

2016 Town Ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 9, 2016

FOR SELECTMEN

Three year Term

Vote for not more than TWO

DONALD CLEMENT **1475

JULIE GILMAN **1494

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Six year Term

Vote for not more than ONE

SUSAN GORMAN **1661

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Two year Term

Vote for not more than ONE

Yvonne Zinicola **156

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Three year Term

Vote for not more than THREE

BARBARA YOUNG **1477

MARTHA (MIMI) MCENTEE **1341

LESLIE C. HASLAM **1480

TRUSTEES OF THE ROBINSON FUND

Seven year Term

Vote for not more than ONE

JUDITH CHURCHILL **1526

TRUSTEES OF SWASEY PARKWAY

Three year Term

Vote for not more than ONE

Gerry Hamel **265

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Three year Term

Vote for not more than ONE

DONNA LEROY **1526

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Two year Term

Vote for not more than ONE

KATHLEEN MACDOUGALL **1546

Article 2 Zoning Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 2.2 Definitions, by adding the following (and renumbering the remaining list):

2.2.30 Fertilizer: Any substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrients which is designed for use in promoting plant growth such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Fertilizer as defined shall not include vegetable compost, lime, limestone, wood ashes, or any nitrogen-free horticultural medium (e.g. vermiculite).

YES **1440 NO 505

Article 3 Zoning Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 9.2, Section 9.2.3.K. Prohibited Uses, by adding the following:

YES1265 NO 646**

Article 4 Zoning Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 9.3, Section 9.3.4.F. Prohibited Uses, by adding the following:

12. The use of fertilizer as defined in 2.2.30.

a. Per the intent of this ordinance, this prohibition may be waived by the Planning Board to supplement restoration or the establishment of new landscaping. Applicants shall provide written

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justification and identify specific location(s) within the property where the request applies. Waivers granted will provide for temporary allowance, not to exceed one year.

YES1251 NO 637**

Article 5 Petitioned Zoning Amendment: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 submitted by Petition for the town zoning ordinance, as follows:

On the petition of Christopher Gilroy representing 25 Hampton Road #A3 in Exeter, NH and others, to see if the town will vote to:

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding the language: "A special exception for a community building in the R1; R2; R3; or R4 districts may not include a methadone clinic, marijuana dispensary; sexually oriented business; homeless shelter, nor homeless day-center". The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES 932 NO **1099

Article 6 Petitioned Zoning Amendment: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 submitted by Petition for the town zoning ordinance, as follows:

On the petition of Christopher Surette and other registered voters of the Town of Exeter, to see if the town will vote to:

Amend Article 2, Definitions by adding a definition for "Mixed Use" to read as follows: "Mixed Use: the combination of residential and non-residential uses on one or more lots.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses to allow "Mixed Use Multi-family Residential development" as a permitted use in the C-3, Epping Road Highway Commercial zoning district.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.4 Schedule III: Density and Dimensional Regulations – Non-Residential Minimum Lot Area/Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.) by adding reference to Note #21 to read as follows: Residential density for multi-family development is 5,000 square feet per dwelling unit.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.4 Schedule III: Density and Dimensional Regulations – Non-Residential Minimum Lot Area/Municipal Water & Sewer by adding a reference to Note #22. Amend Schedule III: Notes by adding Note #22 to read as follows: Municipal water and sewer and underground utilities are required.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.4 Schedule III: Density and Dimensional Regulations – Non-Residential Minimum Yard Setbacks – Front by adding reference to Note #23. Amend Schedule III Notes by adding Note #23, to read as follows: Minimum front yard setback of 500 feet required from Epping Road for Mixed Use Multi-family Residential development. The Planning Board does not recommend this article.

YES 422 NO1434**

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine million nine hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$49,980,000) for the purpose of constructing a new wastewater facility and site improvements at Newfields Road and improvements to the Main Pumping Station and sewer force mains to meet the requirements of USEPA and NHDES for treatment of wastewater before it is discharged to the Squamscott River in accordance with the Administrative Order on Consent between USEPA and the Town of Exeter, and authorize the issuance of not more than forty-nine million nine hundred and eighty thousand (\$49,980,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project. Debt service to be paid by the sewer fund. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

YES1587 NO 529**

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Article 8

To choose all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year. **BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE:** Bill Campbell, Kathy Corson, Robert Eastman, Frank Ferraro, Francine Hall, Phil Johnson, Bob Kelly, Peter Lennon, Judy Rowan, Corey Stevens, Don Woodward, Anthony Zwaan; **FENCE VIEWER:** Doug Eastman; **MEASURER OF WOOD & BARK:** Doug Eastman; **WEIGHER:** Jay Perkins
YES1733 NO 192**

Article 9

Shall the Town of Exeter raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriation by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$17,576,735. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$17,411,021 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

YES1417 NO 610**

Article 10

Shall the Town of Exeter raise and appropriate as a water operating budget, not including appropriation by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,975,555. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$2,946,611 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

YES1513 NO 533**

Article 11

Shall the Town of Exeter raise and appropriate as a sewer operating budget, not including appropriation by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,400,549. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,321,900 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Exeter or by law. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

YES1468 NO 564**

Article 12

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the SEIU Local 1984 which calls for the following salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

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And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand six hundred eighty nine dollars (\$16,689) for the 2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0.

YES1497 NO 549**

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Article 13

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Exeter Professional Firefighters Local 3491 which calls for the following salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

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And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand four hundred and eighty-four dollars (\$11,484) for the 2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0.

YES1467 NO 604**

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of one-hundred eight thousand and thirty five dollars (\$108,035), for the support of various human service agencies that will serve Exeter residents in 2016:

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A Safe Place	\$7,334
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NHSPCA	\$1,400
Richie McFarland Center	\$9,900
Rockingham Community Action	\$11,000
Seacoast Family Promise	\$1,500
Seacoast Mental Health	\$8,500
Seacoast VNA	\$4,167
St. Vincent De Paul	\$5,000
Womenade of Greater Squamscott	\$3,000
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$1,000
Total	\$108,035

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES1818 NO 307**

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five-thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Sick Leave Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from general fund surplus. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES1145 NO 836**

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Article 16

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for \$243,275 for the purpose of lease/purchasing fund accounting, tax and utility billing software for the Finance, Tax, and Water/Sewer Departments, and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three thousand three hundred forty three (\$63,343), which represents the first of 4 annual payments for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. Appropriation amounts \$31,671 general fund; \$15,836 water fund; \$15,836 sewer fund.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES1072 NO 856**

Article 17

Shall the Town vote to establish a non-capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of making updates to the Town's Master Plan under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund and further the Board of Selectmen shall be named agents of the fund and be authorized to make expenditures from the fund. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES994 NO 929**

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Snow and Ice Deficit Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general fund surplus.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES1284 NO 695**

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for \$159,438 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a dump truck for the Exeter Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand and one dollars (\$36,001), which represents the first of 5 annual payments for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES1153 NO 805**

Article 20

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate via special warrant article the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of conducting a parking study of the downtown area of Exeter to include Water Street, Lincoln Street, and all municipal parking lots. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES878 NO1122**

Article 21

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements for \$93,229 for the purpose of replacing various light duty vehicles within the Exeter Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand and fifty two dollars (\$21,052), which represents the first of 5 annual payments for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. Appropriation amounts \$17,416 general fund; \$1,818 water fund; \$1,818 sewer fund. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

YES1052 NO 895**

Article 22

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long term lease of up to 99 years on Town owned land described as Tax Map-- 100 Lot 4, for the purpose of installing a cellular tower on the property, a portion of which will benefit the Town of Exeter communications systems. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

YES1581 NO 397**

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Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as public highways the following two ancient, abandoned roadways:

- a. A portion of 3 Rod Road from its easterly starting point at its intersection with the already discontinued portion of Garrison Lane, westerly to its intersection with the boundary between Lot 4 on Tax Map 46 and the Town Conservation land, Lot 2 on Tax Map 56. This road was laid out in 1699, as documented in Book 2, Page 136, N.H. State Records.
- b. A portion of Garrison Road from its northerly intersection with 3 Rod Road to its southwesterly intersection with the boundary between Lot 3, Tax Map 56 and the Town Conservation land, Lot 2, Tax Map 56. This road was laid out in 1699, as documented in Book 2, Page 90, N.H. State Records. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

YES1675 NO 267**

Article 24

By petition of Robert Eastman and others, "Shall the Town of Exeter affirm that, within the town limits, the navigable airspace for drone aircraft shall not be expanded below the long-established airspace for manned aircraft; and that the Town of Exeter affirms that within the town limits, landowners have exclusive control of the immediate reaches of the airspace and that no drone aircraft shall have the "public right to transit" through this private property."

YES1540 NO 414**

Article 25

By petition of Daniel W. Chartrand and others, "Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter?"

YES 733 NO1155**

Article 26

By petition of Herb Moyer and others, "To see if the town will urge: That the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda: 1. Ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United; 2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency; 3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors; 4. Establish small-donor, citizen funded elections; 5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration; 6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Exeter's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

YES1345 NO 582**

Article 27

On the petition of Andrew F. Hirst and others, due to the high increase in the cost of living in the past eight years to see if the town will vote: For the purpose of amending Article 43: from 2/2/08

Which reads as follows:

"Shall the voters modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Exeter, based on assessment for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age and up to age 75 years, \$152,251; for a person; 75 years of age up to 80 years \$183,751; for a person 80 years of age and over \$236,251. To qualify person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three (3) consecutive years, own the real estate individually or if owned by such person's spouse, they must be have been married to each other for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of no more

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than \$40,426; or if married, a combine net income of not more than \$51,976; and own net assets not in excess of \$194,251; excluding the value of the persons residence. The combined net asset amount for married persons shall apply to a surviving spouse until the sale or transfer of the property by the surviving spouse or until the remarriage of the surviving spouse.”

Amend to read as follows:

“Shall the voters modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Exeter, based on assessment for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age and up to age 75 years, \$152,251; for a person; 75 years of age up to 80 years \$183,751; for a person 80 years of age and over \$236,251. To qualify person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three (3) consecutive years, own the real estate individually or if owned by such person’s spouse, they must be have been married to each other for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of no more than \$40,427; or if married, a combine net income of not more than \$51,977; and own net assets not in excess of \$194,251; excluding the value of the persons residence. The combined net asset amount for married persons shall apply to a surviving spouse until the sale or transfer of the property by the surviving spouse or until the remarriage of the surviving spouse.”

YES1069 NO 806**

Article 28

On petition of Joan E. Sullivan and others, to see if the Town will vote to: raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of adding brick paver enhancements to the downtown area sidewalk project. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0-2.

YES 748 NO1310**

Article 29

On petition of John M. Maull and others, to see if the Town will vote to place road markings (center yellow lines and side shadow lines) in a manner to enhance the safety of the motoring public and those using the town roads for bicycles, jogging and walking. This will involve adopting a 10 foot travel lane for vehicles (which has been shown to reduce vehicle speed) and placing shadow lines to provide room for safer use of the shoulders for pedestrians, joggers and cyclists.

As background, narrower vehicle travel lanes on town roads encourage vehicles to travel at slower, safer speed. This enhances the safety of all and can require less speed enforcement. Currently the town is marking the travel lane at a 12-14 foot width in areas where the speed limit is 25 MPH. These wider travel lanes present the appearance of a high speed highway and encourage travel at a speed that exceeds the speed limit. The current wider travel lanes have left inadequate space outside the white “shadow” lines. Leaving more space outside of the vehicle travel lanes provides enhanced safety for walkers, joggers, citizens using scooters and bicycles. Many towns in New Hampshire have adopted this approach to enhance safety. This measure will not cost the town any more money than the placement of current lines; it will require a consistent focus on the part of the Exeter Highway Department to see that the lines are placed properly to enhance safety in our town.

YES1437 NO 603**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea J. Kohler
Town Clerk

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TOWN OF EXETER, NH FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION SATUDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

The first session of the 2016 Town Meeting was held at Exeter Co-Operative High School, 1 Blue Hawk Drive, in the Arthur L. Hanson III Center for the Performing Arts. Town Moderator Paul Scafidi called the session to order at 9:01, Moderator Scafidi asked attendees to join him in Pledging Allegiance to the American Flag. He introduced the Town Officials seated at the head tables (from his left): Town Clerk, Andrea Kohler; Town Counsel, Steven Whitley; Town Manager, Russell Dean; Finance Director, Doreen Ravell; Selectwoman and Chair, Julie Gilman, Selectman, Dan Chartrand; Selectwoman, Nancy Belanger; Selectman, Ann Surman; Selectman and Vice Chair, Don Clement and Town Treasurer, Susan Penny. Moderator Scafidi asked people coming into the auditorium to sign in with Checklist Supervisors. Moderator Scafidi explained the rules of the Session. It is custom for non-residents to be allowed to speak to certain articles because of their expertise. A motion was made to allow these people to speak. The motion made, seconded and approved.

Moderator Scafidi will recognize one resident at a time, but will recognize the proponent of an article to speak before any other resident. Each speaker is to state their name and address in Town. Any amendment made to an article must be seconded, and then followed by discussion. Following discussion the Moderator will call for a voice vote, or a card vote, from the registered voters present at this meeting.

Moderator Scafidi said the names of the candidates associated with Article 1 would be listed on the Ballot, as well as Articles 2 through 4, which are Zoning Articles and Articles 5 & 6 which are petitioned Zoning Articles. This meeting has no power to amend these articles as previous public hearings have been held regarding the Zoning Articles, however they may be discussed. Moderator Scafidi said he and/or the Planning Director could address any questions or concerns relative to the Zoning Amendments following the meeting.

Moderator Scafidi called to discuss Article 5 & 6 after all other articles are discussed. The petitioned Zoning Articles may not be amended in any way but may be discussed.

Gerry Hamel made a motion to discuss Article 5, and was second. Moderator Scafidi, at his discretion, moved the discussion for Article 5 & 6 to be discussed after all other articles because although they can be discussed, they cannot be changed.

Frank Ferraro asked the Moderator to reconsider Article 5 be discussed before any other warrant articles. It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for a hand vote. 22 voted Ayes, 23 vote Nays. The motion does not pass.

Frank Ferraro called for a recount. It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for a second hand vote. 23 Ayes 26 Nays. The motion was defeated. Article 5 & 6 will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine million nine hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$49,980,000) for the purpose of constructing a new wastewater facility and site improvements at Newfields Road and improvements to the Main Pumping Station and sewer force mains to meet the requirements of USEPA and NHDES for treatment of wastewater before it is discharged to the Squamscott River in accordance with the Administrative Order on Consent between USEPA and the Town of Exeter, and authorize the issuance of not more than forty-nine million nine hundred and eighty thousand (\$49,980,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project. Debt service to be paid by the sewer fund. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

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Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Mr. Clement presented the article. **Moderator called for any discussion.** Anthony Zwaan spoke in favor of the article to improve the Treatment Plant. However he is concerned about funding coming from the sewer fund exclusively. He is concerned that the 3,000 rate payers would have to carry these costs. For that reason he will be voting against the article. Peter Lennon spoke against the article and feels the Town should spread the burden of cost across the Town and not just the rate payers. Wilson Eaves spoke in favor of the article and thinks we need to vote yes. John Maull spoke against the article even though he is in favor of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Jennifer Perry, Public Works Director spoke in favor of the article and clarified that the 3,400 customers translates to 12,000 rate payers. The Town has signed an administrative order for design and construction of WWTP. The design is to be completed by early 2017 and construction to start in December 2018. We are behind in the scheduling and will be filing an extension. Ms. Perry urges the voters to vote yes. Brian Griset spoke for the article. Dan Chartrand, Selectmen spoke in favor of the article. We are under an administrative order to get this done. He feels this is the best way to pay for this project. He urges the voters to pass this bond article. Selectman, Don Clement, urges the voters to vote in favor of this article, expressing, if we do not, it will cost the Town even more money later. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion, seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 8

To choose all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectman, Don Clement presented the following slate for the Budget Recommendations Committee as follows: Bill Campbell, Francine Hall, Bob Kelley, Phil Johnson, Peter Lennon, Judy Rowan, Corey Stevens, Don Woodward, Frank Ferraro, Anthony Zwaan, Robert Eastman and Kathy Corson. For Fence Viewer, Doug Eastman; Measurer of Wood and Bark, Doug Eastman; and Weigher, Jay Perkins. **Moderator Scafidi called for any further nominations. Seeing none, Moderator Scafidi declared the slate to go on the ballot as presented.**

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Moderator called for discussion. Town Manager, Russ Dean presented the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

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Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Town Manager, Russ Dean presented the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article.** Brian Griset asked why it only a one year agreement. Town Manager, Russ Dean, explained that during the negotiations it was agreed to a one year agreement. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion, seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

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Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Town Manager, Russ Dean presented the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article.** Brian Griset questioned the 1% for the health care premium and also questioned what will be the increase overall for health care increase for the Town and the employees. Town Manager, Russ Dean stated that the Town has to project what those health care costs will be from the premiums and health care costs during the year. He expects to see an 8-9% increase in the coming years. Michael Dawley called for a vote from the select board for a true vote of the article today. He feels the Board's vote would not be the same as listed on this article. **Moderator Scafidi explained, to Mr. Dawley, that it was a legal vote taken at the meeting when the article was presented. Moderator Scafidi denied a vote to be taken of the Board today on this article. There will be no vote taken of the Selectmen. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will on the ballot as written.**

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New Heights (formerly New Outlook)	\$3,000
NHSPCA	\$1,400
Richie McFarland Center	\$9,900
Rockingham Community Action	\$11,000
Seacoast Family Promise	\$1,500
Seacoast Mental Health	\$8,500
Seacoast VNA	\$4,167
St. Vincent De Paul	\$5,000
Womenade of Greater Squamscott	\$3,000
End 68 Hours of Hunger	\$1,000
Total	\$108,035

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator called for discussion of the article. Nancy Belanger presented the article. Frank Ferraro stated he was disappointed that representatives from these different agencies were not here. Helen Crowe, Board member of the Richie McFarland Center stated she would be happy to answer any questions. Brian Griset questioned what the dollar amount was three years ago so we can determine if there is an increase, decrease or a difference in the count of agencies? Town Manager, Russ Dean explained the old system would rotate the human services with 2/3 of them listed as a warrant article with the other 1/3 listed as a separate warrant article for each. We have since consolidated the list. What is listed today is the total amount requested for all Human Service Agencies for the year 2016. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Selectwomen, Julie Gilman made a motion for no reconsideration of Articles 7-14. It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Moderator Scafidi called for a vote, the Ayes have it. Moderator Scafidi declared Articles 7-14 will not be reconsidered.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five-thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Sick Leave Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from general fund surplus. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectmen Dan Chartrand presented the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

