

# SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 13, 2018**

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TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center"><b>SELECTMAN</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 3 YEAR TERM MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>JIM ADAMS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JAMES CONRAD ALLARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 6 YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>ROBERTA JANE MAXFIELD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 3 YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>CASEY JO BOLTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center"><b>TOWN MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 2 YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>CEDRIC DUSTIN, III <input type="radio"/></p> <p>FREDERICK M. OKRENT <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 3 YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>CARA M. MARSTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 3 YEAR TERM MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>JOHN "PAT" HEFFERNAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center"><b>TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 3 YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>ERICA ANNE ANTHONY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 3 YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 2 YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>SCOT R. PALMER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
	<p align="center"><b>PLANNING BOARD</b></p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT 3 YEAR TERM MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>CLAYTON WOOD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAREN S. NIELSEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NICK PENNEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2:**

Are you in favor of repealing, as proposed by the planning board, all of the building code provisions that the town meeting voted to adopt under article 2 of the March 10 and 14, 1998, town meeting warrant?

The purpose of repealing these building code provisions is to avoid conflicts with the state building code and the state fire code.

YES   
NO

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

**Article 3:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend article 2, definition of "agriculture," to add the words indicated following by underlining and to delete the words indicated following by strikethrough:

**AGRICULTURE:** "AGRICULTURE" means agriculture as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II, effective ~~August 10, 2014~~ June 16, 2016.

The purpose of Amendment No. 1 is to adopt the State of New Hampshire's most recent definition of "agriculture" and thereby remain in conformance to the state's right-to-farm law, RSA 674:32-a through RSA 674:32-d.

YES   
NO

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 4:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend article 3, section 3, (b), (6), Table of Uses and Districts, as follows:

- (1) Change the permitting of home occupations to permitted by right in the Suburban District and in the Rural District, where home occupations are now permitted as special exceptions.
- (2) Change the permitting of bed-and-breakfasts to permitted by right in the Urban District and in the Suburban District, where bed-and-breakfasts are now permitted as special exceptions.

YES NO 

The purposes of amendment no. 2 are (1) to remove the zoning board of adjustment's review of home occupations in the Suburban and Rural zoning districts and (2) to remove the zoning board of adjustment's review of bed-and-breakfasts, which are a type of home occupation, in the Urban and Suburban zoning districts.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

**Article 5:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend article 3, section 3, (b), (6), Table of Uses and Districts, as follows:

- (1) Change how the table shows the permitting of home occupations from permitted by right in the Commercial District to prohibited in the Commercial District.
- (2) Change how the table shows the permitting of bed-and-breakfasts from permitted as special exceptions in the Commercial District and in the Light Industrial/Commercial District to prohibited in the Commercial District and in the Light Industrial/Commercial District.

YES NO 

The purpose of amendment no. 3 is to comply with the state law of nonconforming uses because (1) home occupations and bed-and-breakfasts are by definition accessory uses of single-family dwellings, (2) existing single-family dwellings in the Commercial and Light Industrial/Commercial zoning districts are nonconforming uses because the zoning ordinance prohibits single-family dwellings in these two districts, and (3) the state law of nonconforming uses prohibits expanding a nonconforming use to the extent to which adding an accessory use to a principal use may expand the principal use.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 4-1-0)

**Article 6:**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend article 4, Nonconforming Uses and Lots, to add quotations from New Hampshire Supreme Court case law on nonconforming uses and lots and to codify the New Hampshire state law of nonconforming uses into the zoning ordinance.

The purposes of amendment no. 4 are (1) to increase the use-it-or-lose-it time of abandonment of nonconforming uses from the current one year to two years to agree with the state law of abandonment of variances and special exceptions, (2) to provide guidelines for allowed expansion or change of nonconforming uses, (3) to provide guidelines for unlawful expansion or change of nonconforming uses, and (4) to add a process to correct unlawful expansion or change of nonconforming uses.

YES NO 

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

**Article 7:**

Shall we allow the operation of keno games within the town of Pittsfield pursuant to the provisions of RSA 284:41 through 284:51?  
(majority vote required)

YES NO **Article 8:**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow the official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Pittsfield on the second Tuesday of March?  
(inserted by voters' petition) (3/5 majority vote required)

YES NO **Article 9:**

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?  
(inserted by voters' petition) (3/5 majority vote required)

YES NO 

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT