

Results of 2014 Town Meeting

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TOWN MEETING RESULTS—MARCH 11, 2014

Article 1: Election of Officers (*bold italic print identifies winner*)

Two for Selectman (3 years) <i>Stephen Campbell</i> <i>Michael “Mike” Lyons</i> Michael Petrilli, Sr.	2,820 3,024 2,287	One for Library Trustee (3 years) <i>Kathleen Norton</i>	4,179
Two for Budget Committee (3 years) <i>Shannon Bettencourt</i> Barry Pietrantonio <i>Steven Plante</i>	3,027 2,043 2,141	One for Town Clerk (3 years) <i>Susan Wall</i>	4,492
Two for Planning Board (3 years) John J. Manning, Jr. <i>Ronald Belanger</i> Lawson Brouse <i>Elisa “Jane” Lang</i>	1,766 2,273 1,637 2,069	One for Tax Collector (3 years) <i>Cheryl-Ann Bolouk</i>	4,322
Two for Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years) <i>Robert Uttley</i> <i>Bernard W. Campbell</i>	2,920 3,469	One for Treasurer (3 years) <i>John Sytek</i>	4,165
		One for Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years) <i>Russell Frydryck</i>	4,102
		One for Supervisor of Checklist (6 years) <i>Patricia Frydryck</i>	4,139

Article 2: Amend Depot Overlay District

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: This amendment would add provisions for conditional use permits in the Depot Overlay District?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes - 3,652 No - 1,314

Article 3: Rezone Land on Veterans Memorial Parkway

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as follows: This amendment would rezone the Police Station parcel from partly Commercial-Industrial C District/partly Town Center District to all Commercial-Industrial C District?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes - 3,551 No - 1,520

Article 4: Add Health Care Facilities as Permitted Uses

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: This amendment would add health care facilities as permitted uses in Commercial-Industrial Districts?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes - 4,096 No – 947

Article 5: Allow Temporary Signs for Qualifying Events

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: This amendment would allow temporary signs for festivals, craft fairs, and similar activities with various restrictions?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes - 3,920 No - 1,338

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Article 6: Revise Public Notice Requirement for Permit

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: This amendment would revise the process for providing public notice for building permit applications?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes - 3,484 No - 1,418

Article 7: Allow Large Retail Stores and Restaurants in the Hampshire Road/ Garabedian Drive area

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: This amendment would remove current restrictions on large retail stores and restaurants in the Hampshire Road/Garabedian Drive area?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes - 3,151 No - 2,055

Article 8: Bridge Reconstruction Bond Issue \$1,418,024

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand Twenty-Four Dollars (\$1,418,024) for the replacement of bridges and one culvert at Shannon Road over Providence Hill Brook, Teague Drive over Spicket River, and Cove Road Extension over Arlington Pond and to cover the costs associated with obtaining a bond issue, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,418,024 of bonds or notes for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept any and all Federal, State or other Aid or other revenue source that may become available and take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto, including acquiring or conveying interests in real property necessary to complete this work?

Requires a 3/5 ballot vote.

Amended from \$1,653,000 to \$1,418,024

Needed 3,113 for 3/5 vote to pass

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,627 No – 1,561

Article 9: Water Improvements - North Policy Street \$825,000

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$825,000) for the purpose of replacing an existing water pipe on North Policy Street and to cover the costs associated with obtaining a bond issue, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$825,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept any and all Federal, State or other Aid or other revenue source that may become available and take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto, including acquiring or conveying interests in real property necessary to complete this work? Requires a 3/5 ballot vote.

Amended from \$1,382,000 to \$825,000

Needed 3,094 for 3/5 vote to pass

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,532 No – 1,625

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Article 10: Water Improvement - Discharge Management **\$1,075,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,075,000) for the purpose of installing a second holding tank at the Water Treatment Plant and to cover the costs associated with obtaining a bond issue, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,075,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept any and all Federal, State or other Aid or other revenue source that may become available and take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto, including acquiring or conveying interests in real property necessary to complete this work? Requires a 3/5 ballot vote.

Amended from \$750,000 to \$1,075,000

Needed 3,050 for 3/5 vote to pass

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,306 No – 1,777

Article 11: 2014 Operating Budget **\$40,362,397**

Shall the Town vote to 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 the vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$40,362,397? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$38,587,585 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised budget only.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,058 No – 2,048

Article 12: 2014 Road Construction and Engineering Program **\$4,615,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$4,615,000) to be added to the Roadway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1990 for the purpose of repair and/or reconstruction of existing roads and associated drainage improvements, and engineering, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all State Aid or other revenue source that may become available for this work and to take any other action relative thereto including acquiring or conveying interests in real property necessary to complete the work? The funds will be used for the improvement, reconstruction, maintenance, crack sealing, and engineering of roads as outlined in the 10-year road program.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,878 No – 1,320

Article 13: Winter Weather Operations **\$150,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be placed in the Snow Expendable Trust Fund previously established in 1998 for the purpose of managing winter weather, including but not limited to plowing and removing snow, sanding and chemically treating streets, and otherwise responding to hazardous road conditions related to winter weather?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 4,484 No – 859

Article 14: Purchase of Fire Vehicles **\$1,925,000**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,925,000) for the purpose of purchasing a ladder truck and heavy rescue truck and related equipment for the Salem Fire Department and further to authorize the use of \$1,925,000 from the December 31, 2013 General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance? No amount to be raised from taxation.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,709 No – 1,664

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Article 15: Discontinuance of the GIS Special Revenue Fund \$21,365

