

EXETER TOWN WARRANT – 2019

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 2nd, 2019 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 12th, 2019 at the Talbot Gymnasium at the Tuck Learning Center, 40 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: 1 Moderator for a 2-year term; 2 Select Board for a 3-year term; 3 Trustees of the Library for a 3-year term; 1 Trustee of the Library for a 1-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 Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Removing the definition of fertilizer in Article 2, and adding it under Articles 9.2 Aquifer Protection and 9.3 Shoreland District for ease of access. Setting type, rate and annual fertilizer limits in the Aquifer Protection and Shoreland Districts, providing temporary waiver provisions for heavy use turf, restoration and the establishment of new landscaping. The intent of this amendment is to set standards for fertilizer use by allowing some flexibility to maintain heavy use turf areas while minimizing the potential for nitrogen and phosphorus runoff.

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: To amend the Shoreland District Use Regulations removing striked language and adding language in italics as indicated below:

9.3.4. B. Use Regulations:

Maximum Lot Coverage: Impervious surfaces, shall not cover more than ten percent (10%) of any lot or portion thereof within the Shoreland Protection District ~~adjacent to the shoreline of the Exeter River, Squamscott River, Dearborn Brook, Water Works Pond, and Fresh River~~ *as defined in 9.3.3,* unless a Conditional Use Permit is granted by the Planning Board under the terms of Article 9.3.4.G.2 Exeter Shoreland Protection District Ordinance – Conditional Use.

The intent of this amendment is to eliminate ambiguity in the language and align the ordinance with the way the Planning Board has consistently applied it in the past.

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: To rezone the area presently identified as the Professional/Technology Park (PP) zoning district to Corporate Technology Park (CT). The intent of this ordinance is to change the PP zoning district to CT that will allow additional commercial uses to encourage the commercial development of this area.

Article 5 Zoning Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, as follows: Deleting “Assisted Living Facility” from the Permitted Principal use column in Table 4.2 Schedule I: Permitted Uses in the C-3 Epping Road Highway Commercial zoning district? The intent of this ordinance is to prohibit Assisted Living facilities in the C-3 Epping Road Highway Commercial zoning district. Assisted Living facilities would still be allowed in four other zoning districts in Exeter.

Article 6 – Exeter Public Library Renovations and Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million five hundred five thousand eight hundred and eighty five dollars (\$4,505,885) for the design and construction of renovations and repairs, including furniture, fixtures, replacement of the HVAC system, and equipment, of the Exeter Public Library, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,505,885 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. Debt service will be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 15 year bond at 2.93% interest: .21/1,000, \$21.18/100,000 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.

Article 7 – Parks/Recreation Recreation Park Design/Engineering

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of creating final design and engineering plans for the Recreation Park Development Project. This project will include community input, surveying, and preliminary design of the Recreation Park followed by a final design proposal supported by the Recreation Advisory Board. Included will be construction documentation to initiate a multi-phased renovation and expansion of the Recreation Park at 4 Hampton Road, and authorize the issuance of not more than (\$250,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon. Debt service will be paid from the general fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 5 year bond at 2.22% interest: .030/1,000, \$3.05/100,000 assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance.

(A 3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 4-1.

Article 8 – Salem Street Water/Sewer/Drainage Improvements

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty-five thousand and zero dollars (\$325,000) for the purpose of design and engineering costs for utility improvements including water, sewer, roads and drainage in the Summer/Salem Street, Park Street, and Warren Avenue

areas, and authorize the issuance of not more than (\$325,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon. Debt service to be shared by the water, sewer and general funds. (Estimated Tax Impact: assuming 5 year bond at 2.22% interest: .0004/1,000, \$0.37/100,000 assessed property value). Bond payments would begin approximately one year after issuance.

(A 3/5 ballot vote required for approval.) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 9 – Choose Town Officers

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

Article 10 – 2019 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 \$19,066,857. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$18,920,969, 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: -.11/1,000 assessed property value, \$-11.00/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-1.

Article 11 – 2019 Water 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 \$3,253,033. Should this article be defeated, the water default budget shall be \$3,294,537 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.

Article 12 – 2019 Sewer 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 \$2,817,866. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$2,462,004 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.

