



ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON-PARTISAN
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARCH 10, 2026

Mary Jackson
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

ARTICLES

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to update all Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations and definitions to comply with the current New Hampshire state law. The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

YES

NO

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to establish the maximum living area of an Accessory Dwelling Unit at 950 square feet. The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

YES

NO

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend the Sign Regulations to clarify to identify the Planning Board as the reviewing authority, when approval is required and to reorganize the regulations to remove repetitive language and improve clarity. The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

YES

NO

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add state law references throughout the ordinance. The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

YES

NO

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Personal Wireless Service Facilities section to clarify that, under State law, collocation or modification of equipment on an existing facility is reviewed only for building permit compliance and is not subject to zoning or land-use review, and to add the required appeal process. The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

YES

NO

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinances as follows: to add a new section to include noise regulations for commercial and industrial uses. The amendment is intended to protect public health, safety, and quality of life by setting clear, enforceable standards for excessive noise while providing consistent guidance for businesses, residents, and the Town when evaluating and addressing noise impacts. Existing commercial and industrial facilities are exempt until changes are made that would result in increased noise levels. The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

YES

NO

Article 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance as follows: to correct minor grammatical and formatting errors throughout the document, with no substantive changes to the content or meaning of any section. The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

YES

NO

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Impact Fees Ordinance pursuant to RSA 67:21,V, authorizing the Planning Board to assess and collect impact fees on new development or expansions of existing development, for the purpose of financing or recouping the capital costs of public facilities that are reasonably related to such development, including but not limited to roads, schools, water, sewer, and other municipal facilities, as more fully set forth in the Impact Fees Ordinance; and to authorize the Planning Board to administer such fees in accordance with state law. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0)

YES

NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 10: 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 \$ 3,968,030 (Three Million, Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand, Thirty Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ 3,733,607 (Three Million, Seven Hundred Thirty Three Thousand, Six Hundred Seven 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 5-0). Estimated tax Impact 5.21

YES

NO

Article 11: 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 5-0). Estimated tax impact .09

YES

NO

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Road Maintenance capital reserve fund previously established. (the Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0)) Estimated tax impact .13

YES

NO

Article 13: 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 5-0). Estimated tax impact .06

YES

NO

Article 14: 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 5-0). Estimated tax impact .01

YES

NO

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.09

YES

NO

Article 16: 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 Fire Department Emergency Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact 0.06

YES

NO

Article 17: 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 5-0). Estimated tax impact .05

YES

NO

Article 18: 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 Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact .05

YES

NO

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommend this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact .05

YES

NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING





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Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Assessing Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact .01

YES

NO

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Tech/Computer Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact .01

YES

NO

Article 22: 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 5-0). Estimated tax impact .03

YES

NO

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Cemetery Trust Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0). Estimated tax impact .02

YES

NO

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of the Gazebo Concerts. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact .02

YES

NO

Article 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Grant Match Expendable Trust previously established. Recommendations Required (The Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0) Estimated tax impact .05

YES

NO

Article 26: To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Ambulance Expenses. All revenues received for the Ambulance from FEES, CHARGES, OR OTHER INCOME DERIVED FROM THE ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES SUPPORTED BY THE FUND will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to be added to the Ambulance revolving fund. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact .00

YES

NO

Article 27: Are you in favor of combining the offices of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector to create a new office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector with the term of office to be three years? If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting to choose a town clerk/tax collector. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact is .00

YES

NO

Article 28: Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$2,500 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0) Estimated tax Impact is .00

YES

NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 29: To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive, which authorizes municipalities to grant discretionary tax relief to encourage the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of qualifying structures, and to further authorize the Select Board to administer the program in accordance with RSA 79-E. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article 5-0) Estimated tax Impact is .00

YES

NO

Article 30: We registered voters in the Town of Bethlehem present this petitioned article to be included in the 2026 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 2026. From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, the Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 108 Bethlehem residents, and Service Link provided services for 24 residents. These services included nutrition, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. The cost of providing these services was \$129,350.87. Petitioned Article (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.02

YES

NO

Article 31: 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 849 CURRENT BETHLEHEM PATIENTS. ACHS provides healthcare services to 8,425 patients within 26 towns in northern Grafton and southern Coos counties and has sites in Littleton, Whitefield, Warren, and Woodsville. Petitioned Article. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.01

YES

NO

Article 32: 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. This article submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.02

YES

NO

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 (Four Thousand Dollars) for the operation of the following Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. services in Bethlehem includes fuel and Energy Assistance, Head Start, Weatherization, Tamworth Dental Service, Guardianship, Head Start, Community Action Resource Coordinators, Housing Stability Services, 211 Homeless Call Response, USDA TEFAP Food distribution to pantries, and the Free Diaper Distribution Program. Petition Article. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.01

YES

NO

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,121.00 (Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars) 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 submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.01

YES

NO

Article 35: 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. This article submitted by petition. (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.05

YES

NO

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 (Eight Thousand) for the purpose of supporting Hospice, Home Health, Palliative and Long-Term Care services provided by North Country Home Health & Hospice. Petitioned Article (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article 5-0) Estimated tax impact 0.02

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

