

SAMPLE BALLOT

How You Voted

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON-PARTISAN
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARCH 11, 2025**

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.

<p>SELECTMAN</p> <p>three-year term vote for not more than two</p> <p>ANDREA KNOWLES 261 ●</p> <p>CASEY MACDONALD 261 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p>five-year term Vote for not more than one</p> <p>JOHN MILLER 316 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</p> <p>three-year term vote for not more than one</p> <p>4 way tie @ 2 votes each (Write-in)</p>
<p>TOWN CLERK</p> <p>three-year term vote for not more than one</p> <p>MARY JACKSON 345 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>three-year term Vote for not more than two</p> <p>GERALD BLANCHARD 283 ●</p> <p>Bruce Caplain 8 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p>three-year term vote for not more than one</p> <p>DANIEL J. MURPHY 300 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>
<p>TAX COLLECTOR</p> <p>three-year term vote for not more than one</p> <p>MARY JACKSON 346 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p>three-year term Vote for not more than two</p> <p>JOSHUA LIEBERMAN 230 ●</p> <p>CHRISTOPHER MCGRATH 298 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>three-year term vote for not more than three</p> <p>BARBARA SZEIDLER 231 ●</p> <p>LISA FFRENCH 226 ●</p> <p>KIMBERLY KOPROWSKI 117 ○</p> <p>MELISSA SMITH 211 ●</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p> <p>(Write-in) ○</p>

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ARTICLES

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 to the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to help reduce light pollution and preserve our rural night skies as follows: Under the Amended Article VI, Signs, no new internally lit signs will be permitted because the light cannot be shielded and directed away from public streets and adjoining structures such as homes. Signs may be externally lit only, aimed downward, and dimmed by at least 50 percent, motion-activated, or turned off outside of business operating hours. Existing signs are exempt until they are modified.

YES ●
NO ○

271-103

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 to the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board to preserve our rural night skies as follows: repeal and replace Article VIII, Lighting, to require all new and modified outdoor lighting to be shielded, directed toward and designed to prevent spillover onto neighboring properties or public areas; to require lighting hues to avoid certain blue hues; and to require commercial and industrial lighting to be reduced outside of business hours, avoid excessive illumination, and prevent glare. Temporary, emergency, and seasonal lighting are exempt, as well as existing fixtures, until they are modified. This proposed ordinance establishes clear guidelines for outdoor lighting to reduce glare, to limit light from trespassing onto neighborhood properties, and to improve the functionality of outdoor lighting.

YES ●
NO ○

267-105

Article 4: Are you in favor of amending Article XVII. Short-Term Rental, paragraph 3 (septic systems) to revise unclear language, add a new means of demonstrating that a system is currently functioning, and remove the requirement that a system constructed prior to NHDES permitting have a formal evaluation annually and a replacement design continuously approved by NHDES.

YES ●
NO ○

271-90

Article 5: 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 \$ 3,733,607 (Three Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Three Thousand, Six Hundred Seven Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ 3,684,235 (Three Million, Six Hundred Eighty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty Five 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. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Tax Impact 5.59

YES ●
NO ○

227-138

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the SELECTMEN'S recommended amount of \$180,000 (One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars) from the unreserved FUND BALANCE to perform structural repairs and to replace the Visitor's center roof. This money was appropriated in 2024 and will not impact the tax rate. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the roof project is completed or by December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. This amount does not cover the full cost of repairs recommended in the engineering study. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 3-1). Estimated tax impact 0.000

YES ●
NO ○

276-92

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.095

YES ●
NO ○

252-113

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.067

YES ●
NO ○

202-163

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.010

YES ●
NO ○

225-141

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 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.019

YES ●
NO ○

263-103

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.057

YES
NO

239-118

Article 12: 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 Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.048

YES
NO

247-112

Article 13: 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 Cemetery Trust Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.048

YES
NO

195-161

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 (Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Assessing Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.050

YES
NO

172-182

Article 15: 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.010

YES
NO

225-131

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.076

YES
NO

214-144

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.076

YES
NO

220-138

Article 18: 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.029

YES
NO

212-147

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,500 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be added to the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.052

YES
NO

210-149

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,650 (Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2025. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.018

YES
NO

234-127

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to discontinue completely the road known as Alder Brook from Route 116 to the Littleton town line for a total of 530 feet. This change is to a private road for clarification for the Department of Transportation. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.000

YES
NO

287-68

Article 22: To see if the town will vote to establish a Planning Board Professional Services Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 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 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.048

YES
NO

176-179

Article 23: To see if the town will vote to establish a Grant Match Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of raising funds for the match portion of grants awarded to the town and to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from the general fund; further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 4-0). Estimated tax impact 0.038

YES
NO

218-136

Article 24: 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 \$5000 a year. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.005

YES
NO

214-148

Article 25: To see if the town of Bethlehem NH will vote to raise the appropriate sum of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars) for the Second Chance Animal Rescue. Second Chance Animal Rescue is a nonprofit that provides care and shelter for abused and abandoned cats and kittens. Second Chance Animal Rescue also sponsors monthly low cost Spay/Neuter clinics for both dogs and cats. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.002

YES
NO

200-161

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

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Article 26: We registered voters in the Town of Bethlehem present this petitioned article to be included in the 2025 Town of Bethlehem Warrant: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the ServiceLink Resource Center for services for Bethlehem residents in 2024. From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 231 Bethlehem residents, and Service Link provided services for 49 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$190,433.47. Petitioned Article (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.019

YES
NO

225-139

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,121.00 (Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars) as the town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and development service needs of Bethlehem residents. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.006

YES
NO

209-156

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,968.00 (Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight dollars) for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Bethlehem: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, and Tamworth Dental Center. Petition Article. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.009

YES
NO

215-145

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). ACHS is a non-profit community health center that provides comprehensive primary preventative health care to all, regardless of their financial situation. This will enable ACHS to continue to provide top-notch, affordable healthcare to 836 CURRENT BETHLEHEM PATIENTS. ACHS provides healthcare services to 8,268 patients within 26 towns in northern Grafton and southern Coos counties and has sites in Littleton, Franconia, Whitefield, Warren, and Woodsville. Petitioned Article. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 4-0) Estimated tax impact 0.011

YES
NO

201-164

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT