



TOWN OF RICHMOND OFFICIAL BALLOT 2025

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.

Article 01 Choose necessary Town Officers (by Official Ballot)

FOR SELECTMAN

For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

Douglas Bersaw _____

Jerald Merrifield _____

FOR PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 2

Gregory Butko _____

Douglas Smith _____

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

Barbara Rogers _____

FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

Francesca Heap _____

FOR CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years
Vote for not more than 1

Jerry Mills _____

2025 Ballot Questions:

Article 02 Planning Board Amendment #1 (by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Richmond Planning Board for the Town of Richmond Zoning Ordinances as follows: To change article 404 Permitted Accessory Uses, to add Purpose and Intent of ADU Ordinances, as well as 404.1, 404.3 Accessory dwelling units (ADU), as well as 404.3.1, 404.3.2, 404.3.3, 404.3.4, 404.3.5, 404.3.6, and to remove 404.3.7.

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The following uses are permitted as accessory to a principal use allowed in this District. By definition, accessory uses are secondary and incidental to the principal use and may not expand beyond that limitation or change the character of the property. [Adopted March 12, 2013]

Purpose and Intent of ADU Ordinances

The purpose and intent of these ADU ordinances is to provide clear guidelines for the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in our rural residential town. This regulation aims to allow and encourage affordable/workforce housing options, support multi-generational living, and promote responsible land use, while preserving the rural character of our town.

404.1 Uses that are customarily associated with a principal permitted use (for example, garages, barns, sheds, swimming pools, **ADUs**) or one that is permitted by Special Exception pursuant to Article 11. [Adopted March 12, 2013] 404.2 Cottage industries. [Adopted March 12, 2013]

404.3 Accessory dwelling units (ADU)

404.3.1 There shall be ~~only~~ one accessory dwelling unit permitted **by right** per single-family dwelling. [Rev-March 14, 2006] [Rev- March 12, 2013]

404.3.2 ~~The~~ **Any** accessory dwelling unit may be no larger than ~~750 the primary dwelling or 1000~~ square feet, **whichever is less, but in no case shall the ADU be required to be less than 750 square feet.** [Rev-March 14, 2006] [Rev- March 11, 2011] [Rev- March 12, 2013] [Rev-March 7,2017]

404.3.3 Either the primary dwelling unit or ~~the any~~ accessory dwelling unit shall be occupied by the property owner. [Rev-March 14, 2006] [Rev- March 12, 2013]

404.3.4 ~~The~~ **Any** accessory dwelling unit ~~must~~ **may** be located in the primary dwelling or in an addition to the primary dwelling **or as a separate detached unit.** [Rev-March 14, 2006] [Rev- March 12, 2013] [Rev March 12, 2024]

404.3.5 ~~The~~ **Any** accessory dwelling unit shall not necessitate the establishment of an additional access into the property. [Rev-March 14, 2006] [Rev- March 12, 2013]

404.3.6 Documentation shall be provided that the sewage system **to be used by any ADU** is adequate **for the new use, to accommodate the increased demands on the systems and will be and is approved for that use** in accordance with all applicable standards and requirements of the NH Department of Environmental Services. [Rev-March 14, 2006] [Rev- March 12, 2013]

~~404.3.7 The ADU shall be attached to or within the principal dwelling unit. In order to be considered an attached ADU there must be a common wall between the living space of the principal dwelling unit and the ADU. Detached accessory dwelling units are prohibited. [Rev March 7, 2017]~~

YES

NO

Article #03 Planning Board Amendment #2 (by Official Ballot)

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

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Definitions

1721 Foundations - Foundations for buildings **must be built in conformity with all current NH State building codes.** ~~consist of footings and foundation walls.~~ [Rev. March 12, 2013]

310 Dwellings on Foundations

310.1 All dwelling units and additions shall be built on a permanent foundation. ~~Foundations will consist of footings and foundation walls. All footings must be constructed of concrete and placed below frost level.~~ All foundations **walls must** be constructed in accordance with the applicable NH State Building Codes. [Adopted March 11, 1997] [Rev- March 14, 2006] [Rev- March 12, 2013]

310.2 Structures that are attached to a dwelling, such as decks, porches and barns, may be constructed on footings or piers provided they extend below the frost line. Any such structure that is converted to a dwelling unit must meet the foundation standards of 310.1[Rev- March 14, 2006] [Rev. March 12, 2013]

YES

NO

Article #04 Planning Board Amendment #3 (by Official Ballot)

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

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403 Uses Permitted by Special Exception

403.1 multi-family residences. [Adopted March 12, 1996] [Rev- March 12, 2002] [Rev- March 11, 2011]

403.2 Recreational uses. (Adopted-March 12, 2013)

403.3 Educational and cultural facilities. (Rev- March 12, 2013)

403.4 Home occupations. (Adopted-March 12, 2013)

403.5 Commercial or light industrial uses. [Adopted March 12, 1996] [Rev- March 11, 2011] [Rev- March 12, 2002] [Rev- March 12, 2013]

403.6 Earth excavations. (Adopted-March 12, 2013)

403.7 A second ADU per single family dwelling may be allowed by special exception subject to Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approval, provided that the second ADU meets all other current zoning and building regulations.

YES

NO

Article #05 Petitioned Warrant Article-Normal Landscaping

This petition is being made because the changes made to the Zoning Ordinance in 2024 did not provide a definition of "normal landscaping" which is a new use allowed in the Wetland Conservation District.

We the Undersigned, Richmond registered voters, petition the Town Legislative Body at the first session of the annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting) of March 11, 2025, to amend Zoning Ordinance Article 17: Definitions by adding the following definition:

Normal Landscaping — In the Wetland Conservation District normal landscaping shall be only that altering of terrain that is associated with the installation of structures that are allowed unless otherwise allowed by Special Exception or Variance. In no instance shall any siltation or erosion be allowed to affect wetlands by normal landscaping.

This petition is not recommended by the Richmond Planning Board.

YES

NO

Article #06 Petitioned Warrant Article-Structures and disturbance

This petition is being made because the changes made to the Zoning Ordinance in 2024 allow for construction of structures to the very edge of state jurisdictional wetlands. This setback was recommended to the Planning Board by the Richmond Conservation Commission at two public hearings.

We the Undersigned, Richmond registered voters, petition the Town Legislative Body at the first session of the annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting) of March 11, 2025 to amend Zoning Ordinance Article 6: Wetland Conservation District: 601 General.

601.1 Structures and disturbance

To protect the Richmond wetlands there shall be a twenty-five-foot (25') buffer from wetlands in the Wetland Conservation District, as defined in Article 601, prohibiting disturbance of the existing natural terrain and the erection of structures unless otherwise allowed by Special Exception or Variance.

This petition is not recommended by the Richmond Planning Board.

YES

NO