



11,897 voters

13.7% turnout

BALLOT 1 OF 3

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023**

*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.

<p><b>FOR MODERATOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Two Year Term</p> <p><b>KATHERINE MILLER</b> 1263 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FOR TOWN TREASURER</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>SUSAN PENNY</b> 1230 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE ROBINSON FUND</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Seven Year Term</p> <p><b>DEBORAH MERRILL</b> 1233 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>FOR SELECT BOARD</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>NANCY BELANGER</b> 1160 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p><b>DAN W. CHARTRAND</b> 1194 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>One Year Term</p> <p><b>LISA CHILDS-WILSON</b> 1288 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF SWASEY PARKWAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>DAVID SHORT</b> 1201 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>FOR TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>ANDREA J. KOHLER</b> 1256 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than THREE</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>SARAH ZACHOS JAMES</b> 1127 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p><b>JENNIFER MEDLOCK</b> 1131 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p><b>KATHERINE A. BOUDREAU</b> 1117 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>Three Year Term</p> <p><b>Leone Arsalis</b> 76 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ (Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

**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 to amend Article 9.4 Floodplain Development Ordinance? The intent of this amendment is to prevent new or expansion of existing septic systems within the special flood hazard area (exceptions are made for cases of system failure), require all new construction within the regulated floodplain be elevated at least two feet above the Base Flood Elevation, incorporate an "Advisory Sea Level Rise (SLR) Risk Areas", and to include minor text modifications. The Planning Board recommends this article 6-0.

1334  
YES   
NO   
205

**Article 3**  
 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen million three hundred thousand and zero dollars (\$16,300,000) for the purpose of design, engineering and "net zero" construction of a new police station and fire substation on Continental Drive, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$16,300,000 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 and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 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. Debt service to be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 20-year bond at 4.00% interest: .65/1,000, \$65/100,000 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 4-0.

891  
YES   
NO   
669

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Article 4

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six million twenty thousand and zero dollars (\$6,020,000) for the purpose of construction of water, sewer and drainage improvements in the Westside Drive area, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$6,020,000 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 and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 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. The Town will receive 20% debt forgiveness from NHDES to offset a portion of the cost of this project. Debt service will be paid from the general fund, water fund, and sewer fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 15-year bond at 4.00% interest: \$.115/1,000, \$11.50/100,000 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 4-0.

1042  
YES   
NO   
495

### Article 5

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred ninety eight thousand and zero dollars (\$798,000) for the purpose of making intersection improvements to the Pine Street, Linden Street, and Front Street intersection, and the Railroad Avenue, Winter Street and Columbus Street intersection, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$798,000 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 and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 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. Debt service will be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 10-year bond at 4.00% interest: .050/1,000, \$5.00/100,000 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 4-0.

965  
YES   
NO   
605

### Article 6

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million six hundred nine thousand six hundred and forty five dollars (\$1,609,645) to be added to Article 4 of the 2021 Town Meeting, for the purpose of constructing a solar array on Town owned land described as Map 98 Lot 3, and Tax Map 100 Lot 4, and authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,609,645 of bonds or notes to be added to \$3,617,629 in bonding authority approved by Article 4 of the 2021 Town Meeting, all in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and further to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 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. Debt service will be paid by the revenue generated by selling the power and Renewable Energy Certificates and the proceeds from the 30% Solar Investment Tax Credit. (Estimated Tax Impact: none, assuming revenues and assuming a 20-year bond at 4.00% interest). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1115  
YES   
NO   
438

### Article 7

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of continuing efforts to develop groundwater sources in the town, 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 and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 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. Debt service to be paid from the Water Fund. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1163  
YES   
NO   
369

### Article 8

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of replacing aged equipment at the Court Street sewer pump station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$400,000 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 and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 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. Debt service to be paid from the Sewer Fund. (3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1314  
YES   
NO   
234

### 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, Eduardo Contreras, Andrew Elliott, Mark Fabian, Enna Grazier, Bob Kelly, Chris Newport, Judy Rowan, Christine Soutter, Christopher Zigmont, Anthony Zwaan **FENCE VIEWER:** Doug Eastman; **MEASURER OF WOOD & BARK:** Doug Eastman; **WEIGHER:** Jay Perkins

1329  
YES   
NO   
146

### Article 10

Shall the Town of Exeter 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 \$21,287,697. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$21,049,573, 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: .43/1,000 assessed property value, \$43/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1097  
YES   
NO   
440

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 11**

Shall the Town of Exeter 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 \$4,549,370. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$4,391,224, 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 4-0.

1091  
YES   
NO   
455

**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 \$7,432,301. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,194,062, 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 4-0.

1104  
YES   
NO   
441

**Article 13**

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into a 7-year lease/purchase agreement for \$548,369 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for a vactor truck in the Public Works Sewer Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars (\$100,273), which represents the first of 7 annual payments (a total of \$636,108) for this purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. This sum to come from sewer funds. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1091  
YES   
NO   
443

**Article 14**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000), for the purpose of engineering services related to sewer capacity rehabilitation. This sum to come from sewer funds. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1188  
YES   
NO   
350

**Article 15**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two-hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) for the purpose of making repairs and rehabilitation of the Linden Street bridge. This sum to come from taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .132/1,000, \$13.17/100,000 assessed property value). The Select Board has designated this a special warrant article. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1147  
YES   
NO   
397

**Article 16**

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for \$177,705 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a replacement for a sidewalk tractor in the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand two hundred eighty-six dollars (\$40,286), which represents the first of 5 annual payments (a total of \$191,939) for this purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .018/1,000, \$1.80/100,000 assessed property value). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1067  
YES   
NO   
480

**Article 17**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Parks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1167  
YES   
NO   
375

**Article 18**

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 4-0.

1156  
YES   
NO   
386

**Article 19**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty-three thousand five hundred and fifty-eight dollars (\$53,558), for the purpose of purchasing a replacement for Highway Truck #5, purchased in 2011. This replacement is for an existing 1/2-ton truck to a 1/2-ton F150 4X4 with a plow package. This vehicle is primarily used for everyday activities, and one of the departments on call trucks. It is used with vehicle-mounted arrow board during traffic control operations. It is also used to transport manually operated snow blowers to clear cross walks, building approaches, ramps, train station, and Lincoln Street. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1282  
YES   
NO

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**Article 20**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of design work on a new garage at the Public Works Complex on Newfields Road. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance \$25,000, water funds \$12,500, and sewer funds \$12,500). (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 4-0.

995  
YES   
489 NO

**Article 21**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of conducting a traffic and parking, traffic and pedestrian analysis in the downtown area to include a portion of Front Street, Water Street, String Bridge, Franklin Street, Bow Street, Chestnut Street, Center Street, and other streets in the general downtown area. This 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 4-0.

983  
YES   
523 NO

**Article 22**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), to be added to the Conservation Fund established pursuant to RSA 36-A:5. These funds will be used for purposes consistent with the Conservation Fund including the purchase of interests in real property to be held for conservation purposes. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1159  
YES   
341 NO

**Article 23**

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 4-0.

1160  
YES   
NO   
318

**Article 24**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate through special warrant article, the sum of forty-nine thousand three hundred and thirteen dollars (\$49,313), for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a replacement for Fire Department Inspector vehicle. This purchase would replace a 2012 Jeep Patriot with a hybrid Ford Explorer. The vehicle will be used for incident command. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1084  
YES   
NO   
410

**Article 25**

Shall the Town vote to establish a non-capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of implementing the Town's ADA Transition Plan under the jurisdiction of the Code Enforcement Officer, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in this fund and further the Select Board shall be named agents of the fund and be authorized to make expenditures from the fund. 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 4-0.

1075  
YES   
NO   
388

**Article 26**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Hall Revolving 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 4-0.

1096  
YES   
NO   
368

**Article 27**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand nine hundred and zero dollars (\$3,900) 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 the prior year 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 4-0.

1252  
YES   
NO   
247

**Article 28**

To see if the town will vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position in accordance with RSA 41:26-e. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d upon recommendation of the Town Manager with approval of the Select Board. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved, the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual town election following the vote. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

927  
YES   
NO   
541

**Article 29**

Shall the Town amend the cable access revolving fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:95-h by Article 37 of the 2010 Town Warrant, as follows: "revenues received from cable franchise fees will be deposited into the fund in an amount determined by the Town Manager or governing body annually, 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 unreserved 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 Town Manager or governing body 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 4-0.

