



22% voter turn out

12,131 Registered Voters

BALLOT 1 OF 2

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 12, 2024**

*Andrea J. Kohler*  
TOWN CLERK

27 New Voters

**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.

<p><b>FOR SELECTMEN</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than ONE</span></p> <p><b>MOLLY COWAN</b> <u>2030</u> ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>31</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than THREE</span></p> <p><b>DAVIS MOORE</b> <u>1738</u> ●</p> <p><b>LISA WILSON</b> <u>1850</u> ●</p> <p><i>Sherry Kostenbader</i> <u>45</u> ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) ○</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) ○</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in) ○</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE SWAZEY PARKWAY</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than ONE</span></p> <p><b>DARIUS X. THOMPSON</b> <u>1949</u> ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>20</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b></p> <p>Six Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than ONE</span></p> <p><b>STACEY PENNA</b> <u>1970</u> ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE ROBINSON FUND</b></p> <p>Seven Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than ONE</span></p> <p><b>MARK PAIGE</b> <u>1863</u> ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>10</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b></p> <p>Three Year Term <span style="float: right;">Vote for not more than ONE</span></p> <p><b>PETER LENNON</b> <u>1918</u> ●</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11</u> ○ (Write-in)</p>

**ARTICLES**

**Article 2 Zoning**

Shall the Town vote to adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, by amending Article 4, District Regulations, Section 4.2, Schedule I: Notes of the Exeter Zoning Ordinance regarding Residential Conversions and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's)? The purpose of this amendment is to continue to allow residential conversions and accessory dwelling units but make the language on conversions and ADU's consistent, require access to municipal water and sewer for conversions, and to streamline the process for property owners. Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0.

2151  
YES ●  
332 NO ○

**Article 3**

Shall the Town vote to adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, by modifying Article 6.19 Mixed Use Neighborhood Development? The purpose of this amendment is to extend the provisions of the Mixed-Use Neighborhood District (MUND) to include the C2 Highway Commercial zoning district that includes a portion of Portsmouth Avenue between Green Hill Road and the Stratham town line and a portion of Epping Rd from just north of Brentwood Road to Industrial Drive. The MUND allows for mixed use development to occur at different scales. MUND uses a series of incentives to create a mix of housing units (including 10% affordable units) and neighborhood scale commercial uses. Design standards are included to ensure high quality development that is consistent with the scale and historic character of these neighborhoods. The amendment also modifies some existing language to incentivize the use of this innovative land use control. Recommended by the Planning Board 4-1.

1790  
YES ●  
649 NO ○

**Article 4**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen million five hundred twenty two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$17,522,500) for the purpose of a "net zero" design, engineering and construction of a new police station and fire substation on Continental Drive including equipment, furnishings and related costs, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$17,522,500 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Debt service to be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 20-year bond at 3.65% interest: .68/1,000, \$68/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1639  
YES ●  
945 NO ○

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**



ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six million five hundred ten thousand and zero dollars (\$6,510,000) for the purpose of construction of water, sewer and drainage improvements in the School Street area, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,510,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The Town anticipates receiving 35% debt forgiveness from NHDES to offset a portion of the sewer cost of this project. Debt service will be paid from the general fund, and notwithstanding the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is anticipated that debt service will also be paid from the water fund, and sewer fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 15-year bond at 3.35% interest: \$,10/1,000, \$10/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1789  
YES   
NO   
1492  
698

Article 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thirteen thousand and three hundred dollars (\$213,300) for the purpose of replacement of the Webster Avenue Sewer Pump Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$213,300 of bonds or notes, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is anticipated that debt service will be paid by the sewer fund. Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. This appropriation is in addition to the \$5,700,000 in bonding authority approved by Article 3 of the 2022 Town Meeting. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1914  
YES   
NO   
529

Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of design and engineering of a new surface water treatment plant, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other items thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, including principal forgiveness, which may become available for this project and to comply with all laws applicable to such project; and further to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or pass any other vote relative thereto. Without impairing the general obligation nature of the bonds or notes, it is anticipated that debt service will be paid from the water fund. Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1851  
YES   
NO   
608

Article 8

Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of the unused portion of the bonds approved in 2011 for Great Dam Design and Water/Sewer Line Replacement; and in 2012 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Design and Jady Hill Utilities (totaling \$213,971) as follows: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the purchase of two Police vehicles per RSA 33:3-a, II. The remaining unused bond proceeds (\$93,971) to be applied to the principal payment on the Great Dam Removal bond issued in 2014. (Estimated Tax Impact: None). (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1923  
YES   
NO   
545

Article 9

Shall the Town vote to choose all other necessary Town Officers, Auditors or Committees for the ensuing year. **BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE:** Elizabeth Canada, Andrew Elliott, Enna Grazier, Amanda Kelly, Bob Kelly, James Darden Rives, Judy Rowan, Christine Soutter, Christopher Zigmont, Anthony Zwaan. **FENCE VIEWER:** Doug Eastman; **MEASURER OF WOOD & BARK:** Doug Eastman; **WEIGHER:** Jay Perkins

2100  
YES   
NO   
233

Article 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations 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 \$22,860,862. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$22,572,676, 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. (Estimated Tax Impact: .29/1,000 assessed property value, \$29/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1692  
YES   
NO   
754

Article 11

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as a water operating budget, not including appropriations 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 \$4,962,773. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$4,828,764, 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 Select Board 5-0.

1742  
YES   
NO   
697

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING





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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 12

Shall the Town of Exeter raise and appropriate as a sewer operating budget, not including appropriations 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 \$7,490,430. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,569,284, 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 Select Board 5-0.

2013  
YES   
NO   
465

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of five hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$595,000), for the purpose of purchase and installation of a new Planet Playground including equipment, at the Town Recreation Park at 4 Hampton Road. Approximately \$297,500 of this appropriation will be funded by a Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant. The remaining sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation.) The Select Board has designated this a special warrant article. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

2026  
YES   
NO   
514

Article 14

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Exeter Select Board to enter into a loan agreement of no more than \$100,000 through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of developing a replacement plan for Water Street stormwater infrastructure. The loan will provide up to \$100,000 principal forgiveness; therefore, no repayment of the loan will be required. (3/5 vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

2174  
YES   
NO   
1502  
329

Article 15

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Sick Leave Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation.) (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1926  
YES   
NO   
563

Article 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Parks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Estimated Tax Impact: .03/1,000 assessed property value, \$3.34/100,000 assessed property value.) (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-1.

1655  
YES   
NO   
820

Article 17

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 the unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation.) (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1964  
YES   
NO   
535

Article 18

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the ADA Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Estimated Tax Impact: .02/1,000 assessed property value, 2.21\$/100,000 assessed property value.) (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1612  
YES   
NO   
830

Article 19

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to be added to the Swasey Parkway Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. This amount is equivalent to the amount of permit fees collected during 2023 for use of the Swasey Parkway. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation.) (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

2148  
YES   
NO   
368

Article 20

Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for Capital reserve fund investment services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. Such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the Town. No vote to rescind the authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of this article. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation.) (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1975  
YES   
NO   
455

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING



ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 21

Shall the vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a solar array on the Cross Road Town Landfill. All revenues received for array operations from net metering credits, federal grants and aid, and REC (renewable energy credit) sales will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and town manager, and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1974  
YES   
NO   
472

Article 22

Shall the Town amend Article 20 of the 2011 Town Meeting by reducing the number of members of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee from seven (7) members to five (5) members. Of the five members, two (2) members shall be members of the Select Board. Members of the Select Board shall be voting members of the Water/Sewer Advisory Committee. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1937  
YES   
NO   
459

Article 23

Shall the Town vote to reduce the number of members of the Heritage Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members. The composition of the Heritage Commission will include one (1) Select Board representative, one (1) Planning Board representative, one (1) Historic District Commission representative, and two (2) at large members appointed by the Select Board. The Heritage Commission will include three (3) alternate members appointed by the Select Board. (Majority vote required.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

1958  
YES   
NO   
430

Article 24 – Citizen's Petition – 'Rugg Property'

On petition of Tom Jelinek and others, to see if the voters in the Town of Exeter support the future purchase of approximately 47 acres of property owned by the Rugg family located north of Oaklands Town Forest and east of Wood Ridge Lane by the Town of Exeter for the purposes of expanding the town-owned Oakland Town Forest, and preserving open space, trails, public outdoor recreation, drinking water supplies, and wildlife habitat; to request that the Selectmen review the project, including evaluation of potential funding options such as bonds; and to advise and authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain, accept, and pass through any federal or state grants, loans, or private gifts, if any, which may be available for said acquisition, in collaboration with and facilitated by conservation organizations. (Majority vote required)

2222  
YES   
NO   
340

Article 25

On petition of Donald Clement and others to see if the Town will vote to make the Swasey Parkway a one-way road northbound in its entirety for motorized vehicular traffic and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 to construct speed bumps and maintain the road. (Majority vote required.) Not Recommended by the Select Board 0-5.

