

CITIZEN PETITION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

PLEASE NOTE: THESE GUIDELINES DO NOT APPLY TO CITIZEN ZONING PETITION ARTICLES. THE DEADLINE FOR CITIZEN PETITION ZONING ARTICLES IS IN DECEMBER. PLEASE CONTACT DAVE SHARPLES, TOWN PLANNER AT 603-773-6112 FOR INFORMATION.

New Hampshire RSA 39:3 requires that petition articles must have at least **25 signatures of registered voters in the Town of Exeter** in order to be included on the warrant. *The RSA also states that the Selectmen shall insert the petitioned article with only such minor textual changes as may be required.* All names will be reviewed by the Town Clerk to verify that signers are registered voters. Deadline for petition articles is **close of business (7:00 p.m.) on the second Tuesday in January**. For petitions that propose a bond governed by RSA 33:8-a, New Hampshire RSA 40:13-b sets the deadline as the preceding Friday.

IF THE PETITION ARTICLE INCLUDES A COST FOR THE PROJECT/ITEM, THAT AMOUNT MUST BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE LANGUAGE OF THE PETITION PRIOR TO GATHERING SIGNATURES.

At least one individual who signed the petition should attend the Select Board Bond and Budget meeting in late January and the Deliberative Session in February to speak on behalf of the petition.

Please direct questions to Andrea Kohler, Town Clerk (603) 418-6105 or akohler@exeternh.gov