2195 Ballots Cast
12,141 Names on CKlist

16 New Voters

BALLOT 1 OF 3

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 8, 2016

1890

Andrea J. Kohler
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SELECTMEN

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than TWO

- DONALD CLEMENT 1475 ●
- JULIE GILMAN 1494 ●
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Six Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- SUSAN GORMAN 1661 ●
- (Write-in) ○

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

Two Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- Yvonne Zinicola 56 ● (Write-in)

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than THREE

- BARBARA YOUNG 1477 ●
- MARTHA (MIMI) MCENTEE 1341 ●
- LESLIE C. HASLAM 1480 ●
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○
- (Write-in) ○

TRUSTEES OF THE ROBINSON FUND

Seven Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- JUDITH CHURCHILL 1526 ●
- (Write-in) ○

TRUSTEES OF SWASEY PARKWAY

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- GERRY HAMEL 135 ● (Write-in)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- DONNA LEROY 1526 ●
- (Write-in) ○

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Two Year Term — Vote for not more than ONE

- KATHLEEN MACDOUGALL ●
- 1540 ○ (Write-in)

ARTICLES

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).

1140
YES ●
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:

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 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.

1265
YES ●
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.
    b. 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 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.

1251
YES ●
NO ○
637

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

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.

932
YES
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 Surrette 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.

422
YES
NO
1434

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.

1587
YES
NO
529

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

1733
YES
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.

1417
YES
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.

1513
YES
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.

1468
YES
NO
564

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Article 12

1497

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:

YES ●
NO ○

549

Year	Estimated Salary/Benefits Increase		
	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
FY16	$11,492	$2,872	$2,325

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.

Article 13

1467

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:

YES ●
NO ○

604

Year	Estimated Salary/Benefits Increase
FY16	$11,484
FY17	$35,260

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.

Article 14

1818

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:

YES ●
NO ○

307

Agency	
A Safe Place	$7,334
Area Home Care	$10,334
Big Brother/Big Sister	$7,500
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)	$500
Child and Family Services	$12,000
Crossroads House	$3,500
Families First	$5,000
Friends Program (formerly RSVP)	$2,200
Meals on Wheels – Food	$9,200
New Generation Shelter	$2,000
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.

Article 15

1145

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.

YES ●
NO ○

836

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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.

1072
YES ●
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.

994
YES ●
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.

1284
YES ●
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.

1153
YES ●
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.

878
YES ○
NO ●
1122

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.

1052
YES ●
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.

1581
YES ●
NO ○
397

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.

1675
YES ●
NO ○
267

Article 24

By petition of Robert Eastman and others, "Shall the Town of Exeter affirms 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."

1540
YES ●
NO ○
414

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 25

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

733 YES
NO 1155

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.

1345 YES
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 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."

1069 YES
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.

748 YES
NO 1310

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.

1437 YES
NO 1003

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