EXETER TOWN WARRANT – 2013

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 2, 2013 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 12, 2013 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 Moderator for a 2-year term; 2 Selectmen for a 3-year term; 1 Town Treasurer for a 2-year term; 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a 5-year term; 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a 1-year term; 3 Trustees of the Library for a 3-year term; 2 Trustees of the Library for a 1-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.

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 "Two-Family" as follows: "Two-family home (Duplex): A building designed for residential purposes and containing two principal dwelling units separated by a common interior wall (including ceiling/floor) and supported with a common foundation.." (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 2 Definitions by adding a definition for "Veterinarian" as follows: "Veterinarian: An establishment where animals or pets are given medical or surgical treatment and are cared for during the time of such treatment. Use as a kennel or overnight services are prohibited." (Also renumber sections in Article 2 and correct definition references throughout the ordinance as needed.)

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 2 Definitions by revising existing definition 2.2.21 as follows: "Elderly/Senior: For the purpose of this ordinance, elderly or senior shall be defined as persons fifty-five (55) years of age or older."

Article 5: Zoning Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 2 Definitions by revising existing definition 2.2.22 as follows: Elderly Congregate Health Care Facilities (ECHCF): A multi-dwelling residential facility providing various housing options to meet the spectrum of needs and interests from active adults through skilled nursing facilities. ECHCF's primary feature is the provision of "lifetime" supportive services at each stage of a senior's later life. The facility is generally intended for persons fifty-five (55) years of age or older which provides on-site nursing home facilities as licensed by the State of New Hampshire.

Article 6: Zoning Amendment #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 2 Definitions by deleting existing definition 2.2.55 Nursing Home and replacing it with the following definition : A long-term care facility licensed by the state that offers 24-hour room and board and health care services, including basic and skilled nursing care, rehabilitation, and may also offer a full range of other therapies, treatments, and programs. Nursing homes may or may not cater exclusively to seniors.

Article 7: Zoning Amendment #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 2 Definitions by adding a definition for "Active Adult Community" as follows: A community or living facility designed specifically for the interests of seniors age 55 and older, which may include recreational amenities and support services for maintenance-free living for older adults who are healthy, active, and capable of living independently. (Renumber sections in Article 2 and correct definition references throughout the ordinance as needed.)

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding "Active Adult Community" as an allowed principal use in the R-4, R-5, and R-6 districts.

Amend Article 5.6.6 Off-Street Parking Schedule by adding the use "Active Adult Community" with the parking requirement of 1 space for each 1 bedroom unit, 2 for each 2+ bedroom unit, plus 1 for every 4 units for guest parking.

Article 8: Zoning Amendment #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 2 Definitions by adding a definition for "Independent Living Facilities" as follows: Similar to the Active Adult Community but provides some support services such cleaning, laundry, food, transportation, and other services. Group facilities may be provided on premises for recreation and social interaction. (Renumber sections in Article 2 and correct definition references throughout the ordinance as needed.)

Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding "Independent Living Facilities" as an allowed principal use in the R-4, R-5, and R-6 districts.

Amend Article 5.6.6 Off-Street Parking Schedule by adding the use "Independent Living Facilities" with the parking requirement of 1 space for unit, plus one space per employee on maximum shift, plus 1 for every 5 units for guest parking.

Article 9: Zoning Amendment #8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 2 Definitions by adding a definition for "Assisted Living Facility" as follows: Housing primarily for elderly persons, who require some support services for their daily living activities including basic medical assistance. Assisted Living Facilities typically require residents to be mobile and capable of performing most routine tasks. (Renumber sections in Article 2 and correct definition references throughout the ordinance as needed.)

Also amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses by adding "Assisted Living Facility" as an allowed principal use in the NP, C-3, R-4, R-5, and R-6 districts.

Amend Article 5.6.6 Off-Street Parking Schedule by adding the use "Assisted Living Facility" with the parking requirement of 1 space for every 5 units, 1 space for every 6 units for guest parking, plus one per employee on maximum shift.

Article 10: Zoning Amendment #9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 3.2 Zoning Map by adjusting the zone district boundary line between the PP-Professional Technology Park and CT-Corporate Technology Park zoning districts to follow the common property line between Tax Map Parcel # 70-103 and Tax Map Parcel # 66-1 located on Holland Way. (See attached map.)

Article 11: Zoning Amendment #10: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 3.2 Zoning Map by rezoning parcels fronting on Portsmouth Ave from High Street (35-41 High Street) to the intersections of Green Hill Road (48 Portsmouth Ave) and Highland Street (49 Portsmouth Ave) as depicted on the attached map from their current zoning designation to the C-1, downtown commercial district. Note: New zone district boundaries are proposed to follow property lot lines.

Article 12: Zoning Amendment #11: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses, add "Veterinarians and garden supply establishments" to allowed principal uses in the C-1 district.

Article 13: Zoning Amendment #12: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 4.3 Schedule II Density and Dimensional Regulations –Residential, by revising the chart to reflect the density required for a two-family in the R-2 district as 12,000 sq. ft./unit.

Article 14: Zoning Amendment #13: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 4.4 Schedule III Notes: #20 to read as follows: Residential density for "multi-use" building is 5,000 square feet (sq.ft.) of lot area per unit.

Article 15: Zoning Amendment #14: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 5.6.6

Off-Street Parking Schedule by deleting the reference to "Elderly Housing" use and its associated parking requirement; and revise the parking requirement for "Elderly Congregate Healthcare/Retirement Planned Community as follows:

Elderly Congregate Healthcare Retirement Planned Community	1 space for each 1 bedroom dwelling unit, 2 for each 2+ bedroom dwelling unit, 1 per 4 beds, 1 per 6 units for guest parking, plus 1 per employee on the maximum shift

Article 16: Zoning Amendment #15: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 2 by removing the definition for "Retirement Planned Community". Also amend Article 5.6.6 by removing "Retirement Planned Community" from the parking regulations.

Article 17: Zoning Amendment #16: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Amend Article 5.3.5 Demolition Review by amending various references to the 'business/calendar day' requirements required for the demolition review process.

Article 18 – Portsmouth Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-million one hundred and twenty thousand dollars ($1,120,000) for replacement and rehabilitation of water mains and sewer lines on Portsmouth Avenue from the High Street and Portsmouth Avenue intersection to the surface water treatment plant. The Town will authorize the issuance of not more than ($1,120,000) 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; Debt service will be paid from the water fund ($180,000) and from the sewer fund ($940,000) via water fees and sewer fees.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 19 – Choose Officers

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

Article 20 – Operating Budget

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 $21,086,794. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $20,845,576 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 21 – Exeter Fire Association and Town of Exeter Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Exeter Fire Association which calls for the following salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Salary and Benefits Increase	Town Health Care Savings
FY13	$28,802	($21,466)
FY14	$10,518	($42,932)
FY15	$30,567	($42,932)

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand three hundred and thirty six dollars ($7,336) for the 2013 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

Article 22 – Supplemental Paving

To see if the Town will 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 23 – Linden Street – Court Street Culverts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) for the purpose of designing necessary improvements to defective culverts located under Court Street and under Linden Street.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 24 – Ladder Truck – Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for the 1994 Ladder Truck for the Exeter Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred seven thousand and two hundred fifty dollars ($107,250), which represents the first of 10 annual payments (a total of $961,125), for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 25 – Human Service Agencies

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of one-hundred three thousand and three hundred ninety-five dollars ($103,395), for the support of various human service agencies that will serve Exeter residents in 2013:

Agency	Amount
A Safe Place	$5,500
Area Home Care	$13,000
Big Brother/Big Sister	$9,000
Child and Family Services	$11,000
Crossroads House	$3,500
Families First	$3,000
Great Bay Kids	$2,495
Meals on Wheels – Food	$7,800
New Generation Shelter	$2,000
New Outlook Teen Center	$2,700
NHSPCA	$1,400
Richie McFarland Center	$6,300
Rockingham Community Action	$11,000
RSVP Friends Program	$2,200
Seacare Health Services	$5,000
Seacoast Family Promise	$1,000
Seacoast Mental Health	$8,500
Seacoast VNA	$5,000
Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS)	$3,000
Total	$103,395

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 26 – Vactor Truck – Sewer Department

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for the sewer system "vactor truck" for the Exeter Sewer Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty one dollars ($77,951), which represents the first of 5 annual payments (a total of $424,831), for that purpose. The lease/purchase payments will be paid for by the sewer fund, with this first year payment coming from sewer fund surplus. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 27 – Raynes Property Barn Roof Replacement

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) for the purpose of replacing the roof on the town owned Raynes Barn located on Newfields Road. The current roof was installed in 1991.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 28 – 375th Anniversary Celebration

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) for the purpose of funding events related to the 375th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Exeter.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 29 – Re-establish Blind Exemption

Shall the Town approve the re-establishment of the Exemption for the Blind provided for in RSA 72:37, which states, every inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the blind services program, bureau of vocational rehabilitation, department of education, shall be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of $15,000.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 30 – Petition Article: Additional Funds Richie McFarland Center

On petition of Helen Crowe and others, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand seven hundred dollars ($2,700) for the Richie McFarland Children's Center's early intervention program that serves children from birth to three years of age and their families. This amount will augment the recommendation from the Selectman and Budget Committee already included in the warrant article for social service agencies. This additional funding is requested due to the marked increase in the number of children served and will support the cost of providing early childhood special education, pediatric therapies and family support services to fifty-four (54) Exeter residents this past year.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 31 – Petition Article: Additional Funds Child and Family Services

On petition of Stephanie Cook and others, to see if the Town will support funding from the Town in 2013-2014 in the amount of $12,000 to support a share of the services provided to Exeter

residents to access counseling and family support services, without regard to income from Child and Family Services. Child and Family Services provides accessible and affordable programs to children, youth and their families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance and better citizenship. From July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012, eighty-four (84) Exeter residents received 903 units of free or reduced social and mental health services valued at over $98,000 from Child and Family Services. This represented a 13% increase in services requested and delivered over the previous year.

(Majority vote required)

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 32 – Petition Article: Additional Funds Meals on Wheels Food Program

On petition of Lanie Smith Burke and others, to see if the Town of Exeter will vote to raise and appropriate through special warrant article, an additional $800 to support Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels Program's service providing meals for older, homebound and disabled Exeter residents in the Town's 2013 budget.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 33 – Petition Article – St. Vincent De Paul

On petition of Douglas Flockhart and others, to see if the Town of Exeter will vote to raise and appropriate through special warrant article $5,000 to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Exeter providing food from the Community Assistance Center's food pantry to Exeter residents in the Town's 2013 budget.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 34 – Petition Article – Womenade Funding ($2,000)

On petition of Judith A. O'Reilly and others, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of $2,000 for support of Womenade of Greater Squamscott, a non-profit that provides direct aid to community members in crisis situations requiring immediate financial assistance.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 35 – Petition Article

On petition of Gail Ferraro and others, to see if the Town will vote to add the function and job responsibilities of Town Office Building Receptionist/Telephone Operator to the position of Collection Specialist to better serve Exeter residents and visitors to Exeter.

(Majority vote required)

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

Given under our hands and seal this 28th day of January, 2013.

Matt Quandt, Chairman

Don Clement, Vice-Chairman

Daniel W. Chartrand, Clerk

Julie Gilman

Frank Ferraro

We certify that on the 28th of January, 2013, 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.

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