857  
YES   
NO   
1604

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING





**Article 01 Operating Budget**

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations 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 \$24,567,043? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,136,151, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Exeter School District 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. The School Board recommends \$24,567,043. (Majority vote required)

**Article 02 Special Education Expendable Trust**

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$75,000 to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the unanticipated special education costs at Exeter Elementary School? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**Article 03 Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Exeter School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Trust Fund previously established for the unanticipated capital costs at Exeter Elementary School? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**Article 04 Investment Management of Trust Funds**

Shall the Exeter School District vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a,III, to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for Capital reserve fund investment services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income? Such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the district meeting. No vote to rescind the authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of this article. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) The Exeter School Board recommends approval of this warrant article.



Minutes of the Exeter School District  
Second Session of the 2024 Exeter School District Annual Meeting  
Voting Session – March 12, 2024

The polls were open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Talbot Gymnasium at the Tuck Learning Campus on Linden Street in Exeter, New Hampshire with the following results declared:

Exeter School Board Member vote for not more than two, term ending 2027:

<b>Heather Ikemire</b>	<b>1534</b>
<b>Timothy "Tim" Reed</b>	<b>1521</b>

Warrant Article 01: Operating Budget:

<b>Yes</b>	<b>1827</b>
No	652

Warrant Article 02: Special Education Expendable Trust:

<b>Yes</b>	<b>2055</b>
No	415

Warrant Article 03: Capital Reserve Fund

<b>Yes</b>	<b>2013</b>
No	444

Warrant Article 04: Investment Management of Trust Funds

<b>Yes</b>	<b>1989</b>
No	418

Respectfully Submitted,

*Susan E. Bendroth*  
Susan E.H. Bendroth, School District Clerk  
March 12, 2024

*Kimberly F. Williams*

**KIMBERLY F. WILLIAMS**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of New Hampshire  
My Commission Expires  
July 19, 2028





**Article 01 Operating Budget**

Shall the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations 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 \$68,530,556? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$67,321,190 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the District 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. The Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board and Budget Advisory Committee recommend \$68,530,556 as set forth on said budget. (Majority vote required)

**Article 02 Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$200,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1998 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of school buildings and/or school ground site improvements including associated engineering and architectural fees, and further to name the school board as agents to expend this fund? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No additional amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**Article 03 CRF for Synthetic Turf Replacement**

Shall the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000 to be added to the Synthetic Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for replacement of the synthetic turf field located at Exeter High School? This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

**Article 04 Investment Management of Trust Funds**

Shall the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a,III, to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for Capital reserve fund investment services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income? Such authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the region cooperative district meeting. No vote to rescind the authority shall occur within 5 years of the original adoption of this article. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) The Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board recommends approval of this warrant article.

**Article 05 Articles of Agreement of the Exeter Regional Coop**

To see if the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District will vote to amend the Articles of Agreement of the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District by deleting the following lines from Article 3, "All Board members shall be elected by the voters "at large." "After the initial term, voting for Cooperative School Board members, who shall continue to be elected at large, shall be by the voters of each town at the elections held for town officers." These lines in Article 3, would be replaced as follows, "Each new or re-elected member of the Exeter Regional Cooperative School Board shall be elected at the conclusion of each existing member's term, by the voters from the corresponding district he/she represents and must be a resident of that corresponding district.



Article 01: Operating Budget

Yes 3448  
No 2036

Article 02: Capital Reserve Fund

Yes 4077  
No 1847

Article 03: CRF for Synthetic Turf Replacement

Yes 3734  
No 2180

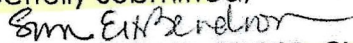
Article 04: Investment Management of Trust Funds

Yes 4386  
No 1362

Article 05: Articles of Agreement of the Exeter Regional Coop

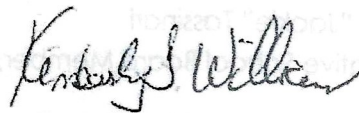
Yes 3914  
No 1183

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan E.H. Bendroth, ERCSD Clerk

March 12, 2024



**KIMBERLY F. WILLIAMS**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of New Hampshire  
My Commission Expires  
July 19, 2028