

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ZONING BALLOT HOLLIS, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 13, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

2018 ZONING AMENDMENTS

1. Amend Section X Zoning Districts, Agriculture/Business Zone, 1. Permitted Uses in the Agriculture and Business Zone, to allow private schools and day care providers as allowable uses. YES

Explanation: This amendment would allow private schools and day care providers in the A&B zone, which lies along Proctor Hill Road, Ash Street and Broad Street. NO

2. Amend Section XIV Sign Ordinance by removing reference to Administrative Board in Sections N.2.Ciii; Q.2.b.; S.1.3.4.; and T. and replace with the term Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. YES

Explanation: This amendment will clarify this section of the zoning ordinance where there is no longer an "Administrative Board". NO

3. Amend Section IV Enforcement and Administration, paragraph J. by deleting the following paragraph in its entirety: ~~After the issuance of a permit, the operations authorized thereunder are not commenced within 30 days after the day of permit or, if after the commencement of operations the work is discontinued for a period of one year, such permit shall be void and work may not again be commenced until a new permit shall have been issued for the original work, and building materials and equipment on the ground shall be removed or stored according to the requirements of the Building Inspector, and replacing it with "A building permit shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Said permit period may be extended for one or more times with approval of the Building Inspector. If said permit expires, the building materials and equipment on the ground shall be removed or stored according to the requirements of the Building Inspector."~~ YES

Explanation: This amendment will clarify this section of the Building Department relating to the term of building permits. NO

4. Amend Section VIII Definitions, Structure and/or Building by deleting the last sentence in the paragraph. That which is erected or assembled upon a combination of materials for occupancy or use, whether portable or affixed to the ground. This includes structures of permanent or temporary construction, plastic, fabric, and/or canvas covered frame structures, structures for agricultural uses, structures installed on skids, blocks or permanent foundations and all sheds and storage facilities. All structures will require a building permit. Structures shall not include trees, basketball and tennis courts. ~~Structures and/or Building(s) 120 square feet or less shall not require a building permit, but shall be required to meet all setback requirements.~~ YES

Explanation: This amendment will create a provision that allowed small structures to be built without a building permit; this waiver created a number of violations of setback rules, along with abutter conflicts. NO

5. Amend Section XIV Sign Ordinance, N Agriculture Signs, by deleting paragraph 1. ~~Permanent agricultural signs shall not exceed 20 square feet of sign surface area.~~ And replacing it with the following: Permanent agricultural signs: When affixed to a building, a sign shall not exceed 20 square feet of sign surface area. A free-standing sign shall not exceed 20 square feet of surface area with no one horizontal or vertical dimension greater than 6 feet. Posts supporting a free-standing sign shall have a total width of no more than 1 foot (unless specified otherwise by building code requirements). In addition, amend Section N.2. Seasonal agricultural signs, b. i. by deleting ~~Shall not exceed 20 square feet of sign surface area~~ and replacing it as follows: Shall not exceed 20 square feet of sign surface area with no one horizontal or vertical dimension being greater than 6 feet. YES

Explanation: This amendment will limit the size of an agricultural sign to no more than 6 feet wide or 6 feet tall. These signs are allowed in the rural areas of the community for agricultural uses and maintaining a degree of control on signage in these areas is important, as residential uses are often nearby. NO