



OFFICIAL BALLOT

**For The
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire**

TOWN MEETING

March 13, 2013

TOWN CLERK

Place a cross (X) in the square opposite the name for which you wish to vote or write in a name and place a cross (X) in the square opposite.

For Selectmen – 3 Years
(vote for one)

Brian Tilton
Andrew Palmer
Daniel A. Sundquist

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – 3 Years
(vote for one)

Linda Ford

Overseer of Public Welfare – 1 Year
(vote for one)

Courtney Haase

Trustees of the Trust Funds – 3 Years
(vote for one)

Budget Committee – 3 Years
(vote for two)

George G. Wells, III
Thomas C. Paul

Trustees, Sutton Free Library – 3 Years
(vote for two)

Carrie Thomas
Elizabeth (Beth) Cernek

Cemetery Commission – 3 Years
(vote for one)

Article 2: Are you in favor of Amendment 1 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds a new article to the ordinance which will make the numbering of articles and sections automatic after any zoning ordinance amendment is approved by voters which would require a change in numbering in order to maintain the correct sequence. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 3: Are you in favor of Amendment 2 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the spelling and grammatical usage of words contained in various articles and sections in order to have consistent usage throughout the Ordinance, including using similar conventions as those found in state statutes. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 4: Are you in favor of Amendment 3 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the wording of Article III.I.1.a as follows:

“Any property owner or lessee may *reside in or occupy* one travel trailer of his/her own or one of a non-paying guest for a single period of not more than ~~ninety(90)~~ 90 days in any one period of ~~twelve(12)~~ 12 consecutive months”; **and, adds Article III.2 as follows:** “Such a use is permitted for the duration of one year from when construction commences, and may be renewed for a period not to exceed an additional year upon written application to the Board of Adjustment.” **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 5: Are you in favor of Amendment 4 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the wording in both Article IV.A.3 and Article V.A.1 to add “*farm stand*” as a permitted use in both the Residential and Rural/Agricultural Districts. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 6: Are you in favor of Amendment 5 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the wording regarding minimum lot size and frontage requirements where it occurs in the ordinances in both Article IV.C.2.a and Article V.C.2.a, as follows:

“2. Minimum lot area per family

a. No single family dwelling shall be erected, or building altered to accommodate one family as a residence on less than two acres of lot area, unless such lot was a conforming lot of record at the time of its creation ~~and the owner does not own contiguous land, in which case such land shall be combined with said lot to create a conforming or less nonconforming lot.~~ **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 7: Are you in favor of Amendment 6 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds language to Article V.D. to make Shoreland requirements for Article V, Rural Agricultural, consistent with those of Article IV, Residential, by requiring lakefront lots to have not less than 150 feet of frontage on the lake and 75 foot setbacks from poorly or very poorly drained soils. Language was also added to include agriculture as a permitted use. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 8: Are you in favor of Amendment 7 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This Amendment changes, Article VI, Special Exceptions and Variances, by removing language regarding commencement and completion of improvements authorized by special exception and adding language regarding driveways, access ways and other traffic features. Language is added to VI, A.5 to authorize the ZBA to extend the time period within which the applicant must commence and complete improvements permitted by variance or special exception. And, to be consistent with recent changes to RSA 674:33, the requirements for Variance are revised as follows:

- ~~a. No decrease in value of surrounding properties would occur.~~
- a. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest;
- ~~b. Granting the variance would benefit the public interest.~~
- b. The spirit of the ordinance is observed;
- ~~c. Denial of the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the owner seeking~~
- c. Substantial justice is done;
- ~~d. By granting the variance substantial justice will be done.~~
- d. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished; and
- e. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship, if:
 - i. owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance,
 - ii. and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 9: Are you in favor of Amendment 8 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes Article VII, Nonconforming Uses, by adding language to Section A.1 to provide that automatic discontinuance shall take place after a use is discontinued for one year “with evidence of intent to abandon the non-conforming use,” and by adding a new Section D “Conforming to Nonconforming Lot Changes with Annexation”. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 10: Are you in favor of Amendment 9 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This Amendment changes Article III.O, “Personal Wireless Service Facilities (PWSFs), by relocating it as Article XI. The term and definition for “average tree canopy” has been deleted and wherever used replaced by “*tree canopy*” or “*main canopy of trees*,” for which definitions have been added. The language of Section 6.1 B, Height, New Ground-Mounted Facilities has been deleted and replaced with new wording regarding limitations on the height of such facilities to include limiting the area within which the tree canopy is to be determined to within a 150’ radius of the facility. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 11: Are you in favor of Amendment 10 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment replaces Table D.1 with a new Table D.1 which contains the buffer area setbacks by structure types within the Wetlands Overlay District. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 12: Are you in favor of Amendment 11 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment adds a new Article XII to the ordinance regulating small wind energy installations. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 13: Are you in favor of Amendment 12 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment deletes Article IX, Penalty, and adds a new paragraph B to Article VII, Enforcement, which provides for enforcement of the zoning ordinance and imposition of penalties pursuant to state law. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO

Article 14: Are you in favor of Amendment 13 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment changes the names of the entities that must approve sewage disposal systems and erosion control for Cluster Developments, Article IX to Department of Environmental Services (DES) Subsurface Systems Bureau and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), respectively. **This amendment is recommended by the Planning Board.**

YES NO