

Dear Barnstead Voters,

This year the Barnstead Planning Board is proposing two ballot questions that will help the Building Inspector and make the Barnstead Zoning Ordinance easier to use.

Question #1 address's more protective measures to the smaller unnamed bodies of water including wetlands, fireponds and streams. While the state of NH has an extensive Shoreland Protection Act for named bodies of water, it does not protect smaller unnamed bodies or seasonal bodies of water. To help protect our environment and to keep all our water healthy and safe we are proposing protection for them.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Question #1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Barnstead Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- In Article 4, Section 4-2 to add: Section 4-2.08 Wetland Lots There must be fifty (50) feet between the nearest edge of any building and the high water line of any firepond, pond, river, stream, brook or other wetland as defined in Article 2.

Question #2 is a clarification to the Growth Management Ordinance and how the Building Inspector may better do his job.

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

- In Article 12, Section 12-8.03 to delete the words "except under conditions established in Sections 12-8.04 and 12-11 each calendar year."
- In Article 12 Section 12-11 to delete this section.
- In Article 12 Section 12-12 to delete this section.

The Planning Board urges you to vote 'Yes' on both questions on March 13, 2018. The polls will be open at the Barnstead Town Hall from 7:00 Am to 7:00 PM. Town meeting will continue March 17, 2018 at the Barnstead Elementary School at 9:00 AM. School meeting will be held on March 24, 2018 at the Barnstead Elementary School at 9:00 AM. We urge all residents of Barnstead to attend both meetings – this is where your property tax dollars are spent.

Thank you,

Nancy Carr, Chair, Barnstead Planning Board