

# MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING

## MARCH 9, 2010

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am at the Swasey Gymnasium at the former Sanborn Regional High School by the Moderator, Electra L. Alessio, for the voting by secret ballot for the election of Town Officers, 20 Regular Town Articles and 5 Zoning Articles, as well as the voting for the election of Officers for Sanborn Regional School District and voting of 5 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. Three Accu-Vote machines were used for this election.

The ballot clerks were, Holly Ouellette, Donna M. Grier, Joanne E. Lambert, Peter J. Sullivan, Herbert G. Noyes, Gloria M. Parsons, and Marilyn B. Bartlett. The Police Officer was Donald W. Briggs, Jr. The results were announced by the Moderator at 9:15 pm. The ballots were sealed and locked in the vault at 10:00 pm.

The total count was 1,149 including 57 absentee ballots. Twenty-eight new voters were registered at the polls, bringing the total voters on the checklist to 3,918.

The following results were obtained.

### Moderator for Two Years

Electra L. Alessio .....959\*

### Selectman for Three Years

Charles A. Hart.....892\*

### Treasurer for Three Years

Jayne Ramey .....897\*

### Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years

Robert L. Pothier, Jr. ....921\*

### Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years

Donna Winslow .....857\*

R. Bradley Maxwell .....773\*

### Trustee of Trust Funds for One Year

Krista McLellan..... (write-ins) 17\*

### Library Trustee for Three Years

Anthony Whitcomb .....747\*

Kathleen McDonough.....824\*

Library Trustee for Two Years

Robert Grier .....867\*

Library Trustee for One Year

Mary Magnusson.....940\*

Fire Ward for Three Years

Kent Walker.....888\*

Planning Board for Three Years

Stanley Shalett.....390

Richard G. Wilson .....622\*

Daniel Mastroianni .....607\*

Municipal Budget Committee for Three Years

Sandy Seaman..... (write-ins) 27\*

Wanda Millet ..... (write-ins) 19\*

Carla Crane..... (write-ins) 16\*

Keith Dias..... (write-ins) 16\*

Municipal Budget Committee for Two Years

Stanley Shalett.....690\*

Zoning Board of Adjustment for Three Years

"Jay" Alberts.....520\*

Daryl Branch..... 82

Robert L. Morse..... 377

**ARTICLE 2:** The voters adopted Amendment Number 2 to the existing Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Kingston Planning Board as follows:

Amend Article 303, Sign Ordinance by adding:

**5. Rules for Sign Removal:**

- a. All businesses must remove its sign within ninety (90) days of closing.
- b. All business signs must be "blanked-out" within ninety (90) days of closing by owner of property; standard or post need not be removed.
- c. In a residential setting, sign must be removed at once upon closing of business.
- d. In a non-conforming setting, a sign must be removed within ninety (90) days of closing, and the standard or platform must be removed within one year of closing of business.

- e. All of the above are based on the sign and stand, platform or standard being in good, safe condition, not posing a safety issue with the public.

YES 936\* NO 159

**ARTICLE 3:** The voters adopted Amendment Number 3 to the existing Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Kingston Planning Board as follows:

To amend the Historic District I regulations to provide consistent zoning along both sides of the "Plains" by removing the following lots from the Single Family Residential Zone, Article 103.1:

Tax Map U-9, Lots 3,4,5,6,12,13,40

Tax Map U-10, Lots 8 and 9

Tax Map U-11, Lots 1 through 12

YES 615\* NO 428

**ARTICLE 4:** The voters adopted Amendment Number 4 to the existing Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Kingston Planning Board as follows:

Amend Article 108, Commercial Zone I, by adding the following:

**108.5 PERMITTED USES:** The following are permitted:

K. Multi-family Workforce Housing

**108.6 PROHIBITED USES:**

A. Residential Construction with the exception of Multi-family Workforce Housing.

**108.7 Conditional Use Permits.** The Planning Board may grant a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of multi-family workforce housing in accordance with the requirements outlined herein.

**108.7.1 Purpose.** The purpose of the Multi-Family Dwelling conditional use permit is to allow for multi-family housing in appropriate locations in Kingston in order to comply with the requirements of RSA 674:59.

**108.7.2 Conditional Use Permit Required.** Within the C-I District multi-family dwellings and multi-family developments require a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. The Planning Board may approve a Conditional Use Permit which complies with the requirements of this section and the requirements of the Planning Board's subdivision and site plan review regulations. Applications for a Conditional Use Permit shall be submitted to the Planning Board and reviewed in accordance with the Planning Board's procedural requirements for subdivision review if applicable site plan review.

**108.7.3 Requirements for Multi-Family Dwellings and Development**

- A. **Location.** Multi-family dwellings may be located in the C-I Commercial Zone.
- B. **Parcel Size.** The minimum parcel size shall be 10 acres, which may include wetlands.
- C. **Frontage.** A multi-family dwelling or a multi-family development shall have a minimum contiguous frontage on a town road or street of 150 feet.
- D. **Number of Dwelling Units.** A multi-family dwelling shall not have more than 8 dwelling units. A multi-family development shall not have more than 40 dwelling units.
- E. **Density.** The density of a multi-family development shall not be greater than four (4) dwelling units per contiguous upland acre located in Kingston. No single contiguous area of uplands on a parcel shall have a density greater than four (4) dwelling units per acre. The density is the maximum allowed, and it may be reduced by the planning board if the characteristics of the site; or the configuration of the site plan; or the relationship of the development proposal to its environs so warrant.
- F. **Workforce Housing.** Not more than 50% of the dwelling units in a multi-family dwelling shall be workforce housing as defined by RSA 674:58, II and IV. The Planning Board shall enact such regulations as are necessary to administer this requirement to assure the continued compliance with it.
- G. **Building Spacing.** All buildings, including parking structures and accessory buildings, shall be separated by at least 25 feet.
- H. **Parking.** Site plans shall include adequate parking, as determined by the Planning Board
- I. **Building Height.** The building height will be a maximum of 35 (thirty-five) feet.

**108.7.4 Determinations Required for Conditional Use Permit Approval.** Prior to approving a Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board shall determine, by a vote on the record, that the multi-family dwelling or multi-family development meets each of the following standards:

- 1. The granting of the Conditional Use Permit will not be detrimental to adjacent property or the neighborhood.
- 2. The granting of the Conditional Use Permit will not be detrimental to the public safety, health or welfare.
- 3. The granting of the Conditional Use Permit will not be contrary to the public interest.

**108.7.6. Conditions.** In approving a Conditional Use Permit, the Planning Board may attach such conditions to its approval as it deems necessary to further the objectives of this section, the Zoning Ordinance and the public health, safety and general welfare.

**108.7.7 Conflicts.** Where the provisions of this section conflict directly with another requirement of the Zoning Ordinance or a requirement of the Planning Board's subdivision or site plan review regulations, the provisions of this section shall govern. Otherwise, all other requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Board's subdivision and site plan review regulations shall apply to multi-family dwellings and multi-family developments.

**108.7.8 Appeal.** Pursuant to RSA 676:5, III, appeals of any Planning Board decisions

made pursuant to this section shall be taken to the Superior Court, not to the Board of Adjustment.

YES 569\* NO 456

**ARTICLE 5:** The voters adopted Amendment Number 5 to the existing Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Kingston Planning board as follows:

Replace Article 302 with the following:

**Article 302: OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE**

**302.1 STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE:** The benefits of good outdoor lighting are increased safety, energy efficiency, enhancement of the Town's evening character and improved security. New techniques have created extremely powerful lights, which can inadvertently lead to excessive glare, light trespass, and higher energy use. Concerns resulting from excessive glare and light trespass include safety issues, loss of privacy, and increased energy costs for everyone. The goal of this lighting ordinance is to recognize the benefits of outdoor lighting and provide clear guidelines for its installation. Appropriately regulated and properly installed, outdoor lighting will maintain and complement the Town's Character and contribute to the safety and welfare of the residents of the town. The intent of this ordinance is to reduce the problems created by improperly designed and installed outdoor lighting by establishing regulations which limit the area that certain outdoor lighting luminaires can illuminate and by limiting the total allowable illumination of lots located in the Town of Kingston.

**302.2 DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this Ordinance, terms used shall be defined as follows:

**A. Direct Light:** Light emitted directly from the lamp, off of the reflector or reflector diffuser, or through the refractor or diffuser lens, of a luminaire.

**B. Fixture:** The assembly that houses the lamp or lamps and can include all or some of the following parts: a housing, a mounting bracket or pole socket, a lamp holder, a ballast, a reflector or mirror, and/or a refractor or lens.

**C. Flood or Spotlight:** Any light fixture or lamp that incorporates a reflector or a refractor to concentrate the light output into a directed beam in a particular direction.

**D. Glare:** Light emitting from a luminaire with an intensity great enough to reduce a viewer's ability to see, and in extreme cases causing momentary blindness.

**E. Height of Luminaire:** The height of a luminaire shall be the vertical distance from the ground directly below the centerline of the luminaire to the lowest direct-light-emitting part of the luminaire.

**F. IESNA:** Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.

**G. Indirect Light:** Direct light that has been reflected or has scattered off of other surfaces.

**H. Lamp:** The component of a luminaire that produces the actual light.

**I. Light Trespass:** The shining of light produced by a luminaire beyond the boundaries of the property of which it is located.

**J. Lumen:** (A unit of luminous flux.) One foot candle is one lumen per square foot. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the lumen-output values shall be the INITIAL lumen output ratings of a lamp.

**K. Luminaire:** This is a complete lighting system, and includes a lamp or lamps and a fixture.

**L. Outdoor Lighting:** The nighttime illumination of an outside area or object by any man-made device located outdoors that produces light by any means.

**M. Temporary outdoor lighting:** The specific illumination of an outside area or object by any man-made device located outdoors that produces light by any means for a period of less than 30 days, with at least 180 days passing before being used again.

**302.3 REGULATIONS:** All public and private outdoor lighting installed in the Town of Kingston shall be in conformance with the requirements established by this Ordinance.

**302.4 CONTROL OF GLARE - LUMINAIRE DESIGN FACTORS:**

A. Any luminaire emitting MORE than 1800 lumens (with 1,700 lumens being the typical output of a 100-watt incandescent bulb) shall be fully shielded so as to produce no light above a horizontal plane through the lowest direct-light-emitting part of the luminaire. (Such fixtures usually are labeled Dark Sky Certified or Compliant).

B. Any luminaire with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of MORE than 1800 lumens, and all flood or spot lights with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of MORE than 900 lumens, shall be mounted at a height equal to or less than the value  $3 + (D/3)$ , where D is the distance in feet to the nearest property boundary. The maximum height of the luminaire shall not exceed 25 feet.

C. Any luminaire with a lamp or lamps rated at 1800 lumens *or less*, and all flood or spot lights with a lamp or lamps rated at 900 lumens *or less*, may be used without restriction to light distribution or mounting height, except that, to prevent light trespass, if any flood or spot light is aimed, directed or focused so as to cause direct light from the luminaire to be directed toward residential buildings on adjacent or nearby land, or to create glare perceptible to pedestrians or persons operating motor vehicles on public ways, the luminaire shall be redirected, or its light output reduced or shielded, as necessary to eliminate such conditions. (Note: *This exempts most residential front door lights, but no so-called yard-blaster wide-area flood lighting.*)

D. Any luminaire used to illuminate a public area such as a street or walkway shall utilize an energy efficient lamp such as a low pressure sodium lamp, high pressure sodium lamp or metal halide lamp. Mercury vapor lamps shall not be used due to their inefficiency and high operating costs and toxic mercury content. New or replacement installation of mercury vapor luminaires shall not be permitted after the effective date of this ordinance, and the public shall be encouraged to remove and safely dispose of existing mercury vapor bulbs as soon as practicable. (Note: *Compact fluorescent lamps are not yet commercially available for roadway or wide-area lighting.*)

- E. Luminaires used in public areas such as roadway lighting, parking lots and for exterior building illumination shall be designed to provide the illumination recommended by the IESNA in the most current edition of the IESNA Lighting Handbook.
- F. To protect light-sensitive wildlife habitats, artificial lighting in or on the periphery of these areas shall be minimized and fully shielded to prevent any emission above a horizontal plane through the lowest light-emitting part of a luminaire.
- G. It is recommended that outdoor lighting installations shall include timers, dimmers, and/or motion sensors to reduce overall energy consumption and eliminate unneeded lighting, particularly after 11 PM.
- H. Moving, fluttering, blinking, or flashing lights or signs shall not be permitted, except as temporary seasonal holiday decorations. Externally lit signs shall be illuminated by continuous direct white light with illumination confined to the area of the sign and directed downward.
- I. Luminaires mounted on a gas station canopy shall be recessed in the ceiling of the canopy so that the lens cover is recessed or mounted flush with the ceiling of the canopy and fully shielded. Luminaires shall not be mounted on the sides or top of the canopy, and the sides or fascia of the canopy shall not be illuminated.

**302.5 EXCEPTIONS:**

- A. Luminaires used for public-roadway illumination may be installed at a maximum height of 25 feet and may be positioned at that height up to the edge of any bordering property.
- B. All lighting required for construction projects related to road construction and repair, installation of sewer and water facilities, and other public infrastructure.
- C. All emergency lighting needed by the police or fire departments or other emergency services, as well as all vehicular luminaries, shall be exempt from the requirements of this article.
- D. All hazard warning luminaires required by Federal regulatory agencies are exempt from the requirements of this article.
- E. Luminaires used primarily for signal or intersection illumination may be mounted at any height required to ensure roadway safety regardless of lumen rating.
- F. Seasonal holiday lighting and illumination of the American and State flags shall be exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance, providing that such lighting does not produce glare on roadways and neighboring residential properties.

**302.6 TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIGHTING:**

- A. Any temporary outdoor lighting that conforms to the requirements of this Ordinance shall be allowed. Nonconforming temporary lighting may be permitted by the Board of Selectmen after considering:
  - 1. the public and/or private benefits that will result from the temporary lighting;
  - 2. any annoyance or safety problems that may result from the use of the temporary lighting; and

3. the duration of the temporary nonconforming lighting.
- B. The applicant shall submit a detailed description of the proposed temporary nonconforming lighting to the Board of Selectmen, who shall consider the request at a duly called meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Prior notice of the meeting of the Board of Selectmen shall be given to the applicant. The Board of Selectmen shall render its decision on the temporary lighting request within two weeks of the date of the meeting. A failure by the Board of Selectmen to act on a request within the time allowed shall constitute a denial of the request.

**302.7 EFFECTIVE DATE AND GRANDFATHERING OF NON-CONFORMING LUMINAIRES:**

- A. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the voters of the Town of Kingston at an annual or special Town Meeting. Where any provision of this ordinance conflicts with previous ordinances pertaining to outdoor lighting, the more restrictive shall apply.
- B. All luminaires lawfully in place prior to the date of the Ordinance shall be grandfathered.

**302.8 NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. The Town of Kingston building permit shall include a statement asking whether the planned project will include any outdoor lighting.
- B. Within 30 days of the enactment of this ordinance, the Board of Selectmen shall publish a copy of the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance, with cover letter to all local electric utilities.

**302.9 VIOLATIONS, LEGAL ACTIONS, AND PENALTIES:**

- A. **Violations and Legal Actions:** If, after investigation, the Board of Selectmen finds that any provision of the Ordinance is being violated, they shall give notice by hand delivery or by certified mail, return-receipt requested, of such violation to the owner and/or to the occupant of such premises, demanding that violation be abated within thirty (30) days of the date of hand delivery or of the date of mailing of the notice. If the violation is not abated within the thirty-day period, the Board of Selectmen may institute actions and proceedings, either legal or equitable, including those pursuant to RSA 502-A:11-a(b), to enjoin, restrain, or abate any violations of this Ordinance and to collect the penalties for such violations.
- B. **Penalties:** A violation of this Ordinance, or any provision thereof, shall be punishable by a civil penalty of two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$275), and each day of violation after the expiration of the thirty-day period provided in paragraph 1 shall constitute a separate offense for the purpose of calculating the civil penalty.

YES 607\* NO 439

**ARTICLE 6:** The voters adopted Amendment Number 6 to the existing Town of Kingston Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Kingston Planning Board as follows:

Amend Article 107, Industrial Zone by adding the following uses and description:



107.1 **INDUSTRIAL ZONE.** The Industrial Zone is established as a zone in which the principal of use of land is for industry, professional/technology/retail Park and associated uses.

- H. Amusement Centers
- I. Hotels/Motels
- J. Business, professional, and medical offices
- K. Retail Services
- L. Wholesale Establishments

And add the following to Article P-II, Definitions:

**Amusement Center:** A structure of structures and/or outdoor areas engaged in providing private amusements or entertainment including such activities as dance halls or studios; theaters; cinemas; bowling alleys; video arcades; and similar types of uses for a fee or admission charge. Sexually oriented businesses are not considered a permitted use under this definition.

**Wholesale Establishment:** An establishment or place of business primarily engaged in selling and/or distributing merchandise to retailers; to industrial, commercial, institutional, or professional business users, or to other wholesalers; or acting as agents or brokers and buying merchandise for, or selling merchandise to, such individuals or companies.

YES 752\* NO 299

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 \$ 4,446,831.00. Should this article have been defeated, the default budget would have been \$4,443,179.00, 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 have held one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

YES 684\* NO 416

**ARTICLE 8:** The Town voted to authorize the Tax Collector to allow a 1½% deduction from Property Tax when payment is made within 30 days of billing.

YES 1,081\* NO 48

**ARTICLE 9:** The Town did not vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to NH RSA Chapter 38, to establish a municipal water utility, to accept future dedications of 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. A two-thirds affirmative vote was required for passage of this article.

YES 696 NO 376\*

**ARTICLE 10:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the previously approved Town Buildings Maintenance and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund.

YES 643\* NO 464

**ARTICLE 11:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the previously approved Highway Department Equipment Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

YES 653\* NO 445

**ARTICLE 12:** The Town voted to discontinue the following Expendable Trust Funds, the full balances of which were expended during prior years for the purposes set forth in the original articles by which the funds were established, or were transferred by vote of Town Meeting to other funds, or were renamed and are reported under another fund name: The Police Cruiser Expendable Trust Fund established in 1983; the Police Station Expendable Trust Fund established in 1985; and the Animal Fund Expendable Trust Fund established in 1990.

YES 895\* NO 188

**ARTICLE 13:** The Town voted to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds, the full balances of which were expended during prior years for the purposes set forth in the original articles, or were transferred by vote of Town Meeting to other funds: The Dump Closure Capital Reserve Fund established in 1987; and the Landfill Closing Capital Reserve Fund established in 1989.

YES 937\* NO 153

**ARTICLE 14:** The Town did not vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Building Replacement, Upgrade and Refurbishment Capital Reserve Fund.

YES 467 NO 598\*

**ARTICLE 15:** The Town did not vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 to be placed in the previously established Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for Apparatus Replacement. If Article 16 had passed, this article would have been null and void.

YES 465 NO 577\*

**ARTICLE 16:** The Town did not vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict 100% of resident ambulance revenues to expenditures for the purpose of replacement of fire department apparatus and equipment. Such revenues and expenditures would have been accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Fire Department

Apparatus and Equipment fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund would not have been deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and would have been expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. The passage of this article would have nullified Article #15.

YES 334 NO 708\*

**ARTICLE 17:** The Town did not vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 and authorize the hiring of a full-time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician (preferably a Paramedic) for the Town of Kingston. This appropriation was for salary and benefits for 6 months. If approved, this position would have become part of the operating budget in ensuing years.

YES 369 NO 698\*

**ARTICLE 18:** The Town did not vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for conceptual drawings and pricing for an addition to the central Fire Station located on Main Street. This would have included an addition with apparatus bays, storage, administrative offices, training spaces, Emergency Operations Center, and common areas. Also, the Town did not authorize the withdrawal of said \$9,500 from the Fire Department's Building Replacement, Upgrade and Refurbishment Capital Reserve Fund with a current balance of approximately \$309,000 created for such purpose.

YES 505 NO 557\*

**ARTICLE 19:** The Town did not vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of a fireworks display during the Kingston Days 2010 celebration.

YES 518 NO 555\*

**ARTICLE 20:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the amount of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of repairing and renovating the former YWCA land and buildings and building equipment located at 24 Main Street in Kingston (Tax Map U5, Lot 62) for use as a community recreation facility, and authorized withdrawal and expenditure of that amount from the previously approved Recreation Capital Reserve Fund.

YES 631\* NO 433

**ARTICLE 21:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the existing Nichols Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund for future Library construction and name the Nichols Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Kingston Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

YES 553\* NO 518

**ARTICLE 22:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 to be placed in the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund for the future purchase of development rights, conservation easements and other land acquisition to stabilize the tax base, maintain large tracts of land as such, and to help ensure that the development of additional large multi-house subdivisions do not have significant impact on taxes for town services such as education, fire, and police.

YES 624\* NO 441

**ARTICLE 23:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,380.00 to support Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels Program's service providing meals for older, homebound and disabled Kingston residents in the Town's 2010 Budget.

YES 1,013\* NO 109

**ARTICLE 24:** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of conducting courtesy inspections of boats using the boat launches on Main Street, on Kingston Lake, to remove fragments of exotic invasive aquatic species and to educate the public on how to prevent the spread of exotic species from waterbody to waterbody. This will provide a Lake Host with ten hours a week for ten weeks to conduct inspections and educate boaters, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 2010, thereby minimizing the potential for an infestation of an exotic species, such as variable milfoil, that could make recreation on Kingston Lake dangerous, disrupt the ecological balance of the lake, reduce the value of shoreline properties and would be expensive to control and difficult to eliminate.

YES 807\* NO 305

**ARTICLE 25:** The Town voted to designate the Class VI portion of Tucker Road as a Class A Trail as authorized by RSA 231-A; beginning at the northern end of Tax Map R33, Lot 31 and continuing northerly along Tucker Road to the south end of Tax Map R32, Lot 12. Passing this warrant article enhances efforts by the town to apply for funding for such things as bridge repair, through the "Recreational Trail" and "Grant in Aid" funding programs available from the N. H. Bureau of Trails, as well as through programs of other public and private sources.

YES 861\* NO 227

**ARTICLE 26:** The Town voted to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

YES 719\* NO 346

Results were announced at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie C. Ouellette  
Kingston Town Clerk