

WARNING

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 17, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Rockingham are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium (Bellows Falls Opera House) in said Town on Saturday, May 14, 2016 (immediately following the Public Hearing previously warned for the Plan of Merger at 2:00 pm) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted upon by Australian Ballot, then adjourn to the Masonic Temple, Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, VT on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, to vote by Australian Ballot on Article 7 and 8.

- ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham continue to exempt from taxes for a period of 5 years parcel #110460125 – Bellows Falls Village Corporation (Watershed land)?
- ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham continue to exempt from taxes for a period of 5 years parcel #115000706 – Bellows Falls Village Corporation (Water tower site near the Industrial Park)?
- ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham continue to exempt from taxes for a period of 5 years parcel 140020075 – Saxtons River Village (Rec area)?
- ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham continue to exempt from taxes for a period of 5 years parcel #151210700 – Saxtons River Village (Horan Forest)?
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham continue to exempt from taxes for a period of 5 years parcel #020800116 – Bartonsville Grange?
- ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham continue to exempt from taxes for a period of 5 years parcel #233160003 – Bellows Falls Area Senior Center?
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Town of Rockingham amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rockingham as set forth below?

Shall the definition of “Public/Municipal Facility” set forth in Article V of the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rockingham be amended to read:

Public/Municipal Facility: A building or operation, owned or leased, and operated by federal, state, or local government, or a public utility facility which provides essential services for police and fire protection, libraries, water, sewer, electricity, telephone, highways, post offices, but excluding any facility which exists primarily as an administrative office **or any facility in which more than eighteen (18) people are incarcerated or held for short-term psychological evaluation at any time or in which any person or persons are incarcerated for seven (7) or more consecutive days or held for short-term psychological evaluation for thirty (30) or more consecutive days**, and also excluding the bulk storage of fossil fuels and natural gas and schools.

Shall the definition of the zoning district “Riverfront 14” set forth in Article II §2428 of the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Rockingham be amended to read:

Purpose. This district is a narrow strip of land between the Connecticut River on the east and the railroad tracks and a steep embankment on the west. It is long and narrow with easterly portions subject to flooding. What is now open and wooded land was once a large paper mill site with intense industrial use which was strongest in the early 1900s. Five remaining historic mill buildings are located within the district which is crossed by high tension lines from the hydroelectric plant and substations.

The district allows for recreational uses of land adjacent to the Connecticut River while also allowing for other commercial or industrial uses which would not negatively impact this fragile area. While few mill buildings remain, the district allows for adaptive re-use of these structures for activity compatible with the recreational potential of riverfront property. **Any facility in which more than eighteen (18) people are incarcerated at any time or in which any person or persons are incarcerated for seven (7) or more consecutive days is not compatible with the recreational potential of riverfront property.**

Permitted Uses

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| 1. Community Center | 7. Parking Facilities |
| 2. Club | 8. [REMOVED] |
| 3. Retail Store | 9. 8. Business Office |
| 4. Motel/Hotel | 10. 9. Financial Institution |
| 5. Recreation Indoor | 11. 10. Personal Service |
| 6. Recreation Outdoor | 12. 11. Accessory Use or Structure |

Conditional Uses

1. Residential Accessory Use per section 4541
2. Religious Institution
3. Restaurant with or without Lounge
4. Wireless telecommunication tower or facility – Type A, B and C
5. Multiple Family Dwelling
6. Planned Unit Development
7. Other General Commercial & Light Industrial Uses
8. **Public/Municipal Facility**

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Town allow the placement of a detention center within the legal boundaries of the Town of Rockingham? (By Australian ballot) (Non-binding)

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business deemed proper when not involving the expenditures of Town funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

Adopted and approved at a special meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham duly called, noticed and held on April 5, 2016.

Kathleen Neathawk
Kathleen Neathawk, Town Clerk

Lamont Barnett
Lamont Barnett, Chair

Joshua Hearne
Joshua Hearne, Vice-Chair

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KATHLEEN NEATHAWK, TOWN CLERK