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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025

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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.

SELECT BOARD	CEMETERY TRUSTEE	LIBRARY TRUSTEE
FOR THREE YEARS	FOR THREE YEARS	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE	VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE	VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO
JOE ANDERSON ☐	LUCY CUSHMAN ☐	SARAH BEDINGFIELD ☐
☐	☐	GALE LYON ☐
(Write-in)	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS	LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
FOR THREE YEARS	FOR ONE YEAR	
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE	VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE	
MARK RALABATE ☐	TERI GRIJALVA ☐	
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(Write-in)	(Write-in)	

ARTICLES

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

To amend Section IV, Table 4.2 *Table of Dimensional Requirements* to clarify where in the Ordinance to find the dimensional requirements for the *Flexible Mixed Use and Route 33 Heritage Districts* and to amend Section 4.3(i) *Explanatory Notes* to require that newly subdivided parcels demonstrate that the area currently required in this section is to exclude non-buildable areas including property line setbacks and wetland buffer areas.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section VIII *Residential Open Space Cluster Development*, Sub-sections 8.9 *Dimensional Requirements & Setbacks* and 8.10 *Minimum Open Space Requirements* by adding and clarifying definitions; by limiting wetland areas to no more than 20% of a residential lot in new open space cluster subdivisions; and to increase the amount of wetlands that the open space parcel can contain from 20% to 30%.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section V. 5.4 *Accessory Dwelling Units*, to limit accessory dwelling units to no more than two bedrooms; to amend the 50-foot front property boundary setback to read that detached accessory dwelling units shall not be sited in the front yard; and to include a maximum height of 1.5 stories for detached accessory dwelling units.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section VII *Signs* to define and prohibit 'feather flag' style signs; to permit signs identifying major residential developments; to create size, height, and type limitations for temporary signs; to reduce the maximum period for temporary signs in a calendar year to from 120 days to 60 days for an individual property; to change the maximum number of temporary signs displayed on an individual property in a calendar year from six signs to three signs; and to make sandwich board signs subject to a temporary sign permit.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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

To rezone the following parcels located in both the Professional/Residential District and the Residential/Agricultural District, to fully fall under the Residential/Agricultural District:

- 11 Bunker Hill Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 91
- 5 Trisha's Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 93
- 7 Trisha's Way, Tax Map 13, lot 94
- 9 Trisha's Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 95
- 13 Trisha's Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 96
- 15 Trisha's Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 97
- 17 Trisha's Way, Tax Map 13, Lot 98

To rezone the following parcels located in both the Professional/Residential District and the Residential/Agricultural District, to fully fall under the Professional/Residential District:

- 7 Bunker Hill Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 90
- 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 129
- 102R Portsmouth Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 85
- 108 Portsmouth Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 83
- 118 Portsmouth Avenue, Tax Map 13, Lot 69
- 1 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 70
- 10 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 78
- 12 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 77

To rezone the following parcels within the Residential/Agricultural District, to fully fall under the Professional/Residential District:

- 3 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 71
- 5 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 72
- 7 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 73
- 14 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 76
- 16 Millbrook Drive, Tax Map 13, Lot 75

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section III *Establishment of Districts and Uses*, to establish a new section 3.11 Professional Residential District, the purpose of which is to establish architectural and site design standards for projects that require site plan review located within the existing Professional/Residential District.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section XI Wetlands Conservation District Overlay, by deleting Section XI in its entirety and replacing it with a new ordinance, the purpose of which would be to:

- (1) use the NH Department of Environmental Services definition of wetlands;
- (2) change the 50-foot setback from poorly-drained soils and the 100-foot setback from very poorly-drained soils to a single 75-foot setback from all wetlands which is inclusive of the existing 25-foot no-disturbance buffer;
- (3) clarify what uses are permitted and what uses are prohibited; and
- (4) allow proposed uses in the 75-foot setback and outside of the 25-foot no-disturbance buffer to be reviewed by the Planning Board through a conditional use permit application where currently a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment is required.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section IV *Dimensional Requirements* Paragraph 4.1.4 to clarify that the maximum residential density in the Gateway Commercial Business, Town Center, Flexible Mixed Use, Professional/Residential, Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage, and Special Commercial Districts applies only to properties that are developed or will be developed as mixed-use (residential and commercial) properties and to amend Paragraph 4.1.5 to extend the limitation of one primary dwelling per parcel to the Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage District and to specify that only one duplex is permitted per parcel in the Residential/Agricultural, Manufactured Housing, and Route 33 Legacy Highway Heritage Districts, unless permitted as part of a condominium or mobile home park.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT