

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 9, 2004**

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM at the Swasey Gymnasium by the Moderator, Electra L. Alessio, for the voting by secret ballot for the election of Town Officers, 27 regular Town Articles and 6 Zoning Articles, as well as the voting for the election of officers of Sanborn Regional School District and the voting on 12 regular articles for the School District.

The Town Clerk, Bettie C. Ouellette, broke the seals on the boxes of ballots and the Moderator inspected the ballot boxes. Two Accu-Vote machines were rented for this election. In the evening, there were waiting lines. Each voter had eight ballots to complete.

The ballot clerks were Donna Grier, Jean Spinella, Marilyn Bartlett, Herbert Noyes, Holly Ouellette, Gloria Parsons and Joanne Lambert. The Police Officer was Donald W. Briggs, Jr. The results were announced by the Moderator at 10:05 PM. The ballots were sealed and locked in the vault at 10:45 PM.

The total count was 2035, including 121 absentee ballots. 104 new voters were registered at the polls, bringing the total voters on the checklist to 3516. Total of all ballots was 16,280 (2035 x 8). The percentage voting was 58.

The following results were obtained:

MODERATOR FOR TWO YEARS

Electra L. Alessio	1629*
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SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS

Charles A. Hart	1493*
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SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST FOR SIX YEARS

Robert L. Pothier, Jr.	1581*
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SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST FOR FOUR YEARS

Dale G. Winslow	1569*
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TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS

Jayne E. Ramey	1547*
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TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS

Peter D. Coffin	1357*
Brad Maxwell	1371*

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Judith L. Lukas	1393*
Anthony Whitcomb	1250*

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR ONE YEAR

Dannielle Genovese	24* Write-ins
Michael Merrill	14 Write-ins

FIRE WARD FOR THREE YEARS

Kent Walker	1496*
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PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Lesley-Ann Hume	980
Scott Ouellette	992*
Richard D. St. Hilaire	1097*

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Edward W. Conant	1276*
Carla Crane	1223*
Sandra Seaman	1276*
Steve Turner	16* Write-ins

MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS

Roxanne M. Moore	1250*
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MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR

Debra F. Powers	1385*
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ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Zoning Ordinance, Article #2, as proposed by the Planning Board? YES 1189* NO 731

COMMERCIAL ZONE C-I

DESCRIPTION OF ZONE: That area of land bordered by Rte. 125, Depot Road, the East Kingston Town Line and the northern property boundary that serves as the dividing line between tax maps R29 and R35 as shown on the Town of Kingston Tax Maps dated 2002.

PURPOSE:

The following regulations shall govern the erection and alteration of buildings and use of land in the Commercial Zone C-I.

PRE-EXISTING USE:

Non-conforming uses legally in existence prior to the enactment of this ordinance may be continued, maintained, repaired and improved, unless and until such use becomes an imminent hazard to public health and safety. Non-conforming uses may not be expanded or changed to other non-conforming uses.

EXCEPTION: Residential uses existing at the time of this ordinance may be continued and expanded as long as the use remains residential.

PERMITTED USES:

1. Animal hospitals, kennels and veterinarian establishments.
2. Driving schools
3. Shops for the use of a carpenter, cabinet maker, electrician, painter, upholster, plumber, television and home appliance repair.
4. Plants for the manufacturing of electrical or electronic devices, appliances, apparatus or supplies, medical, dental or drafting instruments, optical goods, watches or other precision instruments.
5. Research, experimental or testing laboratory excluding biological, radiological or chemical laboratories. Chemical, biological or radiological processes may be permitted as an accessory use at a research and development laboratory and related facility upon approval of special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
6. Manufacturing, fabricating, assembling or conversion facilities.
7. The storage of toxic materials used in the normal course of operation of a permitted use.
8. Accessory uses customarily incident to the above.

PROHIBITED USES:

1. Residential construction.
2. Motor vehicle junk yards and junk yards.
3. Materials distribution plants, truck terminals.
4. Vehicle sales, vehicle repair/auto body shops, vehicle-detailing establishments.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. If, after a Public Hearing by the Board of Adjustment in which there is a positive endorsement by the Planning Board, a proposed Business, not specifically restricted in this zone, is found to conform in character of operation and would be in harmony with the allowed uses of this Zone, then such use may be allowed by Special Exception of the Board of Adjustment, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as may be deemed necessary by said Board of Adjustment.
2. After a Public Hearing, the Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to permit chemical, biological or radiological processes as an accessory use at a research and development laboratory and related facility provided the applicant shall provide adequate safety measures to the Board's satisfaction.

LOT REGULATIONS:

A. SITE PLAN REVIEW:

The Kingston Planning Board will review and approve or disapprove plans for the development of land tracts for non-residential uses whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site.

B. SIZE:

Building lots in this zone shall have a minimum lot size of two acres.

C. FRONTAGE

Lots shall have a minimum continuous frontage of 200 feet on an approved Class V (or better) road.

D. SETBACKS

1. Front: New buildings shall be set back 30 feet from the nearest existing or proposed public right-of-way.
2. Side and Rear: New buildings shall be set back 20 feet from the side and rear lot lines. When property abuts a residential property, no

portion of the development shall be less than 50 feet from residential lot lines. The required 50 foot vegetated buffer will be allowed within this fifty feet and shall be permanently maintained.

3. From Existing Buildings: New buildings, whether single or contiguous, shall be set back 30 feet on the non-contiguous sides from the existing buildings.
4. Additional setbacks may be required due to the presence or proximity of wetlands. (See Wetlands Ordinance)
5. Additional setbacks may be required due to the presence or proximity of Shoreland. (See Shoreland Protection Ordinance)
6. Before a building permit can be issued, a certification must be provided to the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer verifying the location of all foundations to insure compliance with the setback provisions.

E. LOT COVERAGE

Lot coverage shall be no more than 35%. However, lot coverage may be increased up to 50% if the applicant can show stormwater management techniques that would allow for recharge on the property proposed to be developed.

F. SHAPE

All lots shall be rectangular in shape if possible.

G. OCCUPANCY PERMIT

Before an occupancy permit shall be issued, certification will be provided to the Building Inspector that the approved site plan is in compliance.

STRUCTURE REGULATIONS:

A. HEIGHT

The maximum height of a building shall not exceed 45 feet measured from grade to the highest roof peak.

B. SERVICE AREA

1. Off-street parking facilities shall be made available for workers and patrons of businesses to the satisfaction of the Planning Board.
2. All drives or roadways shall have clear visibility and non-hazardous access to public right-of-way.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

All business and commercial establishments under this Article shall be required to meet at least the minimum standards of the Sanitary Code as specified by the Health Officer.

SIGNS:

Signs are permitted consistent with The Town of Kingston's Sign Ordinance.

CONFLICTS:

In cases where there is a conflict between this ordinance and the Aquifer Protection Ordinance, this ordinance shall supercede the Aquifer Protection Ordinance.

All other site plan review procedures/requirements apply.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Zoning Ordinance, Article #3, as proposed by the Planning Board? YES 1134* NO 734

COMMERCIAL ZONE C-II

DESCRIPTION OF ZONE: At the intersection of Rte. 125N and Rte. 107N (Marshall Road), that area of land bordered by Rte. 125, Rte. 107 (Marshall Road), and the Little River.

PURPOSE:

The following regulations shall govern the erection and alteration of buildings and use of land in the Commercial Zone C-II.

PRE-EXISTING USE:

Non-conforming uses legally in existence prior to the enactment of this ordinance may be continued, maintained, repaired and improved, unless and until such use becomes an imminent hazard to public health and safety. Non-conforming uses may not be expanded or changed to other non-conforming uses.

EXCEPTION: Residential uses existing at the time of this ordinance may be continued and expanded as long as the use remains residential.

PERMITTED USES:

1. Manufacturing and Storage Facilities for the storage of non-toxic materials.
2. Recreational Facilities
3. Materials distribution plants, Truck terminals.
4. Accessory uses customarily incident to the above.

