

**ABSENTEE
NON-PARTISAN OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARCH 10, 2020**

Mary Jackson
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMAN

three-year term	vote for not more than two
DANN	36 <input type="radio"/>
LINDA MOORE	414 <input type="radio"/>
STEPHEN J. YANCEY	171 <input type="radio"/>
GABRIEL BOISSEAU	424 <input type="radio"/>
CLIFTON CROSBY	208 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

ROAD AGENT

two-year term	vote for not more than one
BRETT JACKSON	582 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

MODERATOR

two-year term	vote for not more than one
MARK FIORENTINO	206 <input type="radio"/>
MARY LOU KRAMBEER	402 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

PLANNING BOARD

three-year term	vote for not more than two
MICHAEL BRUNO	371 <input type="radio"/>
KIMBERLY KOPROWSKI	433 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUND**

three-year term	vote for not more than one
W.D. John Miller	4 <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**

three-year term	vote for not more than one
KIMBERLEY JOHNSON	226 <input type="radio"/>
DAVID VanHOUTEN	383 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**

one-year term	vote for not more than one
RUTH HEINTZ	556 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

two-year term	vote for not more than one
PAUL HUDSON	534 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term	vote for not more than one
CLARE BROWN	539 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term	vote for not more than three
LEONARD GRUBBS	401 <input type="radio"/>
DOUGLAS C. HARMAN	413 <input type="radio"/>
SUSAN McCLAIN	452 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

two-year term	vote for not more than one
LINDA GOLDSTEIN	553 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

six-year term	vote for not more than one
JULIE SEELY	557 <input type="radio"/>
	<input type="radio"/>
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

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BALLOT 1 OF 2

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ARTICLES

Article 02: Shall the Town 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 \$2,737,738 (Two Million Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,653,393 (Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Dollars), 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 hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Estimated Tax Impact 10.54

YES ☐ 391
NO ☐ 284

Article 03: To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the Pool/Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2007.

YES ☐ 480
NO ☐ 143

Article 04: To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a and RSA 289-a, allowing all future proceeds received from the sale of cemetery lots in Bethlehem cemeteries and any interest gained thereon, to be deposited for the maintenance of cemeteries; and, further to name the Cemetery Trustees as agents to expend from this fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence)

YES ☐ 559
NO ☐ 90

Article 05: To see if the town is in favor of the Board of Selectmen negotiating and executing a sale of the Bethlehem Country Club Property (in addition to approval of leasing which was previously approved by warrant article in 2019) so that it may market it as a lease OR sale to find the best option for the Town. The terms and conditions will be approved by the Board of Selectmen and will have the condition that the property shall continue to be operated as an 18-hole public golf course.

YES ☐ 504
NO ☐ 152

Article 06: To see if the town is in favor of the Board of Selectmen negotiating and executing a long-term lease or sale of the Bethlehem Country Club property, on terms and conditions to be approved by the Board, for alternative or mixed uses. IF both Articles 5&6 pass, the Board will prioritize it remaining a golf course but will move forward with alternative or mixed use sale if they are not successful with finding a lessee or buyer with it remaining as a golf course.

YES ☐ 424
NO ☐ 221

Article 07: To see if the Town will vote to change the term of the Road Agent from 2 years to 3 years. If this warrant article passes the new term will be effective for 2020.

YES ☐ 524
NO ☐ 120

Article 08: To see if the town will vote authorize the Selectmen to appoint a town treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a treasurer.

YES ☐ 374
NO ☐ 291

Article 09: To see if the town will vote to establish a Library Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for Library building maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,450 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .05

YES ☐ 460
NO ☐ 149

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to establish a Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing new and used highway equipment or the refurbishment of existing equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .09

YES ☐ 490
NO ☐ 111

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (twenty Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .09

YES ☐ 348
NO ☐ 30

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 (Three Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .01

YES ☐ 422
NO ☐ 37

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .04

YES 469
NO 170

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .08

YES 422
NO 213

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) to be added to the Fire Department Emergency Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .04

YES 439
NO 193

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 (Twenty Three Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Assessing Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .09

YES 311
NO 314

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Tech/Computer Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .03

YES 370
NO 259

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand) to be added to the Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .08

YES 421
NO 232

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500, for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2020. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 3 in favor 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .03

YES 460
NO 106

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand Dollars) to support Tri-County Transit a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. This Article is submitted by petition. No one from Tri-County Community Action Program appeared at Deliberative session. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .01

YES 204
NO 347

Article 21: To see if the Town of Bethlehem will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 (Eight thousand dollars) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Bethlehem residents in 2020. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink Support, and more. In FY2019, the Littleton Area Senior center provided services for 117 Bethlehem residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 85 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$108,542.58. This article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .03

YES 374
NO 262

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in providing a healthy, safe, and productive after school and vacation camp environment for children from Bethlehem and the local community. The Club provides busing from the school to the Club for the afterschool program which alone costs \$14,850 a year. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .02

YES 313
NO 326

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provides primary preventative health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. This will help ACHS continue to provide high quality care to 1,115 current BETHLEHEM patients, as well as reach more of those in need. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .02

YES 348
NO 243

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 to support the Center for New Beginnings. These funds support the Center's sliding scale program, which provides assistance to clients with high deductibles or co-pays or loss of insurance coverage. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .01

YES 226
NO 404

Article 25: We the Undersigned Registered Voters of the Town of Bethlehem, NH, petition the Town to place a request from North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency to raise and appropriate the amount of \$4,000 on the Town Warrant. The requested funds shall be used to assist in the delivery of home health and hospice services to the residents of the Town of Bethlehem. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .01

YES 356
NO 276

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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BALLOT 2 OF 2

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 26: To See if the Town will approve the following:

- I. To assist with the town's solid waste management planning, the board of selectmen is authorized to use funds from the town's transfer station capital reserve fund to hire a professional consulting company to conduct a study and produce a written report of the market cost of the following municipal waste management services currently being provided to the town by the landfill on Trudeau Road:
 - a. Weekly town-wide curb-side trash and waste removal service with one bin for garbage and one bin for recycling, like we have in 2020.
 - b. Transfer station, including construction costs and annual operating costs that will include the following services: garbage disposal; commingled recycling; bulk items; white goods/home appliances; freon disposal; tires; yard waste; metals; electronics; used oil; batteries; mercury-containing devices; fluorescent light bulbs; universal waste; free compost; swap shop; textiles; and one household hazardous waste removal day per year. Transfer station shall be open for the same number of hours weekly as in 2020.
- II. The purpose of the report shall be to determine the cost to the town of replacing the town's waste management needs currently being provided to the town by the landfill.

The estimated cost of this article is unknown. This article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence.)

YES ¹⁹⁵
NO ⁴⁷⁵

Article 27: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence)

YES ²²⁸
NO ⁴²⁷

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II and IV, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$750 on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. The estimated tax impact is 0.11. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence.)

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YES ³⁰⁶
NO ⁴⁴⁷

Article 29: To see if the Town, will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$4000 for service-connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence)

YES ¹⁸⁰
NO ⁴⁷⁰

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,121.00 for White Mountain Mental Health, recognizing that untreated mental illness results in loss of productivity at work, disruption to families and children, risk to the community and loss of life through suicide. Treatment works, but only if it is available and affordable. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .01

YES ³¹⁸
NO ³⁴⁰

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1277.00 to support Tri County CAP's Homeless Intervention and Prevention Program, a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. This Article is submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article, 3 opposed 2 abstained due to absence) Estimated Tax Impact .01

YES ³¹⁰
NO ³⁴⁵

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT