

TOWN OF SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

VOTER'S GUIDE FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



***MARCH 13, 2012
BALLOT VOTING***

***MARCH 17, 2012
2nd DELIBERATIVE SESSION***

This Voter's Guide for the Town of Salem was created to provide additional information to the voters. Please review the language and background information, which will be most helpful in assisting voters to fully understand the impact of each article. Questions and concerns can be brought to the attention of the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, or the Town Manager's Office.

Article 11: Amend Chapter 216 of Salem Town Code (Life Safety)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Amendment #10, as proposed by citizens petition, to amend the Salem Town Code as follows:

Add the following language to Chapter 216 of the Salem Town Code:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Chapter, no amendment, rule modification, interpretation, administrative order, directive, ordinance or any other provision, shall be applied or enforced that is or has the effect of being more stringent than the requirements of RSA 155-A:2 the State Building Code.

The Planning Board recommends disapproval of this amendment.

OTHER BALLOT ARTICLES

Article 12: Adopt the Provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2)

By Petition: Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town on the second Tuesday of March? This requires a 3/5th majority vote and, if adopted, will repeal the official ballot town meeting charter, which was adopted under the provisions of RSA, 49-D: 2, II-a in 1998.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen: Without

Budget Committee: Not Required

Background: Petition seeks to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow for official ballot voting for all warrant articles.

Article 13: Appointed Planning Board

By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting to Elect Planning Board members and to instead have the Planning Board appointed by the Board of Selectmen in the manner set forth in RSA 673:2.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen: Not Required

Budget Committee: Not Required

Background: Petition seeks to rescind the vote in 2006 to have an elected Planning Board.

Article 14: Appointed Zoning Board of Adjustment

By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to rescind its action to elect the five (5) member Zoning Board of Adjustment adopted in 2006 and return to a five (5) member board with four (4) alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of RSA 673:3, III.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen: Not Required

Budget Committee: Not Required

Background: Petition seeks to rescind the vote in 2006 to have an elected Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Article 9-Amend Town Building Code

Blank	112	102	126	237	152	189	918
Yes	391	371	351	544	376	646	2,679
No	500	365	517	678	517	664	3,241
Total Per Race	1,003	838	994	1,459	1,045	1,499	6,838

Article 10-Amend Town Fire Prevention Code

Blank	105	97	130	229	145	174	880
Yes	368	349	339	524	364	604	2,548
No	530	392	525	708	536	723	3,414
Total Per Race	1,003	838	994	1,461	1,045	1,501	6,842

Article 11-Amend Town Life Safety Code

Blank	116	112	138	250	159	208	983
Yes	343	320	305	492	339	568	2,367
No	544	406	551	716	547	725	3,489
Total Per Race	1,003	838	994	1,458	1,045	1,501	6,839

Article 12-Adopt the Provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2)

Blank	134	103	129	221	138	200	925
Yes	623	533	615	963	658	950	4,342
No	246	202	250	280	249	350	1,577
Total Per Race	1,003	838	994	1,464	1,045	1,500	6,844

Article 13-Appointed Planning Board

Blank	140	125	132	234	145	199	975
Yes	273	242	257	417	293	403	1,885
No	590	471	605	810	607	897	3,980
Total Per Race	1,003	838	994	1,461	1,045	1,499	6,840