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Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for \$243,275 for the purpose of lease/purchasing fund accounting, tax and utility billing software for the Finance, Tax, and Water/Sewer Departments, and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three thousand three hundred forty three (\$63,343), which represents the first of 4 annual payments for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. Appropriation amounts \$31,671 general fund; \$15,836 water fund; \$15,836 sewer fund. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion. Selectwoman, Nancy Belanger presented the article. Allan Corey spoke in favor of the article and stated it's imperative we update the software however he does not agree with cost of this program and feels there are better programs available at less cost. **Mr. Allan Corey made an amendment to reduce the lease purchase agreement amount to \$150,000 and the annual payments from \$63,343 to 0.** Legal Council, Steven Whitney suggested the amendment be reduced to \$1.00 so the Town could make a payment. Mr. Cory agreed. **It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the amendment.** Gerry Hamel is not comfortable with the cost. Frank Ferraro spoke against the amendment. He questions the cost to transfer the information from one vender program to another included in this cost? Finance Director, Doreen Ravell said yes. Mr. Ferraro also asked is there an ongoing maintenance cost included in this figure? Ms. Ravell said it is not included in the amount and there is ongoing maintenance cost of \$24,285. Will Eaves asked "what is the interest fee"? Ms. Ravell said that the interest fee was 2.7%. Peter Lennon spoke against the amendment. Dan Chartrand, Selectman is voting against the amendment and urges the voters to vote the same. **Brian Griset called to move the question. Moderator Scafidi called for a voice vote. The Nays have it. The amendment is defeated. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Mr. Brian Griset made a motion to amend the article to replace \$243,275 to \$200,000 and \$63,343 to one dollar. Moderator Scafidi called for a second. It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the amendment.** Finance Director, Doreen Ravell stated she did research and quotes on four NH companies with very detailed proposals. It does not preclude me from looking elsewhere. Selectmen, Dan Chartrand spoke against the amendment stating there is no piece of equipment that is more important to productivity and operation of the Town. Mr. Ferraro spoke against the amendment. Selectmen, Don Clement spoke against the amendment. **Moderator Scafidi called for a vote of amendment. Nays have it. The amendment was defeated. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of making updates to the Town's Master Plan under the jurisdiction of the planning board, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund and further the Board of Selectmen shall be named agents of the fund and be authorized to make expenditures from the fund. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator called for discussion of the article. Selectwomen, Julie Gilman presented the article. **Moderator called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Snow and Ice Deficit Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general fund surplus. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectwoman, Anne Surman presented the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for \$159,438 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a dump truck for the Exeter Highway Department, and to raise

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and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand and one dollars (\$36,001), which represents the first of 5 annual payments for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectman, Dan Chartrand presented the article. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate via special warrant article the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of conducting a parking study of the downtown area of Exeter to include Water Street, Lincoln Street, and all municipal parking lots. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectwoman, Julie Gilman presented the article. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Dan Chartrand, Selectmen spoke in favor of the article. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements for \$93,229 for the purpose of replacing various light duty vehicles within the Exeter Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand and fifty two dollars (\$21,052), which represents the first of 5 annual payments for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. Appropriation amounts \$17,416 general fund; \$1,818 water fund; \$1,818 sewer fund. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-1.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectmen, Don Clement presented the article. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.

Selectman, Dan Chartrand, made a motion for no reconsideration of Articles 15-21. It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, Moderator Scafidi called for a vote, the Ayes have it. Moderator Scafidi declared Articles 15-21 will not be reconsidered.

Article 22

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long term lease of up to 99 years on Town owned land described as Tax Map 100 Lot 4, for the purpose of installing a cellular tower on the property, a portion of which will benefit the Town of Exeter communications systems. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectwoman, Anne Surman presented the article. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Anthony Zwaan spoke in favor of the article. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as public highways the following two ancient, abandoned roadways:

- a. A portion of 3 Rod Road from its easterly starting point at its intersection with the already discontinued portion of Garrison Lane, westerly to its intersection with the boundary between Lot 4 on Tax Map 46 and the Town Conservation land, Lot 2 on Tax Map 56. This road was laid out in 1699, as documented in Book 2, Page 136, N.H. State Records.

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- b. A portion of Garrison Road from its northerly intersection with 3 Rod Road to its southwesterly intersection with the boundary between Lot 3, Tax Map 56 and the Town Conservation land, Lot 2, Tax Map 56. This road was laid out in 1699, as documented in Book 2, Page 90, N.H. State Records.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectwoman, Julie Gilman presented the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion.** Darius made a recommendation to place a historical marker where these roads are located. Selectman, Don Clement agreed it was an excellent idea. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 24

By petition of Robert Eastman and others, "Shall the Town of Exeter affirm that, within the town limits, the navigable airspace for drone aircraft shall not be expanded below the long-established airspace for manned aircraft; and that the Town of Exeter affirms that within the town limits, landowners have exclusive control of the immediate reaches of the airspace and that no drone aircraft shall have the "public right to transit" through this private property."

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.

Article 25

By petition of Daniel W. Chartrand and others, "Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of establishing a municipal charter?"

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Selectman, Dan Chartrand presented a PowerPoint presentation to explain the article. Jim Leslie spoke in favor of the article and urges the voters to educate themselves and vote for this article. Frank Ferraro spoke against the article and feels we as a Town operate fine under the current form of government. William Campbell spoke against the article saying that the Selectmen have their own rules under their own policies and procedures' manual. Gerry Hamel spoke against the article saying we don't need another form of government because some projects are not getting done. The money is there when we are ready. Selectwoman, Anne Surman spoke against the article stating that the SB2 form of government allows all voters to come and comment and amend the warrant where the Charter Commission does not allow for this type of meeting. Anthony Zwaan spoke for the article saying he is interested in visiting this option and feels our current form of government does have some deficiencies. Amy McLaughlin spoke in favor of the article to at least look at it. Nelson Lorencio spoke against the article and vote it down. Harry Thayer spoke against the article because there is money attached and it is not transparent. This is a study folks with no money attached. Jim Leslie spoke for the article saying this Article is for the exploration of a charter commission. Arthur Baillargeon spoke against the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Moderator Scafidi made a motion to have a 40 minute break at 12:21. It was seconded. A voice vote was taken, ayes have it. Moderator Scafidi declared the meeting to reconvene at 1:00 pm.

At 1:00 pm Moderator Scafidi called the meeting to order.

Article 26

By petition of Herb Moyer and others, "To see if the town will urge: That the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda: 1. Ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United; 2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency; 3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors; 4. Establish small-donor, citizen funded elections; 5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration; 6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws.

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That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Exeter's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Allen Corey spoke against the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 27

On the petition of Andrew F. Hirst and others, due to the high increase in the cost of living in the past eight years to see if the town will vote: For the purpose of amending Article 43: from 2/2/08

Which reads as follows:

"Shall the voters modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Exeter, based on assessment for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age and up to age 75 years, \$152,251; for a person; 75 years of age up to 80 years \$183,751; for a person 80 years of age and over \$236,251. To qualify person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three (3) consecutive years, own the real estate individually or if owned by such person's spouse, they must be have been married to each other for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of no more than \$40,426; or if married, a combine net income of not more than \$51,976; and own net assets not in excess of \$194,251; excluding the value of the persons residence. The combined net asset amount for married persons shall apply to a surviving spouse until the sale or transfer of the property by the surviving spouse or until the remarriage of the surviving spouse."

Amend to read as follows:

"Shall the voters modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Exeter, based on assessment for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age and up to age 75 years, \$152,251; for a person; 75 years of age up to 80 years \$183,751; for a person 80 years of age and over \$236,251. To qualify person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least three (3) consecutive years, own the real estate individually or if owned by such person's spouse, they must be have been married to each other for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of no more than \$50,426; or if married, a combine net income of not more than \$61,976; and own net assets not in excess of \$194,251; excluding the value of the persons residence. The combined net asset amount for married persons shall apply to a surviving spouse until the sale or transfer of the property by the surviving spouse or until the remarriage of the surviving spouse."

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Andrew Hirst spoke in favor of the article. Peter Francese spoke against the article. **Nelson Lorenzo called for an amendment to change the dollar amount from \$50,426 to \$40,427 and the dollar amount from \$61,976 to \$51,977. It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion to the amendment.** Peter Francese, spoke for the amendment. Gerry Hamel spoke for the amendment. Darius Thompson spoke against the amendment. Frank Ferraro spoke for the amendment. **Darius Thompson called the question. Moderator Scafidi read the amendment and called for a voice vote. The Ayes have it. The amendment passes. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as amended.**

Article 28

On petition of Joan E. Sullivan and others, to see if the Town will vote to: raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of adding brick paver enhancements to the downtown area sidewalk project.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0-2.

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Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. Bill Campbell spoke on behalf of the Joan Sullivan's article. Mr. Campbell presented the article and spoke in favor of it. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Frank Ferraro spoke against the article and made a motion to amend the article to reduce the \$175,000 to zero. Moderator Scafidi called for a seconded. It was seconded. Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of the amendment.** Martha Pennell spoke for this amendment saying because of her age she needs a smooth surface. Kathy Thompson spoke against the amendment. Bill Campbell spoke against the amendment. Darius Thompson spoke against the amendment. **Dan Chartrand called the amendment. Moderator Scafidi called for a voice vote. Too close to call. Moderator Scafidi called for a hand vote. 10 Ayes 25 Nays, Moderator Scafidi declared the amendment does not pass. He called for further discussion of the article. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 29

On petition of John M. Maull and others, to see if the Town will vote to place road markings (center yellow lines and side shadow lines) in a manner to enhance the safety of the motoring public and those using the town roads for bicycles, jogging and walking. This will involve adopting a 10 foot travel lane for vehicles (which has been shown to reduce vehicle speed) and placing shadow lines to provide room for safer use of the shoulders for pedestrians, joggers and cyclists.

As background, narrower vehicle travel lanes on town roads encourage vehicles to travel at slower, safer speed. This enhances the safety of all and can require less speed enforcement. Currently the town is marking the travel lane at a 12-14 foot width in areas where the speed limit is 25 MPH. These wider travel lanes present the appearance of a high speed highway and encourage travel at a speed that exceeds the speed limit. The current wider travel lanes have left inadequate space outside the white "shadow" lines. Leaving more space outside of the vehicle travel lanes provides enhanced safety for walkers, joggers, citizens using scooters and bicycles. Many towns in New Hampshire have adopted this approach to enhance safety. This measure will not cost the town any more money than the placement of current lines; it will require a consistent focus on the part of the Exeter Highway Department to see that the lines are placed properly to enhance safety in our town.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the article. John Maull presented the article and spoke in favor of the article. Jennifer Perry, Public Works Director, spoke against the article. **Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion. Seeing none, the article will go on the ballot as written.**

Article 5 Petitioned Zoning Amendment: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 submitted by Petition for the town zoning ordinance, as follows:

On the petition of Christopher Gilroy representing 25 Hampton Road #A3 in Exeter, NH and others, to see if the town will vote to:

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding the language: "A special exception for a community building in the R1; R2; R3; or R4 districts may not include a methadone clinic, marijuana dispensary; sexually oriented business; homeless shelter, nor homeless day-center".

The Planning Board recommends this article.

Moderator Scafidi called for discussion of the Petitioned Articles 5. Although they can be discussed, they cannot be amended. There was much discussion of the Article 5.

Article 6 Petitioned Zoning Amendment: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 submitted by Petition for the town zoning ordinance, as follows:

On the petition of Christopher Surette and other registered voters of the Town of Exeter, to see if the town will vote to:

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Amend Article 2, Definitions by adding a definition for “Mixed Use” to read as follows: “Mixed Use: the combination of residential and non-residential uses on one or more lots.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses to allow “Mixed Use Multi-family Residential development” as a permitted use in the C-3, Epping Road Highway Commercial zoning district.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.4 Schedule III: Density and Dimensional Regulations – Non-Residential Minimum Lot Area/Dwelling Unit (Sq. Ft.) by adding reference to Note #21 to read as follows: Residential density for multi-family development is 5,000 square feet per dwelling unit.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.4 Schedule III: Density and Dimensional Regulations – Non-Residential Minimum Lot Area/Municipal Water & Sewer by adding a reference to Note #22. Amend Schedule III: Notes by adding Note #22 to read as follows: Municipal water and sewer and underground utilities are required.

Amend Article 4, Section 4.4 Schedule III: Density and Dimensional Regulations – Non-Residential Minimum Yard Setbacks – Front by adding reference to Note #23. Amend Schedule III Notes by adding Note #23, to read as follows: Minimum front yard setback of 500 feet required from Epping Road for Mixed Use Multi-family Residential development.

The Planning Board does not recommend this article.

Moderator Scafidi called for further discussion of Article 6. There was much discussion of Article 6.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Moderator Scafidi made a motion to adjourn the Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting. So moved and seconded with no opposition, Moderator Scafidi declared the meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM and the meeting to resume at 7:00 AM at the Talbot Gym on Linden Street for voting purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea J. Kohler
Exeter Town Clerk

State of NH
Rockingham County