

# SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023**

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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 style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR SELECT BOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For Three Years more than <b>TWO</b></p> <p>JEFFREY DONOHOE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SABRINA DUNLAP <input type="radio"/></p> <p>IAN TEWKSBURY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For Three Years more than <b>TWO</b></p> <p>SARAH CHIAPETTA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JASON LACOMBE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL TOCCI <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For Three Years more than <b>ONE</b></p> <p>MICHELE C. SARAZIN (DUFFY) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GAYLE KIMBALL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For Three Years more than <b>TWO</b></p> <p>RICH HOUSTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BRIAN KEBER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEVEN REDDY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>AMY BOGART <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR TREASURER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For Three Years more than <b>ONE</b></p> <p>JOEL MOYER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not For Three Years more than <b>ONE</b></p> <p>GAYLE KIMBALL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ (Write-in)</p>

**ZONING AMENDMENTS**

**Article 2: Zoning Amendments**

To see what action the town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section II Definitions (Entertainment) and (Entertainment, Place of) by providing a clearer understanding of entertainment. Specific places of entertainment have been omitted. **Bold** text represents additions, and ~~strike through~~ represents omissions.

Entertainment: Any single event, a series of events, or ongoing activity or business, occurring alone or as part of another business, to which the public is invited or allowed to watch, listen, or participate or that is conducted for the purpose of holding the attention of, gaining the attention of or diverting or amusing guests or patrons, regardless of whether a charge or fee is levied. ~~The following types of Entertainment activities are included~~ **include but are not limited to**: Instrumental music; individual singer; singing group or band; dance; comedy; theatrical reading; speech; performance art; sporting event, or exhibition. The use of televisions, radio, or recorded music is exempt from this definition. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to permit adult entertainment of any kind, as **defined in Section II and referenced in Section 3.9 III, Establishment of Districts and Uses** of this Ordinance.

Entertainment place of: Any ~~hall, theater, bar, or restaurant~~ **place** which provides on-premises entertainment as its **principal use**, which may also include food and/or beverage service, except a Fair Use permitted in the **Section 3.8, Fair Overlay District**. See also ~~Entertainment~~ **Table of Uses 3.6 and subsection 3.7.8, Place of Entertainment**.

YES   
NO

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6 as follows:

- (a) Table of Uses 3.6.E.3 (Hospitals, Clinics and...), changing the principal uses from prohibited to permitted in the Industrial (M1) and Village Industrial (VM1) districts. The amendment will make the uses consistent with what is currently permitted in the Commercial (B1) district.
- (b) Table of Uses 3.6.F.9 (Drive-in Food Establishments), changing the principal use from prohibited to permitted in the Village Commercial (VB1) district. The purpose of the amendment is to permit what is currently taking place in Contoocook Village downtown, which is ordering and picking up food and beverages from restaurants. The amendment will make the use consistent with what is currently permitted in the Commercial (B1) district.
- (c) Table of Uses 3.6.F.12 (Entertainment, Place of, Section II), changing the principal use from permitted by special exception to prohibited in the High-Density Residential (R1), Medium-Density Residential (R2), Low-Density Residential (R3), and Residential/Agricultural (R4) districts.
- (d) Table of Uses 3.6.G.7 (... or Refuse Facility), changing the word "Facility" to "Facilities." The amendment is a housekeeping amendment changing a word from singular to plural, consistent with how other uses listed in 3.6.G.7 are written.
- (e) Table of Uses 3.6.H.5 (Accessory Dwelling Unit), changing the accessory use from prohibited to permitted in the Commercial (B1) district. The amendment will make the use consistent with what is currently permitted in all other districts.
- (f) Table of Uses 3.6.H.11 (Commercial Entertainment), omitting the word "Commercial." The use will remain as an accessory use permitted in all districts.
- (g) Table of Uses 3.6.H.15 (Home Business), changing the accessory use from permitted by special exception to permitted in the Commercial (B1) and Industrial (M1) districts. The amendment will make the use consistent with what is currently permitted in the Village Commercial (VB1) and Village Industrial (VM1) districts.
- (h) Table of Uses 3.6.H.24 (Temporary Housing), eliminating unnecessary wording. The intent will remain the same, and the use will continue to be permitted in all districts.
- (i) Add an index of the zoning districts at the end of 3.6 Table of Uses. The index will explain the abbreviations of the various districts.

YES   
NO

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## ZONING AMENDMENTS CONTINUED

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6.E.3 (Places of Worship...), by changing the principal use from permitted by special exception to permitted in the Industrial (M1), Village Industrial (VM1), and Village High-Density Residential (VR1) districts. Once amended, the use will be permitted in all districts. The amendment results from a new law, RSA 674:76, relative to local governments regulating properties primarily for religious purposes. The use will continue to require site plan approval by the Planning Board.

YES   
NO

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section IV Dimensional and Density Requirements, 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements as follows:

- (a) Move sentence referencing Explanatory Notes in 4.3 from after to before 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements. This is a formatting change.
- (b) Change the alphabetical sequence of the footnotes to reflect the proposed amendments in 4.3 Explanatory Notes.
- (c) Insert an index of the zoning districts at the end of 4.2 Table of Dimensional Requirements. The index will explain the abbreviations of the various districts.

YES   
NO

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section IV Dimensional and Density Requirements, 4.3 Explanatory Notes as follows:

- (a) Omit 4.3(i), and instead create a new 4.3(g) that specifies the minimum square footage required for the district plus the additional square footage required for each additional dwelling unit. As a result, the alphabetical sequence of 4.3 will change. The amendment is intended to make the footnote format consistent with that shown in (d) through (f). There will be no change to the square footage of the land area required for dwelling units.
- (b) Change the word "zone" to "district" throughout; this is a housekeeping amendment.

YES   
NO

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section IV Dimensional and Density Requirements, 4.4.3 Principal Structure as follows:

- (a) Correct cross-reference to Section VIII Conservation Subdivision.
- (b) Insert cross-reference to Section XIX Commerce and Community Overlay District.
- (c) Omit sentences referencing maximum gross floor area for commercial retail stores and restaurants in the Commercial (B1) and Industrial (M1) districts as the same language exists in new 4.3(j).

YES   
NO

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section IV Dimensional and Density Requirements as follows:

- (a) In 4.3(c), omit reference to the greater setback required when a commercial or industrial use abuts residential uses or a residential district. Instead, add language that requires compliance with a new subsection 4.7 entitled Buffer Standards for Nonresidential Uses. The buffer will replace the greater setback required when a commercial or industrial use or building abuts a residential use or district. The width of the required buffer area will depend on the district and on the height of the structure. Buffers will require landscaping or other screening to be maintained. The new subsection also addresses buffers in lots transected by a zoning boundary, timing of buffer requirements for previously-developed lots, and conditional use permits for alternative buffer arrangements where specific requirements of the section cannot be met. The addition of the new subsection will require amending the Table of Contents accordingly.
- (b) Omit the existing 4.3(j) referencing setbacks required when a commercial or industrial use abuts residential uses, a residential district, or is in a residential area.

YES   
NO

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 8** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section XIX Commerce and Community Overlay District (CCOD), 19.1 District Created and Authority, 19.4 District Boundary, 19.5 Permitted Uses, and 19.6 Dimensional and Density. The amendments will include the date the Ordinance is amended, identify the properties in the CCOD, and clarify that the uses permitted by right and by special exception in the underlying district shall be permitted singularly or in combination. It will reduce the Minimum Development Parcel Size for residential use to one acre and increase the Base Figure used to determine the number of dwelling units from three units per acre to eight units per acre. It will eliminate the Overall Size of development required and allow the reformatting of paragraphs where needed.

YES   
NO

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 9** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section XX Amendments by retitling the section "Amendments and Modifications" and adding a provision that allows the Planning Board to assign and modify the numbering and lettering of sections, provided the change has no substantive effect on the provisions. The change will require amending the Table of Contents accordingly.

YES   
NO

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