

The State of New Hampshire

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of East Kingston in the [LS.] County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the first session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on SATURDAY, February 4, 2023 at 10:00AM at the East Kingston Elementary School, 5 Andrews Lane, in said Town, East Kingston. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, the Fourteenth Day of March 2023 with polls open from 8:00AM — 7:00PM at the East Kingston Elementary School, 5 Andrews Lane, in said Town, East Kingston to act upon the following:

**ARTICLE 1:**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 2:**

Original ordinance in *italics*, strike through words deleted, new text in **bold**.

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following zoning amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board of East Kingston as follows:

ARTICLE XVI – HOME OCCUPATION:

*D. Exceptions:*

2) *Administrative support for businesses or services that are conducted on or off-site of the residential premises are exempt from the ~~formal application and approval~~ **public hearing of the application** process but must complete ~~an Invisible~~ **a** Home Occupation application for the purposes of municipal record keeping, pay the annual Invisible Home Occupation Permit Fee, and meet with the Planning Board to present the application and receive a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board. (Amended 3/97) (Amended 3/18)*

AND

J. Procedure: Application shall be made to the Selectmen's office, including public hearing fees paid in accordance with the Town of East Kingston Subdivision Regulations. Abutters will be notified **by certified, return-**

**receipt mail, the public will be notified by public hearing notice posted on the town's website or newspaper of general circulation and posted in two other locations,** and the applicant will be scheduled for a public hearing with the Planning Board. After the public hearing, the Planning Board will make a recommendation to the Selectmen as to whether the Home Occupation Permit should be granted. The application will then be forwarded to the Selectmen who will issue their final decision. (Adopted 3/96)

The East Kingston Planning Board supports this zoning amendment.  
The East Kingston Board of Selectmen support this zoning amendment.

*This article would result in no increases in the amount to be raised by taxation*

### **ARTICLE 3:**

Original ordinance in italics, strike through words deleted, new text in bold.

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following zoning amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board of East Kingston as follows:

#### ARTICLE VIII – USES PERMITTED, SECTION F ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, PARAGRAPH G

*g. Septic facilities and water. An accessory dwelling unit shall conform to all applicable water and sanitary standards for residential structures. Prior to Special Exception approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for an Accessory Dwelling Unit, the owner shall provide evidence as part of the Special Exception application that septic facilities are adequate to serve both the principle dwelling and the accessory dwelling unit. **The principal dwelling and accessory dwelling may be served by either a combined septic system or separate septic systems.** ~~This initial~~ Evidence **of septic system adequacy** shall be in the form of:*

- **compliance with requirements in either section i or ii below; and**
- **septic system inspection required in section iii for all instances when a new septic system is not installed.**

#### **Below shall be required:**

- A replacement septic system design plan prepared by a state licensed Septic System Designer sized to accommodate **either a combined system or separate systems to serve** ~~both~~ the primary dwelling and **the** accessory dwelling. The Zoning Board of Adjustment Special Exception approval shall be conditional upon approval of the septic replacement plan by the NH Department of Environmental Services.*
- Alternatively, if the existing septic system ~~is~~ **has been** state approved and **proven to be** adequately sized to accommodate both the primary dwelling and accessory dwellings and conforms to state and local requirements, an applicant may choose to submit a copy of the existing **state approved** septic system plan. **The applicant shall also provide** ~~and~~ an inspection report by a state licensed Septic System Designer ~~detailing~~ **documenting a site inspection and the current condition and function** of the existing system.*
- If installation of a replacement septic system is not proposed as part of the application, a site inspection of the existing septic system shall be performed by a state licensed Septic System Designer. If upon site inspection the existing septic system is found to be not fully functional or inadequate to serve both the principal dwelling and accessory dwelling, the property owner shall install a replacement septic system according to an approved replacement septic system design plan prepared***

**by a state licensed Septic System Designer sized to accommodate either a combined system or separate systems to serve the primary dwelling and accessory dwelling.**

**If utilizing methodology i. above, prior to the issuance of a building permit for and a dwelling renovation and/or accessory dwelling unit construction, the owner shall provide the East Kingston Building Inspector a copy of the NH Department of Environmental Services Construction Approval (CA) for the septic design presented with the Zoning Board of Adjustment notice of decision approving the accessory dwelling unit.**

*Prior to a dwelling renovation or accessory dwelling unit construction, the owner shall provide evidence to the East Kingston Building Inspector that septic facilities (whether separate or combined) are adequate to serve both the principal dwelling unit and the accessory dwelling unit and obtain the necessary Town and State permits.*

*Such evidence shall be in the form of a replacement septic system plan prepared by a State of New Hampshire licensed septic system designer and approved by the State and the Town. The property owner shall have an existing septic system inspected by a licensed septic system inspector and provide a report of the inspection results. If the existing septic system is found to be not fully functional, the property owner shall install a replacement septic system according to the approved plan. The property owner shall provide evidence that there is adequate potable water (whether separate or combined) to serve both the principal dwelling and the accessory dwelling unit, according to State standards.*

The East Kingston Planning Board supports this zoning amendment.

The East Kingston Board of Selectmen support this zoning amendment.

***This article would result in no increases in the amount to be raised by taxation***

#### **ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of East Kingston; four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to be raised through bonds or notes in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended) to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project, and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof. Said bonds/notes would be applied for on an as needed basis, to acquire easements or open space parcels as recommended by the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Select Board in accordance with the provisions of RSA 36-A:4

3/5 APPROVAL VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:   3   For,   0   Against,   0   Absent.

***This article, if taken in full, would result in an estimated \$0.93 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

#### **ARTICLE 5:**

Shall the Town of East Kingston 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 \$3,525,978.

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,460,920, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of East Kingston 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. This operating budget article does not contain appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

**MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.**

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Absent.

***The budget increase from the 2022 ACTUAL budget to the 2023 PROPOSED budget represents an estimated tax impact increase of \$0.41 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value***

**ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to provide a 7.2% COLA (cost of living adjustment) in 2023 for all elected officials. Such COLA is also retroactive to January 1, 2023 for those officials who were duly holding office on January 1, 2023, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand three-hundred dollars (\$4,300) to cover all costs associated with the increase.

**MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.**

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.01 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established at the 1991 Town Meeting for the purpose of the next revaluation of the Town, as required every five years by NH RSA 75:8-a.

**MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.**

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 2 For, 1 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.05 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the existing Building Preservation Capital Reserve Fund established at the 1993 Town Meeting for the purpose of the preserving Town owned buildings.

**MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.**

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.06 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Three thousand dollars (\$73,000) for the purpose of providing two overnight at-home on-call qualified emergency response personnel for the purpose of responding to all emergencies.

**MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.**

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.18 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the existing Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established at the 1999 Town Meeting for the purpose of acquiring fire apparatus.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:   3   For,   0   Against,   0   Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.12 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 11:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the existing cistern hydrant repair/replace Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2018 Town Meeting for the purpose of repairing or replacing existing cisterns or hydrants.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:   3   For,   0   Against,   0   Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.04 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the existing Fire Department/Emergency Operations Center Land &/or Buildings Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2012 Town Meeting for the purpose of the acquisition of land and/or buildings or construction of building for a Fire Station/Emergency Operations Center.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:   3   For,   0   Against,   0   Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.02 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the existing Police Department Building Long Term Maintenance Costs Capital Reserve Fund established at 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding long term maintenance costs for the Police Department Building.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:   3   For,   0   Against,   0   Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.04 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the existing Police Department long term Equipment Replacement fund established at the 2016 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding long term equipment replacement costs for the Police Department.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:   3   For,   0   Against,   0   Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.02 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the existing Library building maintenance expendable trust fund established at the 2010 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding long-term maintenance

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.02 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 16:**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Powwow River Bank Restoration Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of restoring and preventing future erosion of the Powwow riverbank to create an improved Town beach and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) to be placed in this fund, and to further vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. .

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 0 For, 3 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in an estimated \$0.29 increase per \$1000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 17:**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Addyson Lane as a Town-owned Road as recommended by the Town Engineer.

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in no increases in the amount to be raised by taxation***

**ARTICLE 18:**

Shall the Town of East Kingston READOPT the ALL VETERAN'S TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veteran's tax credit voted by the Town of East Kingston under RSA 72:28

MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Absent.

***This article would result in no increases in the amount to be raised by taxation***

As posted on January 30, 2023 and as amended by the First Deliberative Session on February 4, 2023, now given under our hands and seal, this Sixth (6) day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty three (2023).

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*Selectmen  
of  
East Kingston*

**A true copy of Warrant -- Attest:**

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