PROHIBITED USES:

1. Residential construction.
2. Motor vehicle junk yards and junk yards.
3. Vehicle sales, vehicle repair/auto body shops, vehicle-detailing establishments.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

1. If, after a Public Hearing by the Board of Adjustment in which there is a positive endorsement by the Planning Board, a proposed Business, not specifically restricted in this zone, is found to conform in character of operation and would be in harmony with the allowed uses of this Zone, then such use may be allowed by Special Exception of the Board of Adjustment, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as may be deemed necessary by said Board of Adjustment.
2. After a Public Hearing, the Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception to permit chemical, biological or radiological processes as an accessory use at a research and development laboratory and related facility provided the applicant shall provide adequate safety measures to the Board's satisfaction.

LOT REGULATIONS

A. SITE PLAN REVIEW:

The Kingston Planning Board will review and approve or disapprove plans for the development of land tracts for non-residential uses whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site.

B. SIZE:

Building lots in this zone shall have a minimum lot size of two acres.

C. FRONTAGE

Lots shall have a minimum continuous frontage of 200 feet on an approved Class V (or better) road.

D. SETBACKS

1. Front: New buildings shall be set back 30 feet from the nearest existing or proposed public right-of-way.
2. Side and Rear: New buildings shall be set back 20 feet from the side and rear lot lines. When property abuts a residential property, no portion of the development shall be less than 50 feet from residential lot lines. The required 50 foot vegetated buffer will be allowed within this fifty feet and shall be permanently maintained.
3. From Existing Buildings: New buildings, whether single or contiguous, shall be set back 30 feet on the non-contiguous sides from the existing buildings.
4. Additional setbacks may be required due to the presence or proximity of wetlands. (See Wetlands Ordinance)
5. Additional setbacks may be required due to the presence or proximity of Shoreland. (See Shoreland Protection Ordinance)
6. Before a building permit can be issued, a certification must be provided to the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer verifying the location of all foundations to insure compliance with the setback provisions.

E. LOT COVERAGE

Lot coverage shall be no more than 35%. However, lot coverage may be increased up to 50% if the applicant can show stormwater management techniques that would allow for recharge on the property proposed to be developed.

F. SHAPE

All lots shall be rectangular in shape if possible.

G. OCCUPANCY PERMIT

Before an occupancy permit shall be issued, certification will be provided to the Building Inspector that the approved site plan is in compliance.

STRUCTURE REGULATIONS:

A. HEIGHT

The maximum height of a building shall not exceed 45 feet measured from grade to the highest roof peak.

B. SERVICE AREA

1. Off-street parking facilities shall be made available for workers and patrons of businesses to the satisfaction of the Planning Board.

2. All drives or roadways shall have clear visibility and non-hazardous access to public right-of-way.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

All business and commercial establishments under this Article shall be required to meet at least the minimum standards of the Sanitary Code as specified by the Health Officer.

SIGNS:

Signs are permitted consistent with The Town of Kingston's Sign Ordinance.

CONFLICTS:

In cases where there is a conflict between this ordinance and the Aquifer Protection Ordinance, this ordinance shall supercede the Aquifer Protection Ordinance.

All other site plan review procedures/requirements apply.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance, Article #4, as proposed by the Planning Board?

YES 1234* NO 650

To add the following text as the final paragraph in Article IV, District Regulations, section 4.30 of the Kingston Zoning Ordinance:

In addition, those lots abutting Pillsbury Pasture Road and Ordway Lane are to be included in the Single Family Residential Zoning District; including all land that is bounded by Pillsbury Pasture Road, Ordway Lane and Newton Junction Road.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following Zoning Ordinance, Article #5, as proposed by citizens petition?

YES 875 NO 1050*

COMMERCIAL ZONE

Description of Zone: All lots/property in Tax Map R-2 and R-3 and only those lots with frontage along NH Route 125 in Tax Maps R-4, R-5, R-8, R-9, R-10, R-11 and R-13.

(Editorial Note: Basically from the Kingston/Plaistow line to the area before what is known as Frontage Road near the "Fairgrounds".)

Purpose: As the Town of Kingston continues to grow, provisions need to be made within the Town to provide for commercial centers to not only serve the residents of Kingston but also provide locations for the establishment of businesses to improve employment opportunities and broaden the tax base for the community. Business from the south will eventually expand along the NH Route 125 corridor and the Town of Kingston needs to plan for organized growth to provide for a financially viable, yet attractive, commercial zone.

PRE-EXISTING USE:

Non-conforming uses legally in existence prior to the enactment of this ordinance may be continued, maintained, repaired and improved, unless and until such use becomes an imminent hazard to public health and safety. Non-conforming uses may not be expanded or changed to other non-conforming uses.

EXCEPTION: Residential uses existing at the time of this ordinance may be continued and expanded as long as the use remains residential.

Permitted Uses:

1. Business Center Development: A tract of land, buildings or structures planned as a whole and intended to include those uses allowed in this district whether built at one time as a unit or in two or more construction stages.
2. Any retail business such as: book, stationery, or news store, drug store, dry goods or variety store, jewelry store, florist, gift or antique shop, hardware store, meat market, or wearing apparel store; limited to indoor sales.
3. Supermarket/Grocery Store
4. Professional and business offices, medical and dental clinics and funeral homes.
5. Banks and other similar financial institutions, including drive-in windows as an accessory use.
6. Barber and beauty shops, Laundromats, dry cleaning outlets (pick-up and delivery only), tailor and dressmaking, and other personal service stores and shops.
7. General service or repair shops such as for jewelry, clocks, radios and televisions, small appliances, bicycle repair and services of a similar nature.
8. Commercial recreation establishments such as indoor theaters, bowling alleys, miniature/golf courses and campgrounds.
9. Restaurants, cafes, taverns, and similar establishments serving food and beverage.
10. Automotive filling/service stations.

11. Vehicular, trailer & recreational vehicle sales and service repair facility.
12. Nurseries, Landscaping Facilities.

Special Exception:

1. Drive through window as an accessory use for a restaurant
2. Care and Treatment of Animals

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS:

3. If, after a Public Hearing by the Board of Adjustment in which there is a positive endorsement by the Planning Board, a proposed Business, not specifically restricted in this zone, is found to conform in character of operation and would be in harmony with the permitted uses as described in this Zone, then such use may be allowed by Special Exception of the Board of Adjustment, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as may be deemed necessary by said Board of Adjustment.

RESTRICTIONS:

1. Residential construction is prohibited.
2. Motor vehicle junkyards and junkyards are prohibited.
3. Materials distribution plants, Truck terminals.

Structure/Dwelling Regulations:

1. Building height: No building or structure in this district shall be greater than 45 feet in height.
2. Outside storage: Any outside storage in this commercial district is subject to Planning Board approval. If allowed, all storage areas will be visually screened from access street, arterials and adjacent property. No storage shall be allowed between a frontage street and the building line.
3. Signs shall be in accordance with the Town of Kingston Sign ordinance.
4. Setbacks for Building and Structures:
Front: 100 feet from Centerline of NH Rte. 125
Side: 25 feet
Rear: 20 feet
Additional setbacks may be required due to existence or proximity of Shoreland or Wetlands or in accordance with the Aquifer Protection Ordinance.
5. A minimum contiguous frontage of 200 feet on a Class V or better highway is required.
6. Must comply with all other Town of Kingston ordinances and regulations.

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Landscaping Requirements:

1. Minimum area to be suitably planted and permanently maintained with grass, ground cover, shrubs and/or trees shall be twenty per cent (20%) of the total lot area. Excepting curb/driveways, a "green" area shall enclose the entire lot perimeter as follows: Minimum width of "green" areas shall be 25 feet except that where the area abuts a public right-of-way, such area shall be not less than fifty (50) feet.
2. Where commercial development abuts a Residentially-Zoned property, a 50-foot vegetated buffer shall be suitably planted and permanently maintained along that abutting property line; plantings will be no less than 50% evergreen for year-round screening.

Site Plan Review:

The Kingston Planning Board will review and approve or disapprove plans for the development of land tracts for non-residential uses whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance, Article #6, as proposed by citizens petition?

YES 1054* NO 874

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following additions and changes to the Town's Rural Residential District:

The Rural Residential District shall include the whole town with the exception of the Historic Districts, the Single Family Residential District, the Single Family Residential-Agricultural District, the Industrial Zone and any adopted Commercial Zone.

PURPOSE: The district is primarily intended for business-professional offices and residential use, limiting the size, scale and expansion of neighborhood commercial uses in order to minimize traffic volumes and congestion, and other adverse impacts on the neighborhoods in which said establishments are located.

Pre-existing Use:

Non-conforming uses legally in existence prior to the enactment of this ordinance may be continued, maintained, repaired and improved, unless and until such use becomes an imminent hazard to public health and safety. Non-conforming uses may not be expanded or changed to other non-conforming uses.

Permitted Uses:

1. Professional offices including doctors, dentists, lawyers, engineers, architects and such other uses normally considered as general business offices.
2. Churches
3. Educational establishments
4. Funeral Homes
5. Child Day Care Facilities
6. Barber and Beauty Shops
7. General service and repair shops (non-automotive) such as for jewelry, clocks, radios, televisions, computers, electronics, small appliances, bicycle repair and services of a similar nature.
8. Antique Shop
9. Home occupation as described in Kingston's Home Occupation Ordinance
10. Single family and/or two family dwellings and incidental uses

Structure/Dwelling Regulations:

1. **Building Height:** No structure in this District shall be greater than 30 feet in height.
2. **Outside Storage:** No outside storage or display of any kind is permitted within this district.
Exception: Sale of seasonal items such as Christmas trees, pumpkins, vegetables and the like.
3. **Commercial building area (footprint)** shall not exceed 2500 square feet.
4. **Signs** shall be in accordance with the Kingston Home Occupation Ordinance.
5. **Setbacks and Buffering:**
Front: New buildings shall be set back 30 feet from the nearest existing or proposed public right-of-way.
Side and Rear: New buildings shall be set back 20 feet from the side and rear lot lines. Between commercial and residential uses, a 50-foot vegetated buffer shall be suitably planted and permanently maintained; plantings will be no less than 50% evergreen for year-round screening. Additional setbacks may be required for compliance with other applicable regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to, Wetlands, Shoreland, and Aquifer Protection.
6. A minimum contiguous frontage of 200 feet on a Class V or better highway is required.
7. Must comply with all other Town of Kingston ordinances and regulations.

Planning Board review and approval is required for all commercial and multi-family developments and subdivisions.

Also, should the proposed Commercial II Zone be adopted by the Town, to amend the language in section 4.42A #3 to read:

Adult uses shall be allowed in the Commercial II Zone only.
(Editorial Note: This removes Adult Business from the Rural Residential Zone where it is currently allowed.)

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance, Article #7, as proposed by citizens petition?

YES 695 NO 1250*

Amend section 4.80 (II) (7) of the existing Kingston Zoning Ordinance, which provides a partial listing of permitted uses within Kingston's industrial zone, to add the words "and asphalt" following the word "cement" and before the words "plants, rock crushing and stone washing operations."

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 8: The Town voted 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 \$ 3,346,234. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,208,909, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Kingston or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1335* No 601

ARTICLE 9: The Town voted to authorize the Tax Collector to allow a 1 ½% deduction from Town Property Tax when payment is made within 30 days of billing.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1890* No 89

ARTICLE 10: The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, in the name of the Town, from Magnusson Farm, LLC, portions of Lots R40-2 and R40-3 and a portion of Lot R40-5 containing 60 acres, more or less, of land on the easterly side of

Route 125 in Kingston, New Hampshire, being the Town of Kingston Landfill and, in consideration therefore, to pay \$1.00 to Magnusson Farm, LLC; and to appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for this purpose; to grant certain access easements to Magnusson Farm, LLC; and to provide Magnusson Farm, LLC with an indemnity agreement whereby the Town agrees to indemnify Magnusson Farm, LLC and save Magnusson Farm, LLC harmless from any claims alleging environmental contamination of said land or alleging death, bodily injury, property damage or other loss arising out of the Town's use of said land as a landfill for disposal of waste, and the closure and monitoring of the Landfill.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1588* No 361

ARTICLE 11: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million (\$7,000,000.00) Dollars to be used for closure and long term monitoring of the Kingston Landfill pursuant to an Order of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Funds for said landfill closure to be taken from the "Kingston Landfill" Special Revenue Fund previously adopted by Town vote. This Article shall authorize the Selectmen of the Town of Kingston to spend such sums from the "Kingston Landfill" Special Revenue Fund as are necessary for landfill closure and long term monitoring. This will be a non-lapsing Warrant Article and will not lapse until December 31, 2009. (The intent of the "Kingston Landfill" Special Revenue Fund, as adopted, was to accumulate surplus revenue from the operation of the Landfill for future closing and long term monitoring costs.)

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1433* No 495

ARTICLE 12: The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA Chapter 38, to establish a municipal water utility, to accept future dedications of water utility infrastructure and to acquire those portions of existing water utility infrastructure, plant and property which the Selectmen judge to be suitable for establishing a municipal water utility, with the further understanding that any agreement to accept or acquire such plant or infrastructure shall either be paid for from monies appropriated for general government purposes, or alternately, in the Selectmen's discretion, any agreement to acquire or a determination of acquisition price shall be presented to a future Kingston Town Meeting for approval and ratification prior to final acquisition of water utility property.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Yes 1099* No 883

ARTICLE 13: The Town did not vote to grant the Selectmen the authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both pursuant to the provisions of RSA41:14-a. Once adopted, these provisions shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the Town at any duly warned meeting pursuant to RSA 41:14-c.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Yes 778 No 1116*

ARTICLE 14: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the previously established Outside Detail Fund. The source of this revenue shall be clients of the Town and this article shall not impact the tax rate. Outside Details are a source of revenue for the Town.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1499* No 414

ARTICLE 15: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand two hundred fifty-four dollars (\$12,254) to be used for equipment and personnel to develop a Town Emergency Response Plan. The funding for this appropriation is to come from 12/31/03 unreserved fund balance from the funds received in 2003 in a grant from the State of New Hampshire "Emergency Operations Hazard and Terrorist Plan, not to be raised by taxes.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1531* No 411

ARTICLE 16: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be placed in the expendable trust fund to repair, maintain and improve Town buildings.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1417* No 505

ARTICLE 17: The Town voted to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of complying with fire and safety codes at the Nichols Memorial Library.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1275* No 658

ARTICLE 18: The Town voted to raise and appropriate a sum of \$60,000 to be placed in a previously approved Capital Reserve Fund for the future replacement of highway equipment.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1209* No 709

ARTICLE 19: The Town did not vote to create a permanent part-time clerical position for the Highway Department at a salary of up to \$10,400. Further, to raise and appropriate \$7,800, which represents nine (9) months of funding.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 946 No 964*

ARTICLE 20: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for apparatus replacement.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1289* No 635

ARTICLE 21: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a new Fire Forestry Truck in accordance with the Truck Replacement Master Plan and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Approval of this Warrant Article has a \$0.00 dollar effect on the tax rate due to all funds being withdrawn from the capital reserve fund.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1248* No 679

ARTICLE 22: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to be placed in the "Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund" for the future purchase of development rights, conservation easements and other land acquisitions in order to stabilize the tax base, maintain large tracts of land and to help insure that the development of additional large multi-house subdivisions do not have a significant impact on taxes for education, fire and police.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1246* No 665

ARTICLE 23: The Town voted to create a Capital Reserve Fund for Future Replacement, Refurbishment, or Upgrade of Fire Department Buildings, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. Establishment of this fund attempts to keep level taxation while planning for and preparing for future needs.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1116* No 800

ARTICLE 24: The Town did not vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the existing Nichols Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund for Future Library Expansion and name the Nichols Memorial Board of Trustees and Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 871 No 1055*

ARTICLE 25: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the existing Kingston Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. Funds to be earmarked for the construction of new ballfields, tennis courts, and basketball courts at the area known as the Kingston Fairgrounds.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1157* No 805

ARTICLE 26: Voters authorized the creation of a part-time Recreation Coordinator, working 10 to 20 hours per week, 52 weeks/yr. Stipend/wages shall not exceed \$450 per month, or \$5,400 annually. This person will seek out and secure available grant monies, conduct an updated survey of our Town's recreational needs, and steer the Rec Commission to provide wholesome, recreational activities serving the entire Kingston Community. This person shall report to the Board of Selectmen via the Recreation Commission. A complete job description is on file at Town Hall. Further, since this position would begin 7/1/04, to raise and appropriate a six month stipend for calendar year 2004, at \$2,700.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION

Yes 1108* No 839

ARTICLE 27: The Town voted to modify the optional veterans' tax credit pursuant to RSA 72:28 II to the amount of \$200.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Yes 1542* No 343

ARTICLE 28: The Town voted to modify the elderly exemption pursuant to RSA 72:39-b II, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$65,000
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$85,000 and
For a person 80 years of age or older, \$105,000

In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income, in each applicable age group of not more than \$17,500, or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$27,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$55,000, excluding the value of the persons residence. Other elderly exemptions that have been previously adopted are hereby rescinded upon the adoption of this Article. In the event this Article does not pass, the existing elderly exemption provisions shall remain in effect, unmodified.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Yes 1579* No 333

ARTICLE 29: The Town voted to modify an exemption for the disabled pursuant to RSA 72:37-b choosing an exemption based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers in the amount of \$70,000. That this modification shall not otherwise effect the provisions of the existing exemption for disabled provisions concerning net income if passed. If this Warrant Article does not pass, the existing exemption will remain in effect, unmodified.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Yes 1208* No 641

ARTICLE 30: The Town voted to establish as Town Forests under RSA 31:110 the following five parcels of land:

- (1) South Kingston Forest located off Valley Lane comprised of Tax Map R-1, Lots 5, 11, 12, and 13 and Tax Map R-6, Lots 6 and 12, totaling approximately 108 acres.
- (2) North Kingston Forest off Back Road, Tax Map R-42, Lot 6, totaling approximately 20 acres.
- (3) Frye Road Forest, Tax Map R-7, Lot 1, totaling approximately 41 acres.
- (4) Dorre Road forest, Tax Map R-5, Lot 6, totaling approximately 16 acres.
- (5) A parcel of land on Route 107, Tax Map R - 28, Lot 2, totaling approximately 11 acres;

To authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the Town Forests under the provisions of RSA 31:112 II and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into conservation easements with an appropriate entity on the above parcels

The purpose of this warrant article is to designate properties which are already under the supervision of the Kingston Conservation Commission as Town Forests and to place the properties under permanent conservation easements.

Yes 1529* No 402

ARTICLE 31: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of funding the **Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County.**

The Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County is a non-profit agency whose mission is to protect children. We do this by providing a safe environment for the evaluation of child abuse and exploitation, coordinating services to victims and families and preventing future abuse through community education. Goals are:

To create a neutral place where interviews and services for abused children is provided.

To prevent trauma to a child caused by multiple contacts with various community professionals.

To provide the family with needed services that help them resolve their problems.

To communicate and coordinate our efforts with other community agencies.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1479* No 434

ARTICLE 32: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the health services offered by Seacare Health Services to the uninsured working families who are residents of the Town.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Yes 1466* No 403

ARTICLE 33: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Steppingstone Music Opportunities, Inc., d/b/a **The Sad Café** to help sustain current and future researched based prevention programs serving the needs of local children, youth and families in the Sanborn and Timberlane Regional School Districts. In addition to Kingston, the towns of Plaistow, Newton, Atkinson, Sandown and Danville are requested to raise and appropriate equal amounts. In addition, requested funds will help extend the hours of our Director of Community Programs from 20 to 30 hours per week. The current director has a masters degree in social work and will continue to provide professional services and effective grant writing skills in seeking alternative funds in support of our expanding programs.

Intent: Multiple community collaborative support for social service programs addressing regional concerns are key components in receiving major grant funding.

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RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

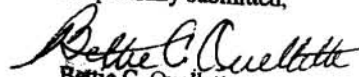
Yes 1236* No 660

ARTICLE 34: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7930.00 for the purpose of continued funding of Family Mediation and Juvenile Services of Southern Rockingham County. The agency is a non-profit organization who will provide the following services: Parent-Child Mediation, Peer Mediation, Community Service, Restitution, Youth and Parent participation in Anger-Management Courses, Youth and Parent participation in Substance Abuse Awareness Courses, Stop Shoplifting Courses, Tobacco Education, and individually-tailored juvenile diversion contracts as mandated by Brentwood Family Court. The Town of Kingston has participated in this program since its inception in 1983.

RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Yes 1353* No 540

Respectfully submitted,


Bette C. Ouellette
Kingston Town Clerk