

SAMPLE BALLOT *Results*

ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT NON-PARTISAN

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

MARCH 9, 2021 HELD JULY 13, 2021

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 one

APRIL HIBBERD *204*

VERONICA ANNE MORRIS *180*

☐

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

three-year term ☐ vote for not more than two

ANTHONY RODRIGUES *178*

PETER C. ROY *174*

ALECIA LOVELESS *274*

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

three-year term ☐ vote for not more than two

ANDREA BRYANT *303*

RUTH HEINTZ *299*

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

four-year term ☐ vote for not more than one

JOHN MILLER *16*

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND

two-year term ☐ vote for not more than one

ROB CONSTANTINE *37*

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND

one-year term ☐ vote for not more than one

PAMELA HESS NEWMAN *285*

☐

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term ☐ vote for not more than three

CAROLE HAMMARBERG *300*

RICHARD ROBIE JR *289*

CHRISTINA CLEMMO *262*

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term ☐ vote for not more than three

TANA LeCLAIR *266*

SARA PLUMLEY *269*

NORA CLARK *299*

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

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ARTICLES

Article 02: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. XIII b as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To permit manufactured housing meeting the Federal HUD standards adopted in 2000 to be located on individual lots outside of a manufactured housing subdivision upon the grant of a special exception by the zoning board of adjustment in all but the District 1-Main Street District provided the manufactured home is placed upon a slab or foundation? Manufactured homes will continue to be permitted in manufactured housing subdivisions and parks. (The Planning Board recommends this article)

YES *260*

NO *146*

Article 03: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. XIX b to the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Bethlehem Planning Board as follows: repeal the existing criteria for the grant of a special exception and replace those criteria with the following: A special exception shall be granted if the proposed use, structure or change to use or structure meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance and is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Master Plan; does not negatively impact the healthy, safety or general welfare of the neighborhood or town, including but not limited to noise, odor, vibration, glare, hours of operation, traffic, lighting, runoff and/or pollutants; is compatible with the character of the neighborhood and the town and will not negatively impact property values; and does not overload or result in an excessive demand on municipal services or facilities, including but not limited to schools, emergency services, water and sewage, waste disposal and road maintenance. (The Planning Board recommends this article)

YES *341*

NO *69*

Article 04: 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 \$2,855,482 (Two Million Eight Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,701,849 (Two Million Seven Hundred and One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine 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.

YES *276*

NO *127*

Article 05: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *329*

NO *81*

Article 06: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *256*

NO *156*

Article 07: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *285*

NO *127*

Article 08: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *329*

NO *82*

Article 09: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *313*

NO *99*

Article 10: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *309*

NO *103*

Article 11: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *244*

NO *164*

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 12: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *286*
NO *121*

Article 13: 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, 5 to 0)

YES *282*
NO *126*

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred) for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2021. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *302*
NO *106*

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *284*
NO *122*

Article 16: To see if the Town of Bethlehem will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,050 (Five Thousand Fifty Dollars) to support the Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., that include Fuel and Electrical Assistance, Weatherization, Transportation, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Guardianship, RSVP, and Workforce Programs. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *298*
NO *111*

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (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 2021. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, the Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 222 Bethlehem residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 82 residents. These services included congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$118,712.10. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *311*
NO *96*

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 (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. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *290*
NO *107*

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,800 (Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) 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 1,112 current BETHLEHEM patients, as well as reach more of those in need. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *280*
NO *125*

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 (Fifteen Hundred Dollars) 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. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *248*
NO *159*

Article 21: We the Undersigned Registered Voters of the Town of Bethlehem, NH, petition the Town to place a request from North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency in the amount of \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) 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. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *313*
NO *97*

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,121.00 (Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and Zero Cents) 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. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *284*
NO *124*

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of Bridge House, Inc support. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YES *219*
NO *181*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to accept the road system known as Mt. View Lane and Presidential View Lane, located off of Rt. 142, after the road meets both town and state specifications. The road association will be responsible for the costs of bringing the road up to specification and will be actively inspected during construction of the roadway by a professional engineering company and accepted by a NH Professional Engineer and the Town Road Agent. The Town will then be responsible for maintain and plowing the road. Currently, there are 38 landowners on the road.

YES *185*
NO *220*

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 25: By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Bethlehem to see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Bethlehem to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to Bethlehem's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

YES *308*
NO *92*

Article 26: To see if the Town will VOTE TO APPROPRIATE the sum of \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the Town's unassigned fund to install on town-owned land a solar array estimated to cost \$475,000 which will reduce Town electricity costs for the next 30 to 40 years while using clean energy.

The solar array is expected to offset 100% of electricity usage by the Town and approximately 50% of electricity costs for Town Hall, Highway Department, Elementary School, and Library and street lights.

The total cost of \$475,000 will be funded through:

- \$165,000 USDA Grant
- \$150,000 from the Town's unassigned fund in 2021
- \$160,000 subject to a future warrant article appropriating the remaining funds through borrowing or other sources that would be paid through reduced electricity costs.

YES *301*
NO *116*

Net savings after the cost of the system and maintenance are estimated to be:

- \$150,000 at 25 years with savings projected to continue for the life of the project.

When this proposal is approved, the Select Board will solicit bids from solar installers, and will be under no obligation to purchase a system if it is not economically beneficial to the Town.

2021 Tax Impact = \$0.
(The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article, 5 to 0)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT