

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2017

TOWN CLERK

**2017 EPSOM ZONING BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**AMENDMENT 1:** Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Are you in favor of amending Article III.G.1.e, II.C.17.b, and Glossary definition of "Accessory Dwelling Unit", to allow accessory dwelling units in all districts by special exception and to impose certain other physical limitations, and to bring the ordinance into compliance with Senate Bill 146 as adopted and effective 6/1/17?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES NO

**AMENDMENT 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Are you in favor of amending Article VI.A.1.1 to remove the reference to RSA 31:70, which was repealed, and to require written consent of the owner to obtain a Zoning Compliance Permit?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES NO

**AMENDMENT 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Are you in favor of an amendment to Article XI (Growth Ordinance), to update the census data for the town, to update the historical number of building permits issued from 2010-2016, to include language from the 2010 Master Plan suggesting growth in proportion to abutting communities, to update municipal and school operating expenses from 2000 to 2015, and to replace the sunset date from 2017 to 2022?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES NO

**AMENDMENT 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Are you in favor of an amendment to Article III.M to rewrite the entire Sign Ordinance to make it consistent with recent U.S. Supreme Court decision by limiting content based restrictions to those pertaining to allowed commercial or business uses, adding a severability clause, allowing substitution of non-commercial copy for commercial copy, and exempting certain official signage in the public right of way as government speech?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES NO

**TOWN OF EPSOM WARRANT ARTICLES AS MODIFIED ON  
FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the Town of Epsom 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

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by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,348,254? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,312,186, 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 operating budget is estimated to be a \$ .55 decrease from the 2016 tax rate.  
The default budget is estimated to be a \$ .64 decrease from the 2016 tax rate.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the 2017 year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Unassigned Fund Balance to go into the fund? No amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. Majority vote required. This Article and its appropriation are in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) to be added to the previously established Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance as of December 31, 2016, which is equivalent to the total amount of cemetery plot sales for 2016? No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of reconstruction and improvements to town roads? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$ .35

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of purchasing motorized vehicles and equipment for the Highway Department?

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Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$ .02

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of bridge replacement and repair? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$ .03

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be used by the Northwood Lake Watershed Association to control Milfoil in Northwood Lake? Majority vote required. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$ .01

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500.00) for the purpose of replacing the boiler at the Fire Station, and authorize the withdrawal of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) from the accumulated interest in the Lillian Morrison Trust Fund – Fire for that purpose, the balance of four thousand five hundred (\$4,500.00) to be raised from taxation? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$ .01

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0

YES                      NO

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of all expenses associated with acquiring and outfitting a future Town Office, and raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be deposited into that fund, this amount to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend? No amount to be raised from taxation. Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

No tax impact.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0      Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1

YES                      NO

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**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of Town owned land and buildings, and raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to be deposited into that fund, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be raised from taxation, and further name the Selectmen as agents to expend? Majority vote required. This is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax impact is \$ .12

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 11:** There currently exists a Police Detail Revolving Fund established under RSA 31:95-h into which fees for Police Details are deposited and from which payroll related and administrative costs of details are paid. Are you in favor of expanding the uses for which these funds can be used to include fuel, maintenance and repair, and purchase of police vehicles? Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2 – 0

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the Town vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property by listing it with a real estate agent, in addition to its existing authority to sell tax deeded property at auction, by sealed bids, or as justice may require, and to remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town?

Recommended by the Selectmen 2 – 0

YES

NO