Article 13 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Exeter Firefighters and Town of Exeter

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the Exeter Firefighters Association, which calls for the following increased salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

| Year | Estimated Salary/Benefits Increase | Health Premium Savings |
|------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| FY19 | \$26,456 | (\$3,790) |
| FY20 | \$25,250 | (\$6,100) |
| FY21 | \$16,544 | (\$6,100) |

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty two thousand, six hundred and sixty six dollars (\$22,666) for the 2019 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, minus anticipated health insurance premium savings.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 14 – Collective Bargaining Agreement – SEIU 1984 and Town of Exeter

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the SEIU (Service Employees International Union) Local 1984 covering Public Works and Administrative/Clerical employees, which calls for the following increased salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

| Year | Water/Sewer Fund | General Fund | Total | Health Plan Savings |
|------|------------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|
| FY19 | \$21,501 | \$38,828 | \$60,329 | (\$16,287) |
| FY20 | \$14,389 | \$19,239 | \$33,628 | (\$16,287) |
| FY21 | \$13,105 | \$20,771 | \$33,876 | (\$16,287) |

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of forty four thousand and forty-two dollars (\$44,042) for the 2019 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. The amounts raised will be \$27,773 (General Fund), and \$16,269 (Water/Sewer Funds). These appropriations are net of expected health insurance savings in each fund.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 15 – Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund - Sidewalks

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .022/1,000, \$2.29/100,000 value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 16 – Replace Streetlights with LED Streetlights

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-seven thousand eight hundred and eighteen dollars (\$187,818) to replace the town’s 695 streetlights and fixtures (average lifespan

5.8 years) with energy efficient LED lights (average lifespan 28.9 years). The sum raised will be paid back to the town's general fund through electric rebates and future anticipated energy savings. The projected payback for this project is five years. After the payback period the project will result in energy cost savings of approximately \$30,000 per year. This sum (\$187,818) to come from unassigned fund balance.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 17 – Hook Lift Truck for Water-Sewer Department Lease/Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for \$174,959 for the purpose of lease/purchasing a hook lift style dump truck for the Exeter Water/Sewer Department to replace a 2008 truck to be transferred to the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-one thousand seven hundred eighty dollars (\$41,780), which represents the first of 5 annual payments for that purpose. This lease/purchase will contain an escape (non-appropriation) clause. This sum to come from water and sewer fees.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 18 – Public Safety Dispatch Upgrades

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of one hundred fifty-three thousand four hundred and fifty one dollars (\$153,451), for the purpose of making upgrades to the Town's public safety dispatch system. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .088/1,000, \$8.77/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 19 – Establish Town Parks Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and Funding

To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under RSA 35:1 known as the "Parks Improvements Fund" for the purpose of making capital improvements to town parks including but not limited to Kids Park, Townhouse Common, Gilman Park, Founders Park, Recreation Park and others, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred-thousand (\$100,000) 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. (Estimated Tax Impact: .057/1,000, \$5.71/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 4-1.

Article 20 – Appropriate to Sick Leave Trust Fund

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 unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation). No tax impact.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 21 – Public Safety Departments Facility, Data, Staffing Analysis

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of conducting a facility, staffing and data analysis of all public

safety operations: to include police, fire, EMS and dispatch. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .029/1,000, \$2.86/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 22 – ADA Plan Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000), for the purpose of conducting and creating an ADA improvements plan for town facilities and infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, and other pedestrian safety improvements. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .020/1,000, \$2.00/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 23 – Intersection Improvements Plan Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of conducting and creating an intersection improvement proposal with preliminary designs, to improve intersections and intersection areas, including Pine/Front/Linden Street, Front Street/Water Street, Clifford Street/Water Street, Winter Street/Columbus Avenue/Railroad Avenue, and others. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .029/1,000, \$2.86/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 24 – Pickpocket Dam Study

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, through special warrant article, the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of addressing items related to a Letter of Deficiency from the NHDES on Pickpocket Dam. This sum to come from general taxation. (Estimated Tax Impact: .023/1,000, \$2.29/100,000 assessed property value).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 25 – Great Bridge Project Deficit

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$173,774 from the town's current non-spendable general fund balance to the capital projects fund balance to eliminate the Great Bridge project deficit from 2001. This project has been completed. This article will not impact the unassigned fund balance.

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 26 – Snow and Ice Fund Appropriation

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 unassigned fund balance. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 27 – Establish Swasey Parkway Maintenance Fund and Funding

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund under RSA 31:19-a to be accounted for in a fund separate from the general fund, to be known as the “Swasey Parkway Fund.” This fund shall be for the purpose of making capital improvements to and maintenance of the Swasey Parkway, and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty four-thousand dollars (\$24,000) from unassigned fund balance to be transferred to this fund and to include any and all permit fees for use of the Swasey Parkway to be assigned to this fund, and further the Swasey Trustees shall be named agents of the fund and be authorized to make expenditures from the fund. (Estimated Tax Impact: None. No amount to be raised by taxation).

(Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 28 – Petition Article

“Call to Prevent Nuclear War” Resolution/Warrant Article

Whereas nine nations together have over 14,000 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most far more destructive than the two that killed hundreds of thousands in Japan in 1945;

Whereas detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences (called “**Nuclear Winter**”) affecting everyone on the planet;

Whereas the United States maintains hundreds of nuclear missiles in underground silos on hair-trigger alert, to be launched within minutes with great risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch;

Whereas the United States reserves the right to use nuclear weapons first, making a nuclear war more likely;

Whereas the U.S. president has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons;

Whereas over the next 30 years, the United States plans to spend an estimated \$1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal;

Whereas the United States, as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **Town of Exeter** calls upon the U.S. government to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack;
- Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- Cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons, and
- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our **Selectboard** will send copies of this resolution with a record of its adoption vote to Governor Sununu and to all members of our Congressional Delegation.

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 29 – Petition Article

2019 Citizens Petition for the Town of Exeter, NH

By petition of Nicholas Gray and other undersigned registered voters of Exeter, NH in an effort maintain a sustainable cost of living, request that the following article be placed on the 2019 Town Warrant.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 3.0%?

(3/5 vote required)

Not recommended by the Select Board 0-5.

Article 30 – Petition Article

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Exeter, NH, request that the following and fully attached article be placed on the 2019 Town Warrant:

On the petition of Maura Fay and other registered voters of Exeter, in an effort to protect the health and safety of its residents by asserting a right to clean air, water, and soil, and a right to a healthy ecosystem, to see if the Town will vote the following:

Shall the Town of Exeter adopt the “Right to a Healthy Climate Ordinance” to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and ecosystems of Exeter, New Hampshire, by establishing a Community Rights-Based Ordinance recognizing that all residents and ecosystems of Exeter possess the right to a healthy climate free from activities that would infringe that right, and calls for constitutional changes to further secure these rights?

Right to a Healthy Climate Ordinance

Establishing a Community Rights-Based Ordinance for Exeter, New Hampshire, That Prohibits Activities and Projects that would Violate Rights Secured by the Ordinance

Preamble

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, that they naturally are endowed with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, the people institute governments, which derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Further, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

This right of self-government, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, is natural, fundamental, and unalienable. It is also secured to us by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire.

Pursuant to that right of self-government, if our current system of local government infringes our rights, we, the people of Exeter, have the right to alter or replace that system with one that secures and protects human rights and ecosystem rights, as long as the new system does not infringe other rights protected for us by state or federal law.

Exeter is situated where the Exeter River feeds the tidal Squamscott River and lies fully within the coastal Piscataqua River Watershed which includes the sub-watersheds of the Great Works River and the five rivers flowing into the unique and sensitive estuary within Great Bay: the Bellamy, Oyster, Lamprey, Squamscott, and Winnicut; covering over a thousand square miles in New Hampshire, Maine, and

Massachusetts and comprising an ecosystem upon which hundreds of thousands of people and countless species depend for health, drinking water, and survival.

It is our legislative determination that certain corporate activities are detrimental to our rights, health, safety, and welfare. These activities include but are not limited to: the runoff from commercial use of fertilizers, the intentional or unintentional dumping of toxic waste, and the physical deposition, emission, leakage, disposal, or placement of toxins into the land, air or waterways from extraction, transportation, processing, storage, conveyance, and depositing of waste from fossil fuel exploration and development.

As we are purportedly constrained by state and federal law, which courts interpret to require us to accept such harmful corporate activity, we the people of Exeter are unable under our current system of local government to secure human rights and ecosystem rights by banning said activity.

Therefore, we deem it necessary to alter our system of local government, and we do so by adopting this Right to a Healthy Climate Ordinance.