Shall the Town vote to discontinue the GIS Special Revenue Fund? Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the General Fund and will be used to offset GIS costs included in the new Federal clean water drainage requirements.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,835 No – 1,134

Article 16: Exemption for the Elderly \$0

Shall the Town vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Salem under RSA 72:39-a, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$68,300; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 \$102,400; for a person 80 years of age or older \$136,500? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$34,100 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$45,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$68,300, excluding the value of the person's residence.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 4,249 No – 1,067

Article 17: Exemption for the Disabled \$0

Shall the Town vote to modify the disabled exemption on the principal place of abode of a disabled person in the amount of \$20,000, in accordance with RSA 72:37-b? No exemption shall be allowed unless the person applying for such exemption has, in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources of less than \$34,100 for a single person, or less than \$45,500 for married persons. Further no exemption shall be allowed where net assets, excluding the actual residence, are in excess of \$68,300. All applicants for the exemption must have been a New Hampshire resident for least five (5) years.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 4,189 No – 1,025

Article 18: Funding of Kelley Library Employment Separation Trust Fund \$50,000

By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) be placed in the Kelley Library Employment Separation Benefits Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of funding the buy-out of library employee benefits upon separation of employment, and to authorize the transfer of the December 31, 2013 General Fund unreserved fund balance in that amount for this purpose.

Amended from \$40,000 to \$50,000

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,145 No – 2,013

Article 19: New Hampshire Resolution to get Big Money Out of Politics \$0

By Petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Salem, New Hampshire to see if the town will urge: That the New Hampshire State Legislature join the nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

- That the New Hampshire State Congressional delegation support such a constitutional amendment.
- That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such a constitutional amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.
- The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Salem's congressional delegation, and to Salem's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,513 No – 1,500

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Article 20: Rockingham Community Action \$15,000

By Petition: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of funding Rockingham Community Action for its work providing fuel, utility, food and housing assistance; budgeting education and support to Salem residents in crisis to move them toward self-sufficiency?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,690 No – 1,538

Article 21: Child and Family Services \$3,500

By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the purpose of supporting services provided to residents to access counseling and family support services, without regard to income from Child and Family services. Child and Family Services provides accessible and affordable programs to children, youth and their families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance and better citizenship. From July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013, sixty-one (61) Salem residents received 795 hours of free and reduced service valued at over \$34,100 from Child and Family Services. These services protected children from abuse and neglect, strengthened families, prevented out of home placements and insured that young women had the comprehensive health care necessary to give birth to healthy babies.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,738 No – 1,412

Article 22: The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center \$10,000

By Petition: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of supporting prevention and early intervention programs and services that strengthen children and families through The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,074 No – 1,976

Article 23: Construction of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor \$1,097,642

By Petition: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Ninety Seven Six Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$1,097,642) for the purpose of constructing a bicycle/pedestrian corridor along sections of Route 28? This appropriation is contingent on the Town receiving \$1,097,642 in state grants and donations. No amount to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 ,VI and will not lapse until the project has been completed or by December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner.

Amended from \$910,000 to \$1,097,642

Amended language: Language changed to read: “This appropriation is contingent on the Town receiving \$1,097,642 in state grants and donations” rather than the current language of “further to authorize the use of \$910,000 in state grants and donations.”

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 3,423 No – 1,760

Article 24: Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County \$5,000

By Petition: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of Supporting Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County's Program in which volunteers provide overnight shelter, and paid staff provide Case Support to assist homeless families in Salem and surrounding Towns to regain permanent housing. Contributing to Family Promise is cost effective. We saved the Town of Salem money in 2013.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: Yes – 2,631 No – 1,562

Article 25: Amend Municipal Code Chapter 275-17 B \$0

By Petition: To see if the Town of Salem will amend Municipal Code 275-17 B to read: B. Temporary signs that do not obstruct the safe flow of traffic and placed with the consent of the owner of land which abuts the right-of-way are permitted. The consent of the owner applies only to private commercial or residential property. Signs advertising is permitted within the Town right-of-ways and other public Town-owned property to promote events hosted by civic, charitable, not-for-profit, religious, educational or other similar organizations.

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Article 25 - Amend Municipal Code Chapter 275-17 B (cont.)

Signs are permitted on public Town-owned property for the same types of events only with permission of the management of the Town department using the property and only if the sign is advertising an event in which that department is participating. These charitable organizations shall place their temporary sign no sooner than two weeks prior to the event. The signs shall be placed no more closely than 150 feet apart. The signs must be removed no later than 48 hours after the event being advertising or forfeit their ownership of the signs. Permits shall ask for name, address, phone number(s) and e-mail address for the responsible contact person requesting the permit. No fee will be collected for sign permits. Each organization may place signs advertising special events up to three times a year.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: **Yes – 2,853** **No – 1,966**

Article 26: Discontinue Portion of Ewins Lane \$0

By Petition: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the portion of Ewins Lane beginning at the Easterly property line of Lot 7517 shown on the Town of Salem's Tax Map 100 and extending Westerly to the Easterly property line of lot 7519? The intention is to discontinue the portion of Ewins Lane between Lots 7517 and 7514 with the former centerline of Ewins Lane being the new lot line between the two parcels.

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: **Yes – 3,367** **No – 1,148**

Article 27: Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem \$12,500

By Petition: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of ensuring that during the critical before and after school hours an increasing number of Salem youth have access to the quality programs at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem fostering academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship?

Passed on official ballot vote on March 11, 2014: **Yes – 4,139** **No – 1,153**

Total appropriations passed \$51,564,063.

This is a true copy of the results of the March 11, 2014 Ballot Vote.

Attest:

Susan M. Wall
Town clerk