

## 2018 OFFICIAL ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

**Article 02:** Are you in favor of amending Article II, General Provisions, of the town zoning ordinance as proposed by Planning Board as follows:

"Change the parking requirements in Article II, H, a, to be the same as is required in the current town Site Plan Review Regulations."

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Article 03:** Are you in favor of amending the existing zoning ordinance Article V-Zoning Districts and Uses A. District 1 Main Street Permitted Uses and Special Exception as proposed by the Planning Board to the hours during which the noise restriction applies from 10:00 PM and 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM?

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Article 04:** Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the zoning ordinance of the Town, subject to the condition stated below?

### Condition

This amendment shall take effect only upon the execution of a host community agreement with North Country Environmental Services, Inc. ("NCES"), by a majority of the Board of Selectmen as contemplated by the petitioned warrant article directing the Selectmen to negotiate a host community agreement with NCES and setting forth the minimum terms of that agreement.

### Amendment

Substitute the language below for the part of Article V entitled: District V: "(Landfill District)" [Explanatory Note: (1) Existing language of Article V is displayed in regular type; (2) Language being proposed is highlighted in bold type and replaces the metes and bounds description of District V now in Article V; and (3) Zoning District V is more particularly described in the "Legal Description of: Proposed District V" accompanying this petition and on file with the Selectmen and the Planning Board]:

A building or structure may be erected, altered, or used and a lot may be used or occupied only for the following purposes and in accordance with the following provisions after site plan review by the Planning Board and a building permit is issued by the Board of Selectmen. For purposes of this provision, "building or structure" does not include a landfill cell (including its footprint, content and final grade slope) or infrastructure for landfill gas management, leachate management, groundwater monitoring, or storm water management which is approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

This District shall include the land lying within the area described as follows:

Zoning District V as shown on attached map entitled "Zoning District V" and comprising Lots 22 and 24 of the Town's 2017 Tax Map 419.

District V Permitted uses are as follows:

1. Landfilling shall be a permitted use in this District.
2. Any accessory building or structure erected, altered or used in the normal course of landfilling is permitted provided such use is not injurious, noxious or offensive to the neighborhood, and provided however that an incinerator within the definition of RSA 149-M:4(X)(a)(Supp. 2004) for the purposes of generating power and or solid waste combustion is not a permitted use and is expressly prohibited.

(The Planning Board recommends this Article)

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Article 05:** Are you in favor of adopting an amendment to the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance that would change the front setback in District 2 for accessory structures only. The accessory structure setback will at minimum conform to the setback of the existing structure providing the existing primary structure was built prior to the enactment of the 60-ft. minimum front setback requirement.

(The Planning Board recommends this Article)

☐ YES ☐ NO

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**Article 8:** 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 \$2,834,006 (Two Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Six Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,877,753 (Two Million Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three 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 an XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

617 ☐ YES ☐ NO 203

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$59,508 (Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Eight) for the purpose of installing energy efficient LED street lights and to partially fund this appropriation with a rebate through Eversource in the amount of \$23,175 (Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars). The net amount to be raised from taxes will be \$36,333 (Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three Dollars). If approved, this installation will produce savings that should result in a full payback within 2.3 years. Any additional costs due to any added lights or needs will come from the street light line item budget. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

520 ☐ YES ☐ NO 180

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee in accordance with RSA 674:5, which shall include at least one member of the Planning Board and may include but not be limited to other members of the Planning Board or the Town governing body, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years. The capital improvements program may encompass major projects being currently undertaken or future projects to be undertaken with federal, state, county and other public funds. The sole purpose and effect of the capital improvements program shall be to aid the Selectmen in their consideration of the annual budget. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

794 ☐ YES ☐ NO 219

**Article 9:** Shall we allow the operation of KENO games within the Town? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

594 ☐ YES ☐ NO 410

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will direct the Select Board to explore options for the sale or long-term lease of the Town owned Bethlehem County Club property. If this article is approved the Select Board will hold no less than 2 public meetings to seek further public input. Any final decision will be made at a future town meeting. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

755 ☐ YES ☐ NO 234

**Article 11:** If warrant Article 10 passes and the County Club is sold or leased would you want the sale or lease to be contingent on it remaining a golf course? (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

718 ☐ YES ☐ NO 206

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

654 ☐ YES ☐ NO 365

**Article 13:** 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 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

530 ☐ YES ☐ NO 502

**Article 14:** 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)

640 ☐ YES ☐ NO 391

**Article 15:** 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)

743 ☐ YES ☐ NO 284

**Article 16:** 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)

618 ☐ YES ☐ NO 355

**Article 17:** 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)

697 ☐ YES ☐ NO 291

**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 Assessing Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

525 ☐ YES ☐ NO 485

**Article 19:** 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)

582 ☐ YES ☐ NO 437

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$25,000 (Twenty Five Thousand) to be added to the Solid Waste Disposal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Board of Selectmen recommends this Article)

603 ☐ YES ☐ NO 360

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment, free, to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2018. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

681 ☐ YES ☐ NO 351

**Article 22:** To see whether the Town will approve the following:

- I. The Board of Selectmen is authorized and directed to negotiate in good faith and to execute a new host community agreement with North County Environmental Services, Inc. ("NCEST") on behalf of the Town in accordance with the terms of this warrant article.
- II. The host community agreement shall:
  - a. Provide for a 100-acre expansion of Town Zoning District V

b. Result in projected revenues and financial benefits to the Town totaling at least \$53,700,000 over the 20-year projected life of the NCEST landfill within the expanded District V. These revenues and benefits may include, but are not limited to:

- I. Free pickup and disposal of household solid waste and recyclables for residences and Town buildings;
- II. Free access to NCEST's transfer station on Trudeau Road for residents and the Town to dispose of solid waste except for construction and demolition debris;
- III. Host community fees payable for each ton of waste accepted at the NCEST landfill; and
- IV. Property tax payments (including town, county, and school district taxes) consistent with the methodology set by the N.H. Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

III. The Selectmen shall consult with the Town's counsel in negotiating the host community agreement and shall include in the agreement such additional terms as counsel deems commercially or legally reasonable and in the Town's best interest.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,121.00 as the Town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and developmental service needs of Bethlehem residents. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

624 ☐ YES ☐ NO 404

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) to Grifton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. through the Littleton Area Senior Center and the Servicelink Resource Center for services for Bethlehem residents in 2018. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, Servicelink Support, and more. In FY2017, the Littleton Area Senior Center provided services for 150 Bethlehem residents, and Servicelink provided services for 78 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$84,579.36. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

701 ☐ YES ☐ NO 319

Article 25: To see if the Town will approve the following:  
Any new or modified host-community agreement with  
North County Environmental Services, Casella Waste  
Systems Inc. or a subsidiary approved by the Select  
Board must also then be approved by the Town's voters.

707 ☐ YES ☐ NO 374

Article 26: To see if the Town of Bethlehem will vote to  
raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of  
providing funding to the Tyler Blain House Homeless Shelter.  
(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

574 ☐ YES ☐ NO 457

Article 27: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200.00 for  
Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose  
of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the  
residents of Bethlehem.  
(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

625 ☐ YES ☐ NO 426

Article 28: To see if the Town of Bethlehem will vote to raise  
and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand  
Dollars) in support of the Tri-County Transit Bus Services.  
(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

528 ☐ YES ☐ NO 498

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to accept the road  
system known as Upper Valley Road and perform routine  
yearly maintenance including winter clearings. Understand  
that the road has been approved by the Bethlehem Planning  
Board, that it meets both Town and State specifications,  
that it has been inspected by a certified engineer and that  
currently there are three homes located on the road. If this  
article is approved, the operating budget will increase by an  
undetermined amount.

445 ☐ YES ☐ NO 557

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate  
the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800)  
for Armonosee 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 1014 current BETHLEHEM  
patients, as well as reach more of those in need.  
(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

633 ☐ YES ☐ NO 395

Article 31: To see if the voters will vote to raise and  
appropriate the sum of \$2,000 (Two Thousand) to  
help support Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers,  
that serves the needs of Seniors in the community.  
(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

457 ☐ YES ☐ NO 556

Article 32: 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 County in  
order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school  
and vacation camp environment for children from Bethlehem  
and the local community. The Club provides a van shuttle  
from the school to the Club for the afterschool program.  
(The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this Article)

556 ☐ YES ☐ NO 468

Article 33: We the Undersigned Registered Voters of the  
Town of Bethlehem, NH, petition the Town to place a  
request from North County Home Health & Hospice in the  
amount of \$4,000 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 does not recommend this Article)

614 ☐ YES ☐ NO 405

# OFFICIAL WARRANT ARTICLES BALLOT

for the  
Town of Bethlehem, NH

March 13, 2018

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