Section 1 - Statements of Law

- (a) Right of Self-Government.* All residents of Exeter possess a right of self-government, which includes, but is not limited to, the following rights: first, the right to a system of local government founded on the consent of the people of the municipality; second, the right to a system of local government that secures their rights; and third, the right to alter any system of local government that lacks consent of the people or fails to secure and protect the people's and ecosystems' rights, health, safety, and welfare. Any action to annul, amend, alter, or overturn this Ordinance shall be prohibited unless such action is approved by a prior Town vote at which a majority of the residents of the Town vote to approve such action.
- (b) Right to a Healthy Climate.* All residents of Exeter possess a right to a stable and healthy climate system capable of sustaining human societies, which shall include the right to be free from all corporate activities that infringe that right, including but not limited to the runoff from commercial use of fertilizers, the intentional or unintentional dumping of toxic waste, and the physical deposition, emission, leakage, disposal, or placement of toxins into the land, air, or waterways from extraction, transportation, processing, storage, conveyance, and depositing of waste from fossil fuel exploration and development.
- (c) Right of Ecosystems and Natural Communities.* All residents of Exeter possess the right to clean air, water, and soil, which shall include the right to be free from all corporate activities that release toxic contaminants into the air, water, and soil, including but not limited to the runoff from commercial use of fertilizers, the intentional and unintentional dumping of toxic waste, and the physical deposition, emission, leakage, disposal, or placement of toxins into the land, air, or waterways from extraction, transportation, processing, storage, conveyance, and depositing of waste from fossil fuel exploration and development.
- (d) Rights of Ecosystems and Natural Communities.* Ecosystems and natural communities within Exeter possess the rights to naturally exist, flourish, regenerate, and evolve; rights to restoration, recovery, and preservation; rights to a stable and healthy climate system capable of sustaining ecosystems and natural communities; rights to clean air, water, and soil; and which also shall include, but not limited to, the right to be free from all corporate activities that infringe these rights, including but not limited to the runoff from commercial use of fertilizers, the intentional

and unintentional dumping of toxic water, and the physical deposition, emission, leakage, disposal, or placement of toxins into the land, air, or waterways from extraction, transportation, processing, storage, conveyance, and depositing of waste from fossil fuel exploration and development.

(e) Right to Protection from Government and Corporate Interference. All residents of Exeter and the Town of Exeter, as well as ecosystems and natural communities within Exeter, possess the right to enforce this Ordinance free of interference from corporations, other business entities, and governments. That right shall include the right to be free from ceiling preemption, because this Ordinance expands rights and legal protections for people and nature above those provided by less-protective state, federal and international laws.

Section 2 - State and Federal Constitutional Changes

Through the adoption of this Ordinance, the people of Exeter call for amendment of the New Hampshire Constitution and the federal Constitution to expressly secure the inherent right of local self-government, free from governmental restriction, ceiling preemption, and nullification by corporate “rights.”

Once adopted at Town Meeting, the Ordinance is effective immediately and signed and dated by the town selectmen in accordance with NH RSA 31:128.

The Select Board voted 2-2-1 regarding recommendation of this article.

Article 31

Town of Exeter Sustainability Office – Warrant Article Petition

By petition of the following registered voters of Exeter, to be placed on the Town Warrant:

Shall the town create a Sustainability Office to achieve cost savings for the town and enhance community health through optimal use of water and energy resources.

The town will create a Sustainability Office that will:

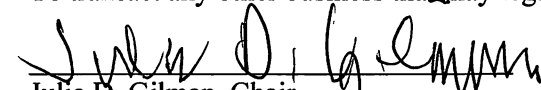
- (a) Coordinate closely with all town Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Committees to ensure long-term sustainability of natural resources. Ensure that water and energy resources, uses, quality, and impacts are considered in every relevant decision-making process that impacts the town or its people. A Sustainability Office representative will serve on the Technical Review Committee.
- (b) Serve as a public source of information, and create and maintain a user-friendly link from the Exeter town website for all permits, studies and forums related to water and energy resources, risks, issues and impacts.
- (c) Provide public outreach, and host an annual community forum addressing water and energy resources, explaining how recent studies and tools are being used, and communicating progress on water and energy related action items from the Exeter Master Plan.


The Sustainability Office would require up to \$45,000 in 2019, anticipated to be recouped through cost savings to the town.

Recommended by the Select Board 3-2.

Article 32

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


Julie D. Gilman, Chair


Kathy Corson, Vice Chair

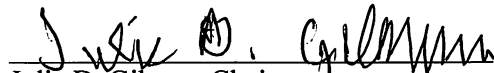
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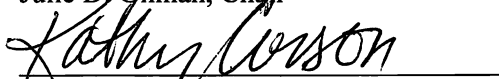

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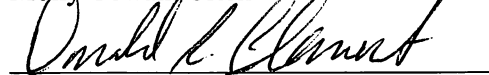
We certify that on the ____th day of January, 2019, we caused a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Exeter Town Hall on Front Street, the Exeter Public Library at Founder's Park, Exeter High School at 1 Blue Hawk Drive, Talbot Gymnasium at Tuck Learning Campus, 40 Linden Street, and the Town Clerk's Office, 10 Front Street.


Given under our hands and seal this ____th day of January, 2019.


Julie D. Gilman, Chair


Kathy Corson, Vice Chair

Molly Cowan, Clerk


Don Clement


Anne L. Surman