

SAMPLE BALLOT



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

Deborah & Bakie
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

FOR VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

DENISE LEMIRE 140 ☐

MICHAEL HOUGHTON 362 ☐

(Write-in)

TOWN CLERK

FOR VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

DEBORAH BAKIE 450 ☐

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

FOR VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

MELANIE McGRAIL 423 ☐

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

FOR VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

MIKKI DESCHAIINE 399 ☐

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

FOR VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

VERONIQUE F. LUDINGTON ☐

(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 the Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.8.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, Table 2 to increase the minimum front setback for developments in the Gateway Commercial Business District and to clarify how building height is measured in the District. The purpose of this amendment is to require greater front setbacks along Portsmouth Avenue to ensure the provision of landscaping and pedestrian facilities and to clarify that building height is measured to the highest point of the roofline.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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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 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements to reduce the front setback for properties in the Professional/Residential District that abut residential uses from 100-feet to 20-feet. The purpose of this amendment is to make the front setback more consistent with other zones in Stratham and to allow for the redevelopment of uses on small properties where the existing setback requirement makes redevelopment unfeasible.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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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 3.8.8 Gateway Commercial Business District, Table 4 to establish minimum standards for sidewalks, driveways, and electric vehicle charging stations in the Gateway Commercial Business District. The purpose of this amendment is to add minimum standards for driveways and sidewalks to reduce conflict points between pedestrians and motorists and to add provisions for electric vehicle charging facilities.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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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 3.8.6 Gateway Commercial Business District Conditional Use Permit and Section 3.8.8.a Gateway Commercial Business District Permitted Uses by Zone. This is a housekeeping amendment to correct clerical errors and ensure consistency of terms and uses between this Section and Table 3.6, Table of Uses.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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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 amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section II *Definitions*, Table 3.6 *Table of Uses*, and *Footnotes to Table 3.6* to add a definition and use category for Places of Worship and to add a footnote indicating that such uses are subject to Section 3.3 of the Site Plan Regulations. The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate changes to the Ordinance necessitated by the State Legislature's passage of RSA 674:76 which limits the ability of municipalities to regulate land or structures used primarily for religious purposes.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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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 IV *Dimensional Requirements* to establish maximum residential densities in Stratham's commercial districts and to clarify that only one primary dwelling shall be permitted on lots in the Residential/Agricultural and Manufactured Housing Districts. This requirement exempts agricultural properties and housing developments approved as part of condominium or mobile home park forms of development.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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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 by deleting Section VII *Signs* in its entirety and replacing with a revised Section VII *Signs* in order to incorporate legal amendments to the Town's Sign Ordinance necessitated by decisions of the United States Supreme Court which impact how municipalities may regulate sign content.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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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 VII *Signs* in order to both incorporate legal amendments to the Ordinance and to amend regulations on signage, limiting the size, height, and illumination of signage in order to control visual clutter along roadways, reduce distractions caused by signage to motorists, and to improve the aesthetics of commercial corridors in Stratham.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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Article 10: Are you in favor of the following amendment to the Town of Stratham Building Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section V, Sub-section 5.13 *Solar Energy Systems* to clarify the requirements associated with the removal of medium- and large-scale ground-mounted solar energy systems after they are de-activated. This amendment would require landowners with solar energy systems to provide a plan for restoring a site to pre-development conditions if a solar facility is abandoned and to record a declaration committing to removing the array while eliminating a requirement to provide a financial security for the life of the solar project.

The Planning Board recommends this article by unanimous vote.

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YES ☐

NO ☐

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