

OFFICIAL BALLOT

To Vote: Make an (X) in the box to the right of your choice.

To Vote by Write-In: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person and make an (X) in the box to the right of the name.

FOR SELECTMAN
For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

ANDREW WALLACE _____

FOR PLANNING BOARD
For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 2

JOSEPH NORMAN _____

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE
For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

ELIZABETH McCARTHY _____

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

ROSTISLAV EISMONT _____

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE
For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

REBECCA LESCYNski _____

FOR MODERATOR
For 2 years
Vote for not more than 1

MARK LANEN _____

FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
For 6 years
Vote for not more than 1

ALISON VAN BROCKLIN _____

FOR TOWN CLERK
For 3 years
Vote for not more than 1

KAREN O'BRIEN _____

2024 Ballot Questions:

Amendment #1

Are you in favor to repeal (delete) **Article 4 Section 406.1 House of Worship and Article 17 definition 1733** House of Worship as proposed by the Richmond Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinances to come into compliance with the State of New Hampshire RSA 674:76 as revised July 1, 2022.

Article 4, Section 406.1 Houses of Worship. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, houses of worship, (see definition 16) shall be permitted by right in an area along the major highways in Richmond, NH, Routes 119 and 32, all buildings and infrastructure, including parking and impermeable surfaces shall be located on land within 500 feet of the said highways' rights-of-way [Adopted March 11, 2011]

Article 17 Definitions under 1733 House of Worship – A building set apart for public worship, a venue for any religious group than can provide written documentation (501 (c) (3)) that the US Internal Revenue Service has determined that it qualifies for the tax-exempt status as a religious organization. Dwellings for residential purposes as a principal use do not qualify as a house of worship even if religious instruction is provided there because such instruction is considered incidental to the principal use of the structure.

YES

NO

Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #2** as proposed by the Richmond Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To change Article 17 Definitions, under 1709 Building.

Building – Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended **or used for** the shelter, housing, or enclosure of any individual, animal, process, equipment, goods, or materials of any kind or nature, **including containers greater than 100 square feet used for storage, and in-ground swimming pools.**

YES

NO

Amendment #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #3** as proposed by the Richmond Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To change Article 6 Wetland Conservation District, under 602 Purposes, specifically 602.1, under 603 Uses Permitted, and under 604 Special Exceptions, specifically 604.2.

602.1 To prevent the development of **buildings structures** and land uses on naturally occurring wetlands, which **would could** contribute to pollution of surface and ground water by sewage or any other pollutants, or cause damage to abutter's property.

603 Uses Permitted in the Wetland Conservation District, no use is permitted that would result in the erection of any **building structure** or alter the surface configuration through excavation **or** fill, **except for normal landscaping** or that is not otherwise permitted by the Zoning Ordinance except the following permitted uses:

603.1 Forestry - tree farming.

603.2 Agriculture.

603.3 Water impoundments and well supplies.

603.4 Drainage ways, streams, creeks, or other paths of normal run-off water.

603.5 Wildlife refuge.

603.6 Parks and such recreation use as are consistent with the purpose and intentions of Section 602.

603.7 Conservation areas and nature trails.

603.8 Open space as permitted by subdivision regulations and other sections of this ordinance.

604.2 The undertaking of a use not otherwise permitted in the Wetland Conservation District which may include the erection of a **building structure**, dredging, filling, draining, or otherwise altering the surface configuration of the land, if it can be shown that such proposed use will not conflict with the purpose and intention of Section 602, and if such proposed use is otherwise permitted by the Zoning Ordinance. Proper evidence to this effect shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Adjustment and shall be accompanied by the findings of a review by the Richmond Conservation Commission of the environmental effects of such proposed use upon the wetlands in question.

YES

NO

Amendment #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #4** as proposed by the Richmond Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinances as follows:

To change Article 6 Wetland Conservation District, under 601 General.

The Wetland Conservation District as herein defined is shown on a map or maps designated as the "Town of Richmond Wetland Conservation District Map" and is part of the "Zoning Map" of the Town of Richmond, New Hampshire. For a detailed explanation of soil types, see "Soil Survey of Cheshire County, New Hampshire" issued June 1989, on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board. In addition to areas shown in the Town of Richmond Conservation District Map any other wetlands identified and **delineated by a State Board of Natural Science certified soil scientist or State Board of Natural Science certified wetland scientist** are included in the Wetlands Conservation District.

YES

NO

Amendment #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment #5** as proposed by the Richmond Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Under Article 12, Enforcement and Administration, under 1203 Building Permits Required, as well as 1203.1.B, 1203.2 and 1204 Occupancy Permit including 1204.1.A-D. Also, Article 4, under section 404 Permitted Accessory Uses, specifically 404.3.4. Article 3 General Provisions, under 317 Cluster Housing, more specifically 317.7 and 317.10. Article 17 Definition, under 1758 Ruins.

1203 Building Permits Required A building permit shall be required prior to the erection, addition, alteration, relocation or conversion to apartments of any building or portion thereof. Building permits are not required for detached **buildings structures** with a floor area equal or less than one hundred (100) square feet. It shall be unlawful for any person to commence work for the erection, addition, alteration or relocation of any building ~~or structure~~ until a permit has been approved and issued by the Selectmen. No building permit shall be required for normal maintenance activities, minor repairs and minor alterations that do not structurally alter or change a building ~~or structure~~. No building permit shall be issued for a lot with a private septic system until an approved septic system permit has been obtained from the NH Water Supply and Pollution Control division.

1203.1 Application for a building permit: All applications for building permits shall be accompanied by plans and submitted by the owner or his agent, and shall show:

- A. The actual shape and dimensions of the lot to be built on;
- B. The size and location on the lot of the building(s) ~~or structure~~ to be erected or altered.
- C. The location of all setback lines- front, side, and rear.
- D. The location of all septic system facilities and well(s) dimensions to setbacks.
- E. The location of wetlands and surface water; and
- F. Multi-family dwellings, conversion to multi-family dwellings, cluster developments of more than two dwelling units and structures associated with special exceptions require site plan review and approval by the Richmond Planning Board before issue of a building permit.

1203.2 All buildings **and** building components ~~and structure~~ shall comply with the State Building Code, and the State Fire Code. The construction design, maintenance and use of all buildings ~~or structures~~ to be erected and the alteration, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, removal or demolition of all ~~structures and~~ buildings previously erected shall be governed by the provision of the State Building Code according to State Law RSA 155-A: 2. The standards including definitions established by the most recent entity the Life Cycle Code, NFPA Doc. **shall** take precedence over all standards in the State Building Code relative to means of egress. All new buildings shall conform to the requirements of the State Fire Code.

1204 Occupancy Permit: An approved occupancy permit shall be required before any new dwelling **or** building/~~structure~~ or existing dwelling **or** building/~~structure~~ that has been structurally altered can be occupied. The occupancy permit shall be applied for by the owner or his agent when the construction for which a building permit was issued has been completed. The occupancy permit shall be issued within ten (10) days after the erection or alteration of the dwelling **or** building/~~structure~~ or portion thereof, has been completed and after an inspection by a member of the Richmond Fire Department designated by the Board of Selectman showing that it is in conformance with accepted fire safety standards. [Rev- March 12, 1996]

1204.1 Occupancy permits are required for the following:

- A. The occupancy of a new building- ~~or structure~~
- B. The occupancy of any existing building that has been structurally altered or relocated.
- C. The change in the use of an existing building- ~~or structure~~.
- D. Any change in the use of a nonconforming use or **building** ~~or structure~~.

404 Permitted Accessory Uses

Article 4 Section 404.3.4 The accessory dwelling unit must be located in the primary **dwelling-structure** or in an addition to the primary **dwelling-~~or structure~~**.

Section 3 Article 317 Cluster Development to change 317.7 and 317.10

317.7 The commonly owned open space shall not be used for any **building structure** with the exception of a common approved septic system. Recreational areas, trails or paths are permitted. A private non-profit organization consisting of all landowners shall be established by the developer to manage, maintain, support, and finance necessary actions to the common facilities and common area of the cluster and enforce any covenants.

317.10 All other provisions of Article 4 and Article 3 shall apply except that the setback from the front property line shall be a minimum of 40 feet. In the case of a cluster utilizing a common septic system, a minimum of 10-foot setback from the side and rear property lines and 40 feet from the front property line are required for any **building structure**. The common septic system must be a minimum of 75 feet from any dwelling unit.

Article 17 Definition 1758 Ruins – Any **building structure** that has collapsed for any reason, has burned, or is damaged beyond repair and is uninhabitable.

YES

NO