

EXETER TOWN WARRANT – 2012

To the inhabitants of the Town of Exeter, in the County of Rockingham, in the said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

First Session

You are hereby notified that the first session (the Deliberative Session) of the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Arthur L. Hanson III Center for the Performing Arts at Exeter High School, 1 Blue Hawk Drive. The first session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will also afford voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to warrant articles, except those articles in which wording is prescribed by state law.

Second Session

The second session of the annual town meeting, to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles as they may have been amended at the first session, will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Talbot Gymnasium at the Tuck Learning Center, 30 Linden Street. Polls for voting by official ballot will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Article 1

To choose the following: 1 Selectman for a 3-year term; 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a 6-year term; 3 Trustees of the Library for a 3-year term; 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year term; 1 Trustee of the Robinson Fund for a 7-year term; 1 Trustee of Swasey Parkway for a 3-year term; 1 Town Clerk for a 2-year term.

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 Definitions by adding a definition for “Abandonment” as follows: “Abandonment: To stop the use of property or activity without the intent to resume. When the use of a property has ceased for a period of 12 consecutive months, intent to abandon will be presumed unless the owner can show that a diligent effort has been made to sell, rent, or use the property for that use. Signs that are not in use for greater than one year will be deemed to be abandoned regardless of the intention of the owner.” (Also renumber sections in Article 2 and correct definition references throughout the ordinance as needed.)

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 5.7.3.D.1, Right-of -Way Limitations: to read as follows: “No sign shall be erected or placed within a public street, sidewalk, bicycle path or any Town right-of-way except as provided in Section 502.2 of the Town Ordinance.”

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 5.7.7, Sign Ordinance for the Historic District-Commercial Zoning Districts: revise the title "Commercial" to "Non-Residential" to make the title consistent with the title of Article 5.7.5.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six-million three-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$6,350,000) for the design and construction of a new groundwater treatment facility on property around the Lary Lane Well, equipping and upgrading the Lary Lane, Gilman Park, and Stadium Well facilities, together with necessary water main upgrades. These additions and changes will significantly improve the potable water quality and improve the system's overall reliability. The Town will authorize the issuance of not more than (\$6,350,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any state or federal grants, including an approved grant of 20% debt forgiveness from the NHDES, to reduce the cost of this project. Debt service will be paid from the water fund.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million eight hundred and fifty thousand (\$2,850,000) for the purpose of making water, sewer, and drainage improvements to the Jady Hill area, including replacement and repair of water and sewer lines to address inflow and infiltration problems to the Town's sewer system, and to authorize the issuance of not more than (\$2,850,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any state or federal grants related to the project. Debt service will be paid \$2,650,000 from the sewer fund, \$200,000 from the general fund.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$750,000) for the purpose of replacing water meters throughout the Town, and to authorize the issuance of

not more than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any state or federal grants, including an approved grant of 20% debt forgiveness from the NHDES, to reduce the cost of this project. Debt service will be paid from the water fund.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$375,000) for the purpose of creating a Wastewater Facilities Plan to meet the requirements of the Town's EPA wastewater discharge permit, and to authorize the issuance of not more than three hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$375,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any state or federal grants related to the project. Debt service will be paid from the sewer fund.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$284,625) for the purpose of design and construction on a wastestream reduction system at the Town's Water Treatment Plant on Portsmouth Avenue. These wastestreams can represent over 39% of the daily flow entering Exeter's Wastewater Plant on a non-rain event day. The recycling of this water at the Water Treatment Plant will significantly increase capacity at the Wastewater Plant. The Town will authorize the issuance of not more than two hundred eighty four thousand six hundred twenty five dollars (\$284,625) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any state or federal grants, including an approved grant of 20% debt forgiveness from the NHDES, to reduce the cost of this project. Debt service will be paid from the water fund.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 10

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

Article 11

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 \$20,310,353. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$20,579,921, 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

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two-hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000), to be added to the Town's paving budget, for the purpose of paving town roads.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety eight thousand dollars (\$198,000), for the purpose of installing a new heating, venting and air conditioning system, including replacing the boilers, at the Town Offices at 10 Front Street.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$99,900), for the purpose of replacing the slate roof on the Town owned building at 47 Front Street.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 15

On petition of Robert Eastman and others, to see if the Town of Exeter will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000) for the purpose of purchasing the Getty Petroleum Property Tax Map 72 Lot 129. The sum to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of thirty-eight thousand, four-hundred dollars (\$38,400), for the support of various Human Service agencies that will serve Exeter residents in 2012:

Agency	Amount
A Safe Place	\$5,500
Area Homecare	\$13,000
Seacare Health Service	\$5,000
Sexual Assault Support Services	\$3,000
Crossroads House	\$3,500
Seacoast VNA	\$5,000
NHSPCA	\$1,400
<u>Seacoast Family Promise</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$38,400

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 17

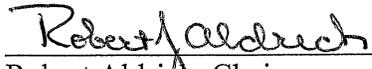
On the petition of Mr. Donald Woodward and others, to see if the Town will vote to amend Water & Sewer billing rates such that Single-Metered, Multi-Residence customers would be billed by total usage divided by the number of households served per R.S.A. Section 38:28. The single connection and billing charge would remain unchanged.

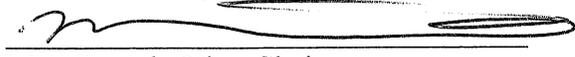
Article 18

On the petition of Shirley A. Pitts and others, "Shall the Town of Exeter, NH be required to hold all Local, Municipal, State, Primary, and Federal elections as well as Town Deliberative Sessions at the Exeter Town Hall, located on Front Street, Exeter, NH."

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

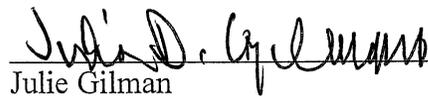
Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of January, 2012.


Robert Aldrich, Chairman


Matt Quandt, Vice-Chairman

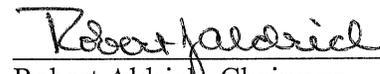

Frank Ferraro, Clerk

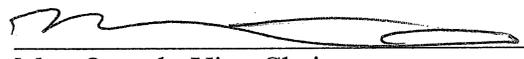

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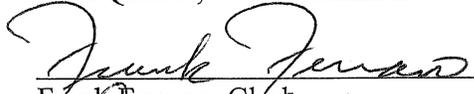

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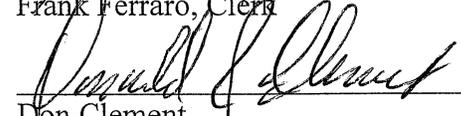
We certify that on the 25th of January, 2012, we caused a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Exeter Town Hall on Front Street, the Exeter Public Library at Founder's Park, Exeter High School at 1 Blue Hawk Drive, Talbot Gymnasium at Tuck Learning Campus, 30 Linden Street, and the Town Clerk's Office, 10 Front Street.

Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of January, 2012.


Robert Aldrich, Chairman


Matt Quandt, Vice-Chairman


Frank Ferraro, Clerk


Don Clement


Julie Gilman