

EXETER TOWN WARRANT – 2023

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 4th, 2023 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 14th, 2023 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: 2 Select Board for a 3-year term; 3 Trustees of the Library for a 3-year term; 1 Trustee of Swasey Parkway for a 3-year term; 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year term; 1 Trustee of the Robinson Fund for a 7-year term.

Article 2 Zoning Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Town of Exeter's Zoning Ordinance to...as follows:

The Planning Board recommends this article _____.

Article - Bond Article #1: Police Station and Fire Substation (\$16,300,000)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen million three hundred thousand and zero dollars (\$16,300,000) for the purpose of design and 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. Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance. Debt service to be paid from the general fund.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Bond Article #2: Westside Drive Reconstruction (\$6,020,000)

To see if the Town will 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 a \$740,000 grant to offset the cost of this project. Debt service will be paid from the general fund, water fund, and sewer fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming X year bond at 4.00% interest: XX/1,000, \$.XX/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Bond Article #3: Intersection Improvements (\$798,000)

To see if the Town will 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, \$.50/100,000 of assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Bond Article #4: Solar Array Landfill Property (\$1,452,990)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million four hundred fifty two thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars (\$1,452,990) 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 \$1,452,990 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 XX% interest). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance.

(3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Bond Article #5: Groundwater Source Development (\$500,000)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the purpose of developing 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.) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Bond Article #6: Court Street Sewer Pump Station Equipment Replacement (\$400,000)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of replacing 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.) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Choose Town Officers

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

Article – 2023 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 \$ _____. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ _____, 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: .XX/1,000 assessed property value, \$XX/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – 2023 Water Fund Budget

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 \$ _____. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$ _____, 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – 2023 Sewer Fund Budget

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 \$ _____. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ _____, 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Vactor Truck Replacement (\$548,369)

To see if the Town will vote to 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Sewer Capacity Rehabilitation (\$380,000)

To see if the Town will 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Linden Street Bridge Rehabilitation (\$295,000)

To see if the Town will 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).

(Majority vote required) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Sidewalk Tractor #57 Replacement (\$177,705)

To see if the Town will vote to 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: .02/1,000, \$1.85/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund – Parks Improvements (\$100,000)

To see if the Town will 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Appropriate to Sick Leave Trust Fund (\$100,000)

To see if the Town will 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Highway Truck Replacement (\$53,558)

To see if the Town will 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 ½ 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Public Works Facility Garage (\$50,000)

To see if the Town will 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).

(Majority vote required) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Downtown Parking, Pedestrian, and Traffic Analysis (\$50,000)

To see if the Town will 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).

(Majority vote required) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Conservation Fund (\$50,000)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Fire Inspector Vehicle (\$49,313)

To see if the Town will 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Appropriate to Non-Capital Reserve Fund – Snow and Ice Deficit (\$50,000)

To see if the Town will 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – ADA CRF and Study (\$25,000)

To see if the Town will 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Appropriate to Trust Fund – Swasey Parkway (\$ _____)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ____ thousand ____ hundred and _____ dollars (\$_____) to be added to the Swasey Parkway 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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – Treasurer Appointment

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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article – CATV Fund Amendment

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) _____ by the Select Board _____.

Article

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

Niko Papakonstantis, Chair

Molly Cowan, Vice Chair

Nancy Belanger

Julie D. Gilman, Clerk

Lovey Roundtree Oliff

We certify that on the _____th day of January, 2022, 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.

Given under our hands and seal this _____th day of January, 2022.

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