document. 4) Organize the information in a logical flow. 5) Provide specific references to NH RSA authority. 6) Give instructions how to file a petition. 7) Require distribution of the Ordinance. 8) Require an annual review cycle for the Conflict of Interest Ordinance to ensure that it is in compliance with current RSAs and town policies and procedures. Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments are on file at the Town Clerk's office, the Atkinson Community Center, the Town Hall bulletin Board, and the Town Web Site, as specified in RSA 40:13, VI.

927
YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0

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Article #2023-16 SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth (By Petition)

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Fifteen Dollars (\$7,015, approximately one dollar per person) for the purpose of to support the community wellness services of the SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth? SoRock provides critical resources to youth and families to reduce substance misuse and support mental health through education, programming, and the leveraging of local, state and federal resources for the benefit of the Towns they serve.

YES ☐ 545

NO ☐ 546

*Not Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 3 to 2
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a Vote of 7 to 0*

Article #2023-17 Decreasing the Number of Board of Selectmen Members (By Petition)

Are you in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to three (3) Members?

YES ☐ 283

NO ☐ 804

Not Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0

Article #2023-18 Create Town Clerk-Tax Collector Position (By Petition)

Is the Town in favor of combining the office of the Town Clerk with the office of the Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of the Town Clerk-Tax Collector to serve for a term of three (3) years, to be held by one individual, effective at the next annual meeting occurring after the vote of approval? Voters at the 2020 town meeting supported studying this issue, leading to the creation of a town clerk-tax collector study committee which recommended combining the offices. A majority of voters at the 2021 town meeting supported combining the offices.

YES ☐ 718

NO ☐ 356

Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 3 to 2

Article #2023-19 Tax Cap of Thirty Percent (30%) (By Petition)

Shall the Town of Atkinson adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than thirty percent (30%)? 3/5 majority vote required to pass.

YES ☐ 432

NO ☐ 642

Not Recommended by the Selectmen by a Vote of 5 to 0

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT