EXISTING AND PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Kingston Planning Board

2024 Proposed Zoning Warrant Articles for the March Ballot

(Proposed changes are in RED. Purple and blue text or underline is text moved from another section of the ordinance. The *italicized* text is editorial changes that do not require a vote and are provided for information purposes only. The editorial changes will be made after the March 2024 election.)

Article PREAMBLE II: DEFINITIONS, B. DEFINITIONS

Warrant ARTICLE 2, AMENDMENT #1

Article PREAMBLE II: DEFINITIONS, B. DEFINITIONS – "Family"

REMOVE #13, the definition of "Family".

13. "Family: One or more persons related by blood, adoption or marriage living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit, or a number or persons, but not exceeding two adults, living and cooking together as a single housekeeping unit shall be deemed to constitute a family."

And Replace the current definition of family with the following:

13. "Family: For the purposes of the Kingston zoning ordinance the term "family" refers to those individuals that constitute the occupants of a single dwelling unit."

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT

Warrant ARTICLE 3, AMENDMENT #2

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.5 DESCRIPTION AND PERMITTED USES, A. HISTORIC DISTRICT I, 2.

AMEND Article 102.5 A.2-

2. Every building lot in Historic District I that has a dwelling thereon shall not have more than one additional structure for use as permitted in accordance with Article 102.5.

To read as follows:

2. "Every building lot in Historic District I that has a dwelling or dwellings thereon shall not have more than one additional structure for use as permitted in accordance with Article 102.5.1. The only instance where two dwellings are allowed to be in separate structures is when one of these is an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) approved to be in a stand-alone structure (i.e., garage, barn, carriage house or other structure). See Article 206 for ADU definitions and requirements."

Article PREAMBLE II: DEFINITIONS, B. DEFINITIONS

Warrant ARTICLE 4, AMENDMENT #3

Article PREAMBLE II: DEFINITIONS, B. DEFINITIONS – "Industrial Developments" REMOVE #15, the definition of "Industrial Developments".

15. "Industrial Developments: The dedication of real property to the manufacture of goods or services."

Warrant ARTICLE 5, AMENDMENT #4

Article PREAMBLE II: DEFINITIONS, B. DEFINITIONS – "Mobile Home"
REMOVE #18, the existing definition of "Mobile Home or House Trailer --

18. "Mobile Home or House Trailer: A prefabricated structure or dwelling unit which is designed for long term and continuous residential occupancy and which is designed to be moved on wheels as a whole or in sections which may be temporarily or permanently affixed to real estate."

and REPLACE with a new definition for "Mobile & Manufactured Home" per NH RSA 674:31.

"Mobile Home or Manufactured Home (as defined in NH RSA 674:31): As used in this subdivision, "manufactured housing" means any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating and electrical heating systems contained therein.

Manufactured housing as defined in this section shall not include presite built housing as defined in NH RSA 674:31-a."

Warrant ARTICLE 6, AMENDMENT #5

Article PREAMBLE II: DEFINITIONS, B. DEFINITIONS – "Presite Built Housing" ADD entirely new definition for "Presite Built Housing" per NH RSA 674:31-a. "Presite Built Housing (as defined in NH RSA 674:31-a.):- As used in this subdivision, "presite built housing" means any structure designed primarily for residential occupancy which is wholly or in substantial part made, fabricated, formed or assembled in off-site manufacturing facilities in conformance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development minimum property standards and local building codes, for installation, or assembly and installation, on the building site.

For the purposes of this subdivision, presite built housing shall not include manufactured housing, as defined in NH RSA 674:31."

I. Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT

Warrant ARTICLE 7, AMENDMENT #6

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.2 HISTORIC DISTRICT I

AMEND Article **102 Historic District, Section102.2 Historic District I** to ADD the word "former" and Tax Map and Lot number reference (Tax Map R-34 17) to paragraph 1 to describe Sanborn Regional High School property to read as follows:

"On Church Street, the District shall go northwest on both sides of the street to a depth of 350 feet for approximately 1,275 feet to the further boundary of the former Sanborn Regional High School property (Tax Map R-34 Lot 17). All former Sanborn Regional School District property fronting on Main Street (excepting athletic field on Chase and Church Streets) shall be in the Historic District. The Historic District shall also include the Kingston Plains Cemetery and properties on Depot Road adjacent thereto. Properties whose frontage lies partially within the District, shall be considered within the District. To eliminate confusion, the following lots have frontage in Historic District I and therefore zoned as completely Historic District I:"

Warrant ARTICLE 8, AMENDMENT #7

Article102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.4 MOBILE HOMES

AMEND Section 102.4 Mobile Homes -

Current language: "MOBILE HOMES will not be permitted in the Historic Districts."

Change to read as follows:

"MOBILE HOMES and MANUFACTURED HOMES, as defined in NH RSA 674:31, will not be permitted in the Historic Districts. Presite Built Housing as defined in NH RSA 674:31-a. may be allowed in the Historic Districts."

Warrant ARTICLE 9, AMENDMENT #8

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.5 DESCRIPTION AND PERMITTED USES, B. HISTORIC DISTRICT II

AMEND Article 102 Historic District, Section 102.5 Description and Permitted Uses, B. Historic District II to REMOVE the existing 2nd sentence "This area is zoned Single Family Residential Agricultural and uses will be permitted in accordance with the Kingston Zoning Ordinances and in conformance with Historic District Ordinances." And REPLACE it with the new language to read as follows: "Historic District II is a residential area containing some fine old homes. The use of land in the district is limited to single family dwellings, agricultural uses and incidental uses such as private garages, boat houses, tool sheds, gardens, and the like. Agricultural use shall mean land used for agriculture, farming, dairying, pasturage, apiculture, horticulture, floriculture, silviculture, and animal and poultry husbandry. These uses will be permitted in conformance with Historic District Ordinances and Regulations."

Warrant ARTICLE 10, AMENDMENT #9

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.8 PROCEDURE; and Section 102.8.C.

AMEND Article 102 Historic District, Section 102.8 Procedure and Section 102.8.C. to make the following *editorial* changes and REPLACE the word "receipt" with "filing" in the 1st paragraph. ADD new language to letter C. to include "the building inspector".

"Upon obtaining an application, the applicant should supply the information relative to such application as may be required by the Historic District Commission (from time to time). *Before applying, applicants should refer to HDC Regulations and Design Standards in section 1201. In accordance with NH RSA 676:9,* no building permit shall be issued for any work proposed to be done in the Historic District until the Commission has approved the application. The Commission shall make a decision within 45 days of filing of application and failure to do so will be deemed to constitute an approval by the Commission. Within said period, the Commission shall:

- A. Determine that the application is of no interest to the purpose of the Historic Districts or that the proposal Is harmonious with the purpose of the Districts and so notify the applicant, or
- B. Determine that the application represents a proposal that is in conflict with the purposes of the Historic Districts and schedule a meeting with the applicant."
- C. The Commission shall promptly notify the applicant, the Building Inspector, and the Selectmen of its decision.

Further details on HDC procedure can be found in section 1202."

<u>EDITORIAL ONLY</u> by ADDING a new section number because of the duplicate section # found in this Article- Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.8. 1 PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Providing the language for informational purposes only). "Both the Commission and the applicant or each of them shall have the right to call for a public hearing on the proposal. Notice of said hearings shall be posted at least ten (10) days in advance in a newspaper of general circulation and in at least three (3) public places, the cost of said posting to be borne by the applicant. Notice to abutting and adjacent property owners shall be sent by registered mail. Testimony shall be received from any party desiring to participate."

Warrant ARTICLE 11, AMENDMENT #10

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section102.9 GUIDELINES AMEND Article 102 Historic District, Section102.9 Guidelines as follows:

- a. MOVE the existing language "When making a determination on the application, reasons for denial of an application must be clearly documented and shall be factual and verifiable reasons for denial." to Section 102.10.
- b. REMOVE "Reasons for denial shall not be subjective or based on opinion or speculation."
- c. MOVE "If the Historic District Commission or parties at the HDC application level other than the applicant requires expert testimony or documentation to support the denial, they cannot require the applicant be responsible for the generation or costs associated with such support of denial. This shall not prohibit the Historic District Commission from making additional recommendations to an applicant that are in the spirit of the Historic District asking for voluntary compliance or participation. (Added 03/14/2023) to the
 - bottom of this same 102.9 section below A, B, C, D.
- d. ADD an entirely new item D. "Whether the proposal is of a design, or of materials, or for a purpose or use inconsistent with the overall character of the district as described in 102.5."

AMENDING Section 102.9 Guidelines to read as follows:

"In considering appropriateness of an application, the Commission shall consider, among other things:

- A. The effect that the exterior facade of the building will have when viewed in relation to the surrounding buildings in the district.
- B. The change, if any, in the amount of noise, congestion and traffic that the proposed building or use will create in the district.
- C. Whether the proposal is of a design, or of materials, or for a purpose or use inconsistent with and detrimental or injurious to buildings and purposes or uses upon adjoining lands and whether such proposal is such that it will detract from the character and quiet dignity of the Kingston Historic District.
- D. Whether the proposal is of a design, or of materials, or for a purpose or use inconsistent with the overall character of the district as described in 102.5.

If the Historic District Commission or parties at the HDC application level other than the applicant requires expert testimony or documentation to support the denial, they cannot require the applicant be responsible for the generation or costs associated with such support of denial. This shall not prohibit the Historic District Commission from making additional recommendations to an applicant that are in the spirit of the Historic District asking for voluntary compliance or participation. (Added 03/14/2023)"

Warrant ARTICLE 12, AMENDMENT #11

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section102.10 DENIAL AND APPEAL

AMEND Article 102 Historic District Section102.10 DENIAL AND APPEAL to ADD

"the Building Inspector" to paragraph one. And MOVE language currently found in Section 102.9 to be a new paragraph at the end of this section.

AMENDING the language for Article 102 Historic District Section102.10 DENIAL AND APPEAL read as follows:

"In such cases as the Commission may deny an application, it shall supply the applicant, the Building Inspector, and the Board of Adjustment with a letter citing the reasons for such denial. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Commission may appeal to the Board of Adjustment.

When making a determination on the application, reasons for denial of an application must be clearly documented and shall be factual and verifiable reasons for denial. (Added 03/14/2023)"

Warrant ARTICLE 13, AMENDMENT #12

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.12 PRE-EXISTING USE AMEND Article 102 Historic District by ADDING an entirely new Section102.12 Pre-Existing Use to read.

"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.

Nonconforming uses may not be expanded or changed to other nonconforming uses."

Warrant ARTICLE 14, AMENDMENT #13

Article 102: HISTORIC DISTRICT, Section 102.13 CONFLICTS

AMEND Article 102 Historic District by ADDING an entirely new Section102.13

Conflicts to read.

"Must comply with all other Town of Kingston ordinances and regulations unless explicitly stated otherwise."

EDITORIAL CHANGES ONLY: Article 102 HISTORIC DISTRICT, 103 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, 105 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

ADD SET BACKS to Articles 102, 103 and 105. This language is from Article 301 and is being added to the residential districts. Add the following language to each section below: "Every structure shall be set back from front property line a minimum of twenty (20) feet. No structure shall be located within twenty (20) feet of property lines (side and rear)." (This is existing law in 301 and the purpose for including it in these sections is making it easier to find. These are editorial changes and do not need to go to Public Hearing to vote on for the 2024 ballot.)

Article 102 Historic District Section102.5 Description and Permitted Uses, A. Historic District I, 4. "Every structure shall be set back from front property line a minimum of twenty (20) feet. No structure shall be located within twenty (20) feet of property lines (side and rear)."

Article 102 Historic District Section102.5 Description and Permitted Uses, B. Historic District II. "Every structure shall be set back from front property line a minimum of twenty (20) feet. No structure shall be located within twenty (20) feet of property lines (side and rear)."

Article 103 Single Family Residential District Section 103.5 [existing 103.5 to become 103.6] "Every structure shall be set back from front property line a minimum of twenty (20) feet. No structure shall be located within twenty (20) feet of property lines (side and rear)."

103.6 Must comply with all other Town of Kingston Ordinances and Regulations.

Article 105 Single Family Residential District Agricultural District Section 105.4 [existing 105.4 to become 105.5] "Every structure shall be set back from front property line a minimum of twenty (20) feet. No structure shall be located within twenty (20) feet of property lines (side and rear)."

105.5 Must comply with all other Town of Kingston Ordinances and Regulations.

Article 109: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-II

Warrant ARTICLE 15, AMENDMENT #14

Article 109: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-II, Section 109.7 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
AMENDING Article 109 Commercial Zone C-II, Section 109.7 Special Exceptions by
REPLACING Special Exceptions (handled by the Zoning Board of Adjustments)
with a Conditional Use Permit (handled by the Planning Board). CHANGE the
language "property values" to "properties" in subsection A.1. AMENDING the
language to read as follows:

"Conditional Use Permit: If, after a public hearing by the Planning Board, a proposed business, not specifically permitted or *not specifically* prohibited 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 Conditional Use Permit issued by the Planning Board, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as may be deemed necessary by said Planning Board. The Board shall deny requests for conditional use permits that do not meet the standards of this section.

A. Conditional Use Permits shall meet the following standards:

- 1. No unreasonable impact to properties in the vicinity or change in the essential characteristics of any area including residential neighborhoods or business and industrial districts on account of the location or scale of buildings and other structures, parking area, access ways, odor, smoke, gas, dust or other pollutant, noise, glare, heat, vibration or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles, or other materials.
- 2. No creation of traffic safety hazard or substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity.
- 3. No unreasonable excess demand for municipal services including, but not limited to: water, sewer, waste disposal, police, fire protection, and schools.
- 4. No unreasonable hazard to the public or adjacent property on account of potential fire, explosion, or release of toxic materials.
- 5. Notification of the hearing will be provided to the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen."

Board comments: To clarify that the removing of the language of "property values" does not necessarily remove the intent of property values from being included with properties.

B. If the Special Exception is granted, formal site plan review by the Planning Board is required.

Article 110: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-III

Warrant ARTICLE 16, AMENDMENT #15

Article 110: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-III, Section 110.3 PERMITTED USES, K. AMEND Article 110 Commercial District III, Section 110.3.K by ADDING new language (red text) to the existing language (black text) as follows:

K. "Vehicular, trailer and recreational vehicle sales, rentals or leasing and service repair facility provided that no lot used for this purpose may be located any closer than 1,000 (one thousand) feet in any direction to any other lot used for this purpose. This 1,000-foot separation applies to like businesses; so automotive vehicle sales and leasing and repair must be separated by 1,000 feet from a new automotive vehicle sales, leasing, and repair business. Heavy truck sales would not be subject to the 1,000-foot separation requirement from automobile sales facilities. Likewise, an automobile short-term rental company would not be subject to the 1,000-foot separation from an automobile sales facility. The Planning Board is allowed to determine if proposed uses constitute uses that require the 1,000-foot separation."

Warrant ARTICLE 17, AMENDMENT #16

Article 110: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-III, Section 110.3 PERMITTED USES, O. AMEND Article 110 Commercial District III, Section110.3 Permitted Uses, O. by ADDING "Warehouses" to read.

O. "Wholesale Business and Warehouses"

Warrant ARTICLE 18, AMENDMENT #17

Article 110: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-III, Section 110.5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AMEND Article 110 Commercial Zone C-III Section 110.5 Special Exceptions by REPLACING Special Exceptions (handled by the Zoning Board of Adjustments) with a Conditional Use Permit (handled by the Planning Board). CHANGE the language "property values" to "properties" in subsection A.1. AMENDING the language to read as follows:

"Conditional Use Permit: If, after a public hearing by the Planning Board, a proposed business, not specifically permitted or *not specifically* prohibited 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 Conditional Use Permit issued by the Planning Board, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards as may be deemed necessary by said Planning Board. The Board shall deny requests for conditional use permits that do not meet the standards of this section.

A. Conditional Use Permits shall meet the following standards:

- 1. No unreasonable impact to properties in the vicinity or change in the essential characteristics of any area including residential neighborhoods or business and industrial districts on account of the location or scale of buildings and other structures, parking area, access ways, odor, smoke, gas, dust or other pollutant, noise, glare, heat, vibration or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles, or other materials.
- 2. No creation of traffic safety hazard or substantial increase in the level of traffic congestion in the vicinity.
- 3. No unreasonable excess demand for municipal services including, but not limited to: water, sewer, waste disposal, police, fire protection, and schools.
- 4. No unreasonable hazard to the public or adjacent property on account of potential fire, explosion, or release of toxic materials.
- 5. Notification of the hearing will be provided to the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen."

Board comments: To clarify that the removing of the language of "property values" does not necessarily remove the intent of property values from being included with properties.

B.—If the Conditional Use Permit is granted, formal site plan review by the Planning Board is required.

Warrant ARTICLE 19, AMENDMENT #18

Article 110: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-III, Section 110.6 Lot Regulations, B. Setbacks, 1.b.

AMEND Article 110 Commercial Zone C-III, Section 110.6 Lot Regulations, B. Setbacks, 1.b. to remove the word "zone" and change it to "use"; AMENDING the language as follows:

"b. Residential setback (side or rear only): 50 feet, when abutting a residential use.

Warrant ARTICLE 20, AMENDMENT #19

Article 110: COMMERCIAL ZONE C-III, Section 110.6 LOT REGULATIONS, B. Setbacks, 1.c.

AMEND Article 110 Commercial Zone C-III, Section 110.6 Lot Regulations, B. Setbacks, c. to change "25" to "30" feet; AMENDING the language as follows: "c. Otherwise, Front: 30 feet, Side: 20 feet, Rear: 20 feet"

Article 203: KINGSTON FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Warrant ARTICLE 21, AMENDMENT #20

Article 203: KINGSTON FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDING the following sections of Article 203 Kingston Flood Plain Development Ordinance.

Board comments: This article is being amended to stay in compliance with the National Insurance Flood Program and that the Town will be eliminated from the program if these amendments are not accepted.

Article # (in current	Current Language	Proposed new language
ordinance. If new,		
may need new		
numbering and		
lettering once		
amendments are		
applied)		
203.2 DEFINITIONS		C. Base Flood Elevation (BFE) means
203.2.C.		the elevation of surface water
Base Flood		resulting from the "base flood."
Elevation (BFE)		
203.2 DEFINITIONS	AMEND	Development means any man-made
203.2.E.	E. Development means any man-	change to improved or unimproved
Development		real estate, including, but not
(MAY NEEDTO	unimproved real estate,	limited to, buildings or other
RELETTER ONCE	including, but not limited to,	structures, mining, dredging, filling,
REFORMATTED)	buildings or other structures,	grading, paving, excavating, or
	mining, dredging, filling, grading,	drilling operation or storage of
	paving, excavating, or drilling	equipment or materials.
	operation.	
203.2 DEFINITIONS	NEW	Flood Opening. An opening in a
203.2.L. Flood	-	foundation or enclosure wall that
Opening		allows automatic entry or exit of
(MAY NEEDTO	and Flood Proofing is now letter M.	floodwaters. See FEMA "Technical
RELETTER ONCE		Bulleting 1, Openings in Foundation
REFORMATTED)		Walls and Walls of Enclosures.
203.2 DEFINITIONS	REMOVE	REMOVE the definition of Functionally
203.2.N.	N. Functionally dependent use	dependent use.
Functionally	means a use which cannot	
dependent use	perform its intended	

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purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking and port facilities that are necessary for the loading/unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building/repair facilities but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities. 203.2 DEFINITIONS **AMEND** Manufactured Home means a 203.2.R. R. Manufactured Home means a structure, transportable in one or Manufactured Home structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a (MAY NEEDTO permanent chassis and is designed more sections, which is built on a RELETTER ONCE for use with or without a permanent chassis and is designed REFORMATTED) permanent foundation when for use with or without a connected to the required utilities. permanent foundation when For floodplain management connected to the required utilities. purposes the term "manufactured For floodplain management home" includes park trailers, travel purposes the term "manufactured trailers, and other similar vehicles home" includes park trailers, travel placed on site for greater than 180 trailers, and other similar vehicles days. This includes manufactured placed on site for greater than 180 homes located in a manufactured days. home park or subdivision. Manufactured Home Park or 203.2 DEFINITIONS NEW 203.2.U. **Subdivision** means a parcel (or Manufactured Home contiguous parcels) of land divided Park or Subdivision into two or more manufactured home (MAY NEEDTO lots for rent or sale. RELETTER ONCE REFORMATTED) 203.1 DEFINITIONS **AMEND** Mean sea level means the National 203.1.S. Mean sea S.Mean sea level means the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of level 1929, North American Vertical (MAY NEEDTO 1929 or other datum, to which base Datum (NAVD) of 1988, or other RELETTER ONCE flood elevations shown on a datum to which base flood REFORMATTED) communities Flood Insurance Rate elevations shown on a com munities Map are referenced.

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		Flood Insurance Rate Map are
		referenced.
203.2 DEFINITIONS 203.2.T. 100-year flood.	REMOVE T. 100-year flood - see base flood.	Remove 100-year flood.
203.2 DEFINITIONS 203.2.V. New Construction (MAY NEEDTO RELETTER ONCE REFORMATTED)	NEW	New construction means, for the purposes of determining insurance rates, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. For floodplain management purposes, new construction means structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.
203.2 DEFINITIONS	AMEND	Special flood hazard area. (See - "
203.2.W. Special	W. Special flood hazard area means	Area of Special Flood Hazard")
flood hazard area	an area having flood, mudslide,	
(MAY NEEDTO	and/or flood-related erosion hazards,	
RELETTER ONCE	and shown on the FIRM as zone A,	
REFORMATTED)	and AE. (See- "Area of Special Flood	
	Hazard")	
203.2 DEFINITIONS	AA. Substantial Improvement	Substantial Improvement means any
203.2.AA.	means any combination of repairs,	reconstruction, rehabilitation,
Substantial	reconstruction, alteration, or	addition, or other improvement of a
Improvement	improvements to a structure in	structure, the cost of which equals or
(MAY NEEDTO	which the cumulative cost equals or	exceeds 50 percent of the market
RELETTER ONCE	exceed fifty percent of the market	value of the structure before the
REFORMATTED)	value of the structure. The market	"start of construction" of the
	value of the structure should equal:	improvement. This term includes
	(1) the appraised value prior to the	structures which have incurred
	start of the initial repair or	"substantial damage," regardless of
	improvement, or (2) in the case of	the actual repair work performed. The
	damage, the value of the structure	term does not, however, include
	prior to the damage occurring. For	either:

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	the purposes of this definition, "substantial improvement" is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. This term includes structures which have incurred substantial damage, regardless of actual repair work performed. The term does not; however, include any project for improvement of a structure required to comply with existing health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions or any alteration of a "historic structure", provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure".	enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or b. Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."
203.2 DEFINITIONS 203.2.FF.	NEW	Violation means the failure of a structure or other development to be
Violation		fully compliant with the community's
(MAY NEEDTO		floodplain management regulations.
RELETTER ONCE		
REFORMATTED)		
203.2 DEFINITIONS	AMEND	Water surface elevation means the
203.2.BB.	BB. Water surface elevation means	height, in relation to the National
Water surface elevation (MAY NEEDTO RELETTER ONCE REFORMATTED)	the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains.	Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains.
203.5.A. CERTIFICATION	A . the as-built elevation (in relation to NGVD) of the lowest floor	the as-built elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) and include whether or not such structures

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(MAY NEEDTO RELETTER ONCE REFORMATTED) 203.5.B. CERTIFICATION (MAY NEEDTO RELETTER ONCE REFORMATTED)	whether or not such structures contain a basement. AMEND B. if the structure has been floodproofed, the as-built elevation (in relation to NGVD) to which the structure was flood-proofed.	if the structure has been flood- proofed, the as-built elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was flood-proofed.
203.7.A. WATERCOURSES (MAY NEEDTO RELETTER ONCE REFORMATTED)		In riverine situations, prior to the alteration or relocation of a watercourse the applicant for such authorization shall notify the Wetlands Bureau of the New Hampshire Environmental Services Department and submit copies of such notification to the Building Inspector, in addition to the copies required by the RSA 483-A:3. Further, the applicant shall be required to submit copies of said notification to those adjacent communities as determined by the Building Inspector, including notice of all scheduled hearings before the Wetlands Bureau. In addition, construction within wetland areas requires notification of the Kingston Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.
203.8. SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (MAY NEEDTO RELETTER ONCE REFORMATTED)	AMEND A. In special flood hazard areas the Building Inspector in conjunction with the Kingston Town Engineer shall determine the 100-year flood elevation in the following order of precedence according to the data available:	In special flood hazard areas the Building Inspector in conjunction with the Kingston Town Engineer shall determine the base flood elevation in the following order of precedence according to the data available: 1. In zones A and AE, refer to the

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- 1. In zones A and AE, refer to the elevation data provided in the community's Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM.
- 2. In unnumbered A zones the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any 100 year flood elevation data available from any federal, state or other source including data submitted for development proposals submitted to the community (i.e. subdivisions, site approvals).
- **B.** The Building Inspector's 100 year flood elevation determination will be used as criteria for requiring in zones A and AE that:
 - all new construction or substantial improvement of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the 100-year flood elevation;
 - 2. that all new construction or substantial improvements of non-residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the 100 year flood level; or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall:
 - a) be flood-proofed so that below the 100 year flood elevation the structure is

- elevation data provided in the community's Flood Insurance Study and accompanying FIRM.
- 2. In Zone A, the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation data available from any federal, state or other source including data submitted for development proposals submitted to the community (i.e. subdivisions, site approvals). Where a base flood elevation is not available or not known for Zone A, the base flood elevation shall be determined to be at least 2 feet above the highest adjacent grade.
 - B. The Building Inspector's base flood elevation determination will be used as criteria for requiring in zones A and AE that:
 - all new construction or substantial improvement of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood elevation;
 - 2. that all new construction or substantial improvements of non-residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood level; or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall:

- watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
- b) have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy; and
- c) be certified by a
 registered professional
 engineer or architect
 that the design and
 methods of
 construction are in
 accordance with
 accepted standards of
 practice for meeting
 the provisions of this
 section;
- 3. recreational vehicles placed on sites within zones A and AE shall either (i) be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, (ii) be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or (iii) meet all standards of Section 60.3 (b) (1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and the elevation and anchoring requirements for manufactured homes in paragraph (c) (6) of Section 60.3.
- 4. all manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved within special flood hazard areas shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood level; and be securely anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral

- a) be flood-proofed so that below the base flood elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
- b) have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy; and
- c) be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this section;
- 3. recreational vehicles placed on sites within zones A and AE shall either (i) be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, (ii) be fully licensed, on wheels or jacking system, attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and have not permanently attached additions, or (iii) meet all standards of manufactured homes in this ordinance.
- 4. all manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved within special flood hazard areas shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood level; and be securely anchored to

- movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces;
- 5. for all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding are permitted provided they meet the following requirements: (1) the enclosed area is unfinished or flood resistant, usable solely for the parking of vehicles, building access or storage; (2) the area is not a basement; (3) shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwater. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria: A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided.

The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwater.

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203.9 VARIANCES	AMEND	If the applicant, upon appeal,
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(MAY NEEDTO	requests a variance as authorized	by RSA 674:33, I, the applicant shall
RELETTER ONCE	by RSA 674:33, I (b) , the applicant	have the burden of showing in
REFORMATTED)	shall have the burden of showing	addition to the usual variance
	in addition to the usual variance	standards under state law:
	standards under state law:	

Article 204: INNOVATIVE ZONING

Warrant ARTICLE 22, AMENDMENT #21

Article 204: INNOVATIVE ZONING

AMENDING **Article 204 Innovative Zoning** to be renamed to "Conservation Open Space Zoning."

Article 206: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE

Warrant ARTICLE 23, AMENDMENT #22

Article 206: ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE, Section 206.4. ADU REQUIREMENTS, E.

AMENDING first paragraph of Article **206 Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance**, **Section 206.4. ADU Requirements**, E. -

"The size of the ADU shall not be smaller than 600 square feet. The maximum size of the ADU shall Not Exceed 1/3 of the size of the Gross Living Area, aka GLA (heated or air-conditioned space), as defined in the Town's tax card, of the primary single-family dwelling. (Amended 03/08/22) In the case where a home is smaller than 1800 square feet the ADU may be no larger than 600 square feet."

To read as follows:

E. "The size of the ADU shall not be smaller than 600 square feet. The maximum size of the ADU shall not exceed 50% of the size of the Gross Living Area, aka GLA (heated or air-conditioned space), as defined in the Town's tax card, of the primary single-family dwelling. In cases where the ADU is attached to the existing home, internal renovations are not permitted to result in the new ADU being equal in size to the original dwelling unit. The original dwelling unit must be larger in square footage so that the ADU remains accessory.

Single family dwelling units that are smaller than 1,200 square feet are not permitted to create an accessory dwelling unit. The reason for this is that an accessory dwelling unit in a structure smaller than 1,200 square feet would be more than 50% of the size of the existing structure and no longer deemed to be accessory to the primary unit.

Accessory dwelling units located in a detached structure shall comply with these same size requirements."

Article 301: BUILDING AND BUILDING LOTS

Warrant ARTICLE 24, AMENDMENT #23

Article 301: BUILDING AND BUILDING LOTS, Section 301.1 LOT REGULATIONS AMEND Article 301 Building and Building Lots, Section 301.1 Lot Regulations B., by REMOVING this section in its entirety.

"Every building lot shall have no more than one single family home or one two-family dwelling thereon. The joining together of two separate structures of any kind for the purpose of having them meet the definition of a two-family home is prohibited. A two-family mobile home on a single chassis shall also be prohibited. (Adopted 3/04/1963; Amended 3/02/76, 3/11/80)"

EDITORIAL CHANGE ONLY: Article 301.1 Lot Regulations, Section F. This language can be ADDED as an <u>editorial</u> change if all the other HDC articles are voted in in March.

"For properties in the Historic Districts, a Certificate of Approval is still required from the Historic District. Refer to sections 102.7.1 and 1201.10.E for further information."

Article 304: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Warrant ARTICLE 25, AMENDMENT #24

Article 304: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS

AMEND **Article 304 Industrial Developments**, by REMOVING this ordinance in its entirety. Leave a page reference with notation about it being removed for historical reference.

304:1 Industrial developments not located in the existing Industrial Zone must have the approval of the Town after being recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 402 RECREATIONAL CAMPGROUNDS AND CAMPING PARKS

Warrant ARTICLE 26, AMENDMENT #25

Article 402 - RECREATIONAL CAMPGROUNDS AND CAMPING PARKS

This Proposed Ordinance will REPLACE the current Article 402.

REMOVE Current Ordinance:

Article 402: CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE

- **402.1 DEFINITIONS:** For purposes of this ordinance the following terms shall apply:
 - **A. camping site** shall mean any area in a campground that will be used for the purpose of accommodating a tent or camper unit.
 - **B.** camper unit shall mean any recreational vehicle, trailer, tent trailer, van, pickup camper, etc. (but not including mobile homes) which can be used to sleep in.
 - C. mobile home shall mean any trailer unit exceeding 40 feet in length.
 - **D.** campground shall mean a recreational camping park on which 10 or more tents, or camper units are used as temporary living quarters for recreational use, and a fee is charged for such land use.
 - 1. The camping season shall be from May 1st thru October 15th. No campground may be occupied during off season.
 - 2. Camping shall be restricted to tents and camper units.
 - 3. Adequate community bathroom facilities shall be provided for all tent sites.
 - 4. No camper unit shall be located in any camping site that does not have a proper hookup to an approved septic system. No individual holding tanks will be permitted.
 - 5. No camper unit shall be installed on a camping site in such a way as to consider it permanent. This shall include but is not limited to the following methods.

- a. No removal of tires.
- b. No removal of towing arms, hitches, etc.
- c. No mounting on blocks, except for the purpose of leveling.
- d. No skirting around the base of any camper unit.
- 6. No porches or enclosed areas shall be attached to any camper unit unless the porch or enclosed area has been designed to be removed and packed for travel.
- 7. All water, electric, telephone, and septic systems shall be disconnected from all camper units during off-season.
- 402.2 Please refer to Section Λ = 1000.004 of this ordinance. (Amended 03/14/2023)
- 402.3 Please refer to Section Λ = 1000.002.002 of this ordinance. (Amended 03/14/2023)
- 402.4 This Ordinance shall become effective upon its acceptance at Town Meeting.

Proposed NEW Article:

Article 402: RECREATIONAL CAMPGROUNDS AND CAMPING PARKS

"This provision is enacted to allow the placement of seasonal Recreational Campgrounds and/or Camping Parks within specific areas of the community, to provide standards for their use, and to promote growth of the Kingston economic base.

A. DEFINITIONS:

- 1. "Approved disposal system" means a system:
 - (a) Constructed prior to July 1, 1967; or
 - (b) Constructed in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by:
 - (1) The former New Hampshire water supply and pollution control commission; or
 - (2) The department of environmental services.
- "Campsite" means a parcel of land in a recreational campground or camping park rented for the placement of a tent, recreational vehicle, or a recreational camping cabin for the overnight use of its occupants.

- 3. "Campground owner" means the owner or operator of a recreational campground or camping park, or their agents.
- 4. "Dependent vehicle" means a recreational vehicle which does not have toilet and lavatory facilities.
- "Individual sewage disposal system" means any sewage disposal or treatment system, other than a municipally-owned and operated system, which receives either sewage or other wastes, or both.
- 6. "Recreational campground or camping park" means a parcel of land on which two (2) or more campsites are occupied or are intended for temporary occupancy for recreational dwelling purposes only, and not for permanent year-round residency.
- 7. "Recreational camping cabin" means a structure on a campsite, 400 square feet or less, calculated by taking the measurements of the exterior of the cabin, including all siding, corner trim, molding and area enclosed by windows, but not the roof or porch overhang, or log overhang at corners. It shall be designed not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary dwelling for recreational camping and vacation use.
- 8. "Recreational vehicle" means any of the following vehicles:
 - i. Motorhome or van, which is a portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.
 - ii. Pickup camper, which is a structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation, and vacation.
 - iii. Recreational trailer, which is a vehicular, portable structure built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest exterior horizontal projections, calculated by taking the measurements of the exterior of the recreational trailer including all siding, corner trim, molding, storage space and area enclosed by windows but not the roof overhang. It shall be designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary dwelling for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.
 - iv. Tent trailer, which is a canvas or synthetic fiber folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation, and vacation purposes.

- 9. "Sanitary station" means an approved facility used for accepting and disposing of wastes from recreational vehicle holding tanks, portable recreation toilets, or portable sanitary service vehicles.
- 10. "Tent" means a portable canvas or synthetic fiber structure used as a temporary dwelling for vacation or recreation purposes.

B. GENERAL.

- 1. Licensing. All recreational campgrounds and camping parks shall be properly licensed by State and other applicable government agencies.
- 2. Temporary Occupancy. No tent, trailer or recreational vehicle shall remain on the premises more than 100 days per year. The camping season shall be from May 1st through October 15th. No campground may be occupied during off-season. Temporary occupancy in a recreational campground shall not establish permanent residency in the Town of Kingston. No one shall be considered a resident of the Town of Kingston who uses as his local address a site in a recreational camping park.
- 3. Applications. The Planning Board shall have authority to accept applications, impose application fees, review site plans, and approve or deny applications for any new or proposed recreational campground or camping park and/or the expansion thereof.
- 4. Permitted Locations. A recreational campground or camping park shall be located only in a zoning district where it is classified as a permitted use or is permitted by Conditional Use Permit.
- 5. General Conditions. A recreational campground or camping park shall adhere to the following requirements:
 - a. Minimum Acreage. The Recreational Campground or Camping Park shall contain a minimum of ten contiguous acres.
 - b. Density/Campsite Size. The minimum campsite size for a recreational vehicle or tent shall be one thousand square feet (1,000 sq. ft.) and one thousand five hundred square feet (1,500 sq. ft.) for a cabin or cottage.

- c. Parking. Every recreational camping park shall have a suitable parking area large enough to accommodate one vehicle per campsite.
- d. Recreational Camping Cabin. The maximum size of a recreational camping cabin located in a Recreational Campground or Camping Park is 400 square feet or less, calculated by taking the measurements of the exterior of the cabin, including all siding, corner trim, molding and area enclosed by windows, but not the roof or porch overhang, or log overhang at corners. It shall be designed not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary dwelling for recreational camping and vacation use.
- e. Restriction Against Permanency. No camper unit shall be installed on a camping site in such a way as to consider it permanent. This shall include but is not limited to the following methods.
 - 1. No removal of tires.
 - 2. No removal of towing arms, hitches, etc.
 - 3. No mounting on blocks, except for the purpose of leveling.
 - 4. No skirting around the base of any camper unit.
 - 5. No porches or enclosed areas shall be attached to any camper unit unless the porch or enclosed area has been designed to be removed and packed for travel.
 - All water, electric, telephone, and septic systems shall be disconnected from all recreational vehicle sites during offseason.
- f. Placement. No site within the recreational camping park shall be located within one hundred feet (100 ft.) of any boundary, except the waterfront boundary of the park. The minimum boundary setbacks may be reduced to as little as fifty feet (50 ft.) by Conditional Use Permit. All sites shall be set back from the waterfront boundary to comply with setbacks in the zoning district within which the campground is situated.
- g. Internal Setbacks. All setbacks within the campground or park shall be as follows:
 - Campsite perimeters shall be setback 30 feet from surface water and very poorly drained wetlands (unless larger minimums are established elsewhere in these regulations).
 - 2. Campsite perimeters shall be setback 50 feet from any permanent or incidental structure.

- 3. Campsite perimeters shall be setback 10 feet from internal roads.
- 4. Cabins or cottages shall be setback 20 feet from other cabins or cottages.
- 5. Minimum campsite width shall be 15 feet.
- 6. Minimum distance between Campsite perimeters shall be 12 feet. All other setbacks shall comply with setbacks in the zoning district within which the campground is situated.
- h. Marking. Each site shall be clearly marked by non-removable metal stakes, clearly identifiable permanent vegetation, or other approved methods.
- i. Permanent Residence and/or Office: One residential home/office occupied by the recreational campground or camping park owner or manager and his or her immediate family will be permitted. This building will be required to meet the full lot requirements for a single-family residence based on the Zoning District in which the recreational campground or camping park is located, as well as to comply with local building and other codes and regulations.
- j. Shoreland Frontage Requirement. For parcels with water frontage, the minimum requirement for a recreational campground or camping park is 150 feet of continuous shoreland frontage. Provided the parcel in question satisfies the minimum shoreland frontage requirement, the parcel shall contain no more than 12 campsites and/or recreational camping cabins. For each additional unit or camping cabin beyond 12, a minimum of 12.5 feet of additional continuous shoreline frontage is required.

C. WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE DISPOSAL.

- a. Water Supply. An accessible, adequate, safe and potable supply of water shall be provided in each recreational campground or camping park. Where a public supply of water of sufficient quantity, quality, and pressure is available, connection shall be made to the supply and that supply shall be used exclusively. When a satisfactory public water supply is not available, a private water supply system may be used if approved by the department of environmental services.
- b. Disposal System.

- (1) An approved disposal system shall be provided in all recreational campgrounds or camping parks.
- (2) Septage or wastewater shall be discharged from recreational vehicles into individual sewage disposal system connections, or sanitary stations.
- (3) Flush toilets or other approved toilet facilities, such as self-composting toilets or incinerating toilets, shall be provided in all recreational campgrounds or camping parks.
- (4) No recreational vehicle which is not a dependent vehicle (such as a pick-up camper, tent trailer, or van) shall be located in any camping site that does not have a proper hookup to an approved septic system. No individual holding tanks will be permitted.
- (5) The disposal of refuse in recreational campgrounds or camping parks shall be conducted in a manner that will prevent health hazards, rodent harborage, insect breeding, accident or fire hazards.
- (6) A recreational camping cabin which has water plumbed to it shall have a connection to an approved sewage disposal system.

D. CAMPFIRES

- Recreational campground or camping park owners or operators or their agents shall obtain a fire permit each year from the Kingston Fire Department.
- b. All fireplaces in recreational campgrounds or camping parks shall be on an area cleaned to mineral soil at least 8 feet across. Where fires are built on the ground, there shall be at least 6 inches of sand or gravel under the fire.
- c. All tree limbs or other burnable material within a height of 10 feet above the fireplace area shall be removed.
- d. Fireplaces shall not be moved.
- e. Fire shall not be kindled except in fireplaces provided by recreational campgrounds or camping parks."

Note: If this proposed Article is voted in the following sections will also be amended:

Amend Article Preamble II: Definitions, B., Definitions by adding a new section 21, to read as follows: (Note: Sections may need to be re-numbered once Preamble II is updated to incorporate new definitions.)

"21. Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks: A parcel of land on which two (2) or more campsites are occupied or are intended for temporary occupancy for recreational dwelling purposes only, and not for permanent year-round residency."

- Amend Article 104: Rural Residential District section 104.4 Permitted Uses by adding a new section L. to read as follows:
- "L. Recreational campgrounds and camping parks."
- Amend Article 108: Commercial Zone C-I, section 108.5 Permitted Uses by adding a new section P. to read as follows:
- "P. Recreational campgrounds and camping parks."
- Amend Article 109: Commercial Zone C-II, Section 109.5 Permitted Uses by adding a new section N. to read as follows:
- "N. Recreational campgrounds and camping parks."
- Amend Article 110: Commercial Zone C-III, Section 110.3 Permitted Uses by adding a new section W. to read as follows:
- "W. Recreational campgrounds and camping parks."

And

Deleting campgrounds from 110.3, H.

H. Commercial recreation establishments such as, but not limited to: indoor theaters, bowling alleys, golf courses and campgrounds.