1075  
YES   
NO   
366

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**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Article 30 – Readopt Veterans Credit**

Shall the Town readopt the optional veteran's tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-0.

1408  
YES   
127 NO

**Article 31**

On the Petition of Dwane Staples and other registered voters of the town of Exeter, NH, Shall the town vote to authorize and direct the Exeter Select Board to keep the roadway in Swasey Parkway completely open to motorized pleasure vehicles with travel being in a one-way direction as it currently exists. This will keep the Swasey Parkway as an area that can be fully accessed by all without creating hardships for those with mobility issues, allow motorized vehicles in the roadway so that we will still be able to keep and enjoy the Farmers Market that has been a tradition in the Parkway for many years and will also allow motorized vehicles to be able to use the roadway for events and pavilion concerts. This will still allow the roadway in Swasey Parkway to be closed for events but will ensure that the above-mentioned items will still be able to be enjoyed by all citizens in the area.

925  
YES   
NO   
637

**Article 32**

By Petition of Chris Zigmont and others, Shall the Town vote to create an ordinance to limit the distribution and subsequent disposal of single-use plastics through reduction and limits on all town property.

This ordinance WOULD;

- Prohibit the distribution (selling or giving) of single use plastic bags, single use plastic food service containers, and single use polystyrene containers on town property including town buildings and parks, by anyone including town staff, organizations, or permittees
- Give all affected parties through December 31, 2023 to use existing inventory and identify acceptable alternatives
- Provide guidance on selecting suitable alternatives
- Provide exceptions to Human Services and Emergency Services
- Provide Parks and Recreation extended time to find suitable alternatives for the Pool concession
- Deliver enforcement in the form of assistance for sourcing acceptable products, a written warning for a second violation, and refusal of permitting for a third violation in the case of a vendor

This ordinance WOULD NOT;

- Prohibit packaging materials for food safety, such as plastic wrap for meat, or perishable products, added at a local business site or processing facility
- Prohibit single use compostable products
- Prohibit reusable plastic bags
- Prohibit products where alternatives do not exist, until such times as alternatives are identified
- Prohibit individuals/staff/citizens from using and consuming prohibited containers brought to town property for personal consumption

The full ordinance text is attached below the signature pages

**DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS, FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS, AND POLYSTYRENE FOOD CONTAINERS ON TOWN PROPERTY**

**24.00 PURPOSE:**

The Town of Exeter recognizes that limiting the distribution and subsequent disposal of single-use plastics through reduction is necessary to protect human health, to preserve the natural environment, and to promote sustainable and ethical practices regarding material waste.

**24.01 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions apply:

2401.01 Distribution: The act of selling, providing or supplying products for use by customers or intended recipients at a point of sale, gathering, event, or activity.

2401.02 Human Service Organization: An organization focused on providing services to people in order to help them stabilize their lives and find self-sufficiency through guidance, counseling, treatment, and/or the provision of basic needs.

2401.03 Reusable Bag: a bag specifically designed for re-use, capable of being used one hundred and sixty (160) times and has stitched or woven handles. Reusable bags include woven reusable plastic bags.

2401.04 Single-Use Compostable Food Service Products: a bag, bottle, food container, cup, utensil, straw or other similar food service product that is composed of one hundred percent (100%) Polylactic Acid (typically derived from plant-based starch such as corn) and provided by a vendor to a customer for the purpose of transporting or consuming food.

2401.05 Single-Use Plastic Bag: a bag that is made predominantly of polyethylene plastic derived from petroleum and provided at the check stand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting food or other goods. Trash bags used for disposing of waste are excluded.

2401.06 Single-Use Plastic Food Service Products: a bottle, food container, cup, utensil, straw or other similar food service product that is made predominantly of polyethylene plastic derived from either petroleum or natural gas, and provided by a vendor to a customer for the purpose of transporting or consuming food.

*Question Continues on Back of Ballot*

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### Question 32 Continued

2401.07 Single-Use Polystyrene Container: a container or cup composed of synthetic aromatic hydrocarbon polymers that is made from the monomer styrene (often called Styrofoam) and provided by a vendor to a customer for the purposes of transporting food.

### 24.02 DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS ON TOWN PROPERTY

No person shall distribute a prohibited single use disposable item at any town facility, town property, town-managed or sponsored event, or activity authorized through special permits issued under the authority of the Town of Exeter Select Board unless otherwise allowed under EXCEPTIONS 24.03

Prohibited Single Use Disposables:

1. Single-Use Plastic Bags
2. Single-Use Plastic Food Service Products
3. Single-Use Polystyrene Containers

### 24.03 PRODUCT EXCEPTIONS:

1. Reusable Bags
2. Single-Use Compostable Food Service Products
3. Packaging materials required for food safety reasons added at the site of the business or a processing facility. Examples: wrapping around meats, seafood, lettuce mix or other perishable products.
4. Products where alternatives to prohibited items do not exist, until an alternative is identified.

### 24.04 ORGANIZATIONAL EXCEPTIONS

1. All town departments/vendors may distribute their remaining inventory through December 31, 2023
2. Items used by emergency responders or human service non-profit organizations.
3. Prohibited Single Use Containers brought by staff/customers themselves
4. Exeter Parks and Recreation Department will work with the Sustainability Committee to develop a transition plan, implementing acceptable alternatives as they are identified with an objective of meeting financial and sustainability goals.

### 24.05 OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT

Subject to the exceptions above, the following shall apply:

1. Reports of non-compliance with this ordinance will be directed to the Conservation and Sustainability Planner who will work with the permittee/Town Department to find replacement products.
2. If reasonable replacements have been identified but infractions continue, the Town considers this a violation of this ordinance, and written warning will be issued. Town Departments will meet with the Town Manager and Conservation and Sustainability Planner to seek alternative solutions to achieve compliance with this ordinance.
3. Upon a second or subsequent infraction of this ordinance, the Town interprets this as a direct violation of the vendor permit and cause for refusal to approve use permit.

967  
YES   
NO   
576

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**

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*Susan E.H. Bendroth*

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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**FOR EXETER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE **191**

**ELISABETH "BETH" YORK**

(Write-in)

**FOR EXETER SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

(Write-in)

**ARTICLES**

**Article 01 Operating Budget**

Shall the Exeter 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 \$23,374,631? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$23,027,129, 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 \$23,374,631.

**1144**  
YES   
NO   
**369**

**Article 02 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Exeter School District and the Exeter Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$401,587
2025	\$387,665
2026	\$417,633

and further raise and appropriate \$401,587 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends that the School District approve these cost items and make the appropriation of \$401,587. (Majority vote required)

**1180**  
YES   
NO   
**352**

**Article 03 Other**

Shall Exeter School District, if article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, as its option, to address article cost items only? (Majority vote)

**1168**  
YES   
NO   
**318**

**Article 04 Special Education Expendable Trust**

Shall the 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)

**1299**  
YES   
NO   
**323**

EXETER

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL ELECTION  
EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 14, 2023

Susan E.H. Bendroth  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 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.

THESE POSITIONS ARE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS OF ALL SIX TOWNS  
OF THE EXETER REGION COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOR EAST KINGSTON  
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

MELISSA LYONS 986   
  
(Write-in)

FOR EXETER  
COOPERATIVE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT MODERATOR

For Term Ending 2024 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

KATHERINE B. MILLER 1113   
  
(Write-in)

FOR EXETER  
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET COMMITTEE

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

ROY E. MORRISETTE 1106   
  
(Write-in)

FOR EXETER  
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

DAWN BULLENS 829   
AUNSIKA ANN SLAYTON   
370   
  
(Write-in)

FOR BRENTWOOD  
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET COMMITTEE

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

MELISSA LITCHFIELD 358   
ERIN STECKLER 138   
  
(Write-in)

FOR KENSINGTON  
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET COMMITTEE

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

(Write-in)

FOR STRATHAM  
MEMBER ON COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD

For Term Ending 2026 Election  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

ERIN GARCIA de PAREDES 172   
  
(Write-in)

WARRANT ARTICLES

Warrant Article #1: Operating Budget

Shall the 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 \$69,224,030? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$68,913,899 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 School Board and Budget Advisory Committee recommend \$69,224,030 as set forth on said budget. (Majority vote required)

1058  
YES   
NO   
417

Warrant Article #2: Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Exeter Region Cooperative School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 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 Region Cooperative School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

1148  
YES   
NO   
327

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT



**WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**Warrant Article #3: CRF for Synthetic Turf Replacement**

Shall the Exeter Region 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 Region Cooperative School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

965  
YES   
NO